The Honorable Board of Lander County Commissioners met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Lander County Courthouse and Administration Building in Battle Mountain, Nevada, 50 State Route 305, on March 8, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. Transcript produced by Tiffany Elkington, C.C.R., #930.

PRESENT: PATSY WAITS, COMMISSIONER
SEAN BAKKER, COMMISSIONER
ART CLARK III, COMMISSIONER
DOUG MILLS, COMMISSIONER
JUDIE ALLAN, COMMISSIONER
KEITH WESTENGARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SADIE SULLIVAN, COUNTY CLERK
THEODORE HERRERA, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

(Let the record reflect the presence of a quorum of five commissioners. Let the record reflect the presence of Austin via teleconference.)

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Call this meeting to order. Lander County Commission meeting, Town Board of Battle Mountain and Austin, County Board of Highway Commissioners, March 8, 2018.

Would you please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

And, Art, will you lead us?

(Pledge of Allegiance)

CHAIRMAN MILLS: We'd like a moment of silence, please.

(Moment of silence)

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank you.

Lander County Commissioners may break for lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Any agenda item may be taken out of order, may be combined for consideration by the public body, and items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Commissioners' reports on meetings, conferences, and seminars attended.

Let's start with Art.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I had a PLUAC meeting. And I found out some things that could affect the county.

Right now rural school -- schools, nobody's reauthorized that. So we don't know what's going on with that.

The PILT money, we'll find out the 8th or the 21st of March whether we're getting it or how much it is. It's -- it was increased significantly between '15 and '16. And we're just waiting on the -- to find that out.

BLM wants to double the size of the Mill Creek Campgrounds and wants to go from Mill Creek to the OHV trail. And I -- I've got some concerns about this, and I'll address it at the end of the meeting with a -- with an agenda item. But if we're going to double the size of the campground and we're going to have people in that part of the county and then going over to the eastern part of the county and south, we may be stretching our infrastructure pretty far. So I'd like to discuss that at some point in near future.

And that's all I have.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Patsy.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you. The day after our last commission meeting on the 23rd, I did have our NACO meeting in Carson City.

One of the -- the main things, of course, we're getting ready for, naturally, the -- the legislative conference in Washington, D.C. But we did send a letter regarding the regional office drafts that have been out with the Department of Interior and reorganizing BLM and -- and the different regions.

We support the idea of bringing it a little bit closer to the West and to the home, but we definitely were in favor of following the state lines rather than the basin lines. Because it's so important. California and Nevada just don't have that much in common and -- and some of the rest of the regions in the way they're divided. So -- so we did send a letter of support requesting that.

And -- and on that where -- where Commissioner Clark had just

mentioned, regarding the public lands, we have 49 states that actually have public lands and 1900 counties that are affected.

So when we went back to Washington in our -- our legislative conference -- I went back, actually, started on the 1st and got home yesterday late.

And one of the things they did do was a press conference in front of the capitol. And that was regarding PILT and SRS. So with all of that.

And, of course, I'm not going to tell you what we did for six days because you don't have six days to listen, although we started at 7:30 in the morning and went straight through.

Highly successful.

The only negative thing I can even say about it was when I was coming home yesterday and they weighed my luggage and I was 3 pounds overweight, not me personally, my luggage. And it was $100.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh, my gosh.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So I said, oh, no, no, no, no, no. So there I am redoing luggage, of course, putting it in my hand carry. But that was the only thing.

It was a fabulous conf- -- conference as always.

We had 14 counties represented from Nevada.

And I'll just give you a couple quick highlights. The whole point of it besides having all kinds of their interior cabinets speaking to us and all the different workshops, we met personally with Senator Heller and Senator -- of course, Cortez Masto and Congressman Amodei, Congressman Kihuen -- Ruben Kihuen, which was the first time I met him. And I guess he's not running for reelection. But they were all so open. And the first time I met Congresswoman Rosen -- Jacky Rosen. I hadn't met her before. And of, course, Congressman Titus. And they were all very gracious in giving us the extra time.

We had down our priorities that we went through them, promoting county infrastructure priorities, of course, and the federal mandates, of course, watching out for the counties, protecting federal, state, local partnerships and under the Medicaid. That was extremely important. Long-term reauthorization of the farm bill.

Supporting counties' authority to collect existing sales tax. And this is our remote vendors that do not collect on the

internet and such.

And, of course, our -- our regional districts, as I mentioned, and the wild horse and burros.

So on some of them that we really were kind of pushing and -- and, of course, the BLM Department of Interior and all of that too, they had suggested some telephone calls to follow up on. And their staff was wonderful. And, of course, that's who leads it through.

So I would say highly successful. Exhausting as always, but fabulous.

And -- and the -- the people that attend, all -- all commissioners try and attend. And, again, I encourage anyone that can to try and -- try and do that next year. Thank you for that opportunity.

And, of course, I'll share things as we go on through the year too but --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: All right. Sounds neat.

Sean?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We met with John Ruhs. And I know the support letter's on the agenda.

But the two things that aren't on the agenda that we talked about, one was the Rock Creek project, which we're going to bring back on the next agenda to discuss a letter of support for moving it from the Elko County district into the Lander County district. And John Ruhs is in support of that.

The other thing we talk- -- touched on was the golf course. And the appraisal should be done in a month.

John thinks that there's a loophole in there where, if we take the appraisal amount and take that money and actually put it back into the golf course, that would be like us buying it from the BLM without giving the BLM the money. So he's looking into that for us. So we'll see what the appraisal comes back and actually how much money we have to take to put back into the golf course to suffice. And then the other thing's on the agenda.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

Yesterday I had -- we had a LEDA meeting. And that was pretty good.

One of the things we did talk about is doing a -- a small conference with -- with our LEDA group to refocus on the role of LEDA and what they'll be doing. And I -- I think we've got

several projects and things that LEDA could really have a -- an important hand in helping the county out with some things -- with some economic development things here in the county, probably a little bit beyond what they have thought of in the past.

I'm hoping to really kind of stretch them a little bit and get them to reach out a little bit farther in some of the things that they do.

Last night was hospital board meeting. And that was actually quite good.

We -- we spent a lot of time talking about finances and going over the financial reports. And there's -- we're actually starting to show signs of improvement in the hospital.

One of the things that is really a good improvement is that we're actually starting to use the swing bed facilities at the hospital and doing some more admits. And that's really helping the hospital out financially, which is huge. It's -- it's been a long time, mainly because we've had so -- we've been in construction so long at the hospital, it's kind of messed with the system over there.

But the -- the construction's done. The rooms are -- are -- it's not so noisy over there. You know, it -- it resolves a lot of problems and issues at the hospital there, makes it a lot easier for us now to -- to get back in the swing of things of -- of using the hospital the way the hospital's really supposed to be used. And it's really been helpful.

There's a bunch of other stuff I did, but that was before yesterday, so I kind of don't remember now. So...

I guess that's it.

Judie?

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I have not attended any meetings. So I have --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- nothing to report.

STAFF REPORTS

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Let's move to stoff -- or staff reports on meetings, conferences, and seminars attended.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. The -- the first thing I wanted

to bring up is we did re- -- have to move the budget workshop to March 19th and 20th.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Nineteenth and 20th.

KEITH WESTENGARD: March 19th and 20th.

And if I could get with the paper a little later. Travis? If I can get with you a little later and make sure we get that in the paper that we had to move it to -- the budget workshop to the 19th and 20th of March.

TRAVIS MASTERSON: Okay.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. Thank you.

I did -- I did receive -- I think you all did receive a letter of resignation from William Schaeffer regarding his resignation of the JP position in Austin. So we'll put together a -- some type of an advertisement for that.

I did receive a letter from the Department of Taxation. And it says that our plan in our audit has been found to be satisfactory. So we are in somewhat better graces with the Department of Taxation.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's always lovely.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes, it is.

Tom Lemenager's here from J-U-B to talk about the airport bids for the Austin Jet A. We do have a meeting later this afternoon. And we're going to talk a little bit about our hangars and so forth here at Battle Mountain as well as our self-serve at Battle Mountain.

And we're also meeting with BLM this afternoon after the meeting to talk about our apron expansion at the Battle Mountain Airport to accommodate some of the larger air tankers and possibly a letter of support from the state director BLM to the FAA in or- -- in support of that airport expansion, to move it up.

It is in our five-year master plan. But I believe it's in the third or fourth year. And I think we -- we'll see where it goes. But we'd like to move that up to get that expansion started.

The last thing, I'm happy to report, Kingston has picked up their new fire truck. And there is a pushing-in ceremony March the 25th at 2:00 o'clock at the Kingston fire department to have their new piece of equipment blessed.

Oh. The other thing I forgot to bring is Monday I did attend

the Department of -- of the tax commission meeting with Rex Massey regarding our city/county tax relief. And we were granted another waiver for a year.

However, they -- they kind of looked at us with some raised eyebrows. But Max -- or Max -- Rex did a great job explaining to them how we have these ups and downs in our -- in our taxes. So we were granted the waiver for another year. Next year may be a challenge due to our net proceeds and our mining tax that we get.

They kind of look at us a little funny, like, why do you need this when you have that?

But, like I say, Rex did a beautiful job explaining that to the tax commission. So we were granted that tax waiver for another year.

That's all. Thanks.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I -- could I add something?

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Sure.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Actually, I do believe -- oh, never mind. I'm -- I'm a week -- I'm a week too ahead.

The 17th is Kingston's -- speaking of the -- the fire trucks and -- and they have their annual fundraiser and St. Patty's Day dinner.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh, that's right.

Okay.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CHAIRMAN MILLS: We'll move on to public comment for non-- nonagendized items only.

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

ANGIE GONZALEZ: It is me.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Hi, me.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Good morning.
ANGIE GONZALEZ: How are you all today?
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: You do have to state your name.
ANGIE GONZALEZ: Oh. Angie -- or Angela Gonzalez.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Thanks, Angie.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good morning.
ANGIE GONZALEZ: Good morning.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Hi.
ANGIE GONZALEZ: Hi.

Again, I'm here on behalf of the racetrack again, as you can see.

I'm -- I'm like -- I'm -- I'm at a bind because our equipment is done -- completely done..

Last -- the couple of last races our track -- what do you call it? -- the blade completely -- back end drags. So I don't know what happened to it. For a -- it's a 1939. It's expected to give out eventually. My water truck is done.

And our races start in four weeks. And I haven't heard anything. You guys are working on it and working on it. And I am extremely nervous.

Okay?

I definitely need help with the track.

If not, we can close it down.

But after we put all that stuff into it, I hate to see it happen.

It is a nice track. And we've been getting a lot of people. In fact, I got a phone call from Phoenix, Arizona. There's a couple -- six groups down there want to come and race here. Our track is a nice, beautiful track.

The guys from Elko are coming over to check out my track to see what they can do for their track because theirs is about to shut down completely.

Fallon just told me that they're making this their home track.

The carts and stuff -- it's about the kids too, you know. And we had a group for our Silver Cup Classic, and we had 47 carts out there. It was a crazy weekend, but it was good.

I just don't want to see it to go down.

But in order to run a track, you've got to have equipment.

We have lost our spectators. We've lost our drivers because

we don't have the stuff for it.

We make enough in there to cover utilities -- which for a weekend it's 500 bucks. Those lights are very powerful -- and your insurance and your concessions and fixable stuff.

I'm asking again. I talked to Keith last week, but he's been busy running his head, you know, doing his job. It's too hard.

And I have people this year that's from the mines that are going to come out and help me blade, equipment operators. I put out letters for donations.

I'm doing the best I can. But only one person can do so much.

I gave up domestic violence. I gave up the chamber so I can put my full time into the track.

So just putting it out there. Can you guys please help?

And I haven't -- in 24 years -- asked hardly anything at all.

I've done it. I -- Legarza's borrowed me his blade. SMD borrows me their blade. I mean, I hate asking all of the people in town if I can borrow. Can I borrow? Can I borrow?

And the water truck, yeah, the county, you guys get it. But the thing is, is we need the water truck more than one hour. Because when you water out there, you got to pack, water, pack, especially in a hundred-and-something degrees. Our Frankie Memorial race was -- I was embarrassed because it was so dusty they couldn't see. I mean, it is dusty. And it's dangerous. But if -- without the water, you can't do it.

And, I mean, you know, as a rancher, you got to water. You got to keep things up. You got to keep going. And it's dusty out there. Believe me. And the rule is, I have to keep the dust down because it's next to the highway. How am I going to do that if I don't have a water truck?

And Bart, believe me, he comes out. And he waters. But he come outs at 5:00 o'clock when the gate's open. And he'll start watering, but that's not enough.

I go out at 6:00, 7:00 in the morning when the sunlight comes out. And I'll stay until 2:00, 3:00 in the morning turning on my lights, water, packing.

The Sheriff's Office has showed up a couple of times thinking somebody was vandalizing our track.

No, it's me. I'm working. And then I'll go home and sleep and get back up and do it.

So I -- I -- I hate to see it go. You got new concessions. You got new bleachers. You got new lights. You got new everything out there. But I just need equipment. And that's the only way we can make it. If not, we're not going to make it.

And I'd like to see the car count come back up. The guys always say, your payouts are -- we don't have the funds. We just make enough to cover our utilities and stuff. Whatever we make in the front gate is what we get in our concession.

But when you don't have spectators coming out there. And -- and drivers don't want to come because they say, oh, you get a hundred bucks? Whoo.

You know. I'm -- I'm doing the best. Winnemucca, we all, sat down and we did our schedules together, all of us, Winnemucca, Fallon, Fernley, Lovelock. Elko didn't want to, but that's okay.

But the commissioner tried to talk to them to come over and see it. Because he said my track is beautiful.

And I was like, awesome, you know.

So we do get a lot of compliments. It's the best track in northern Nevada. And it's -- it's just time-consuming.

I don't mind doing the labor. I don't mind doing it.

And people tell me, you're stupid. Why are you doing it?

Because it's my hobby. That's what I love to do. I don't drink. I don't smoke. I don't do anything. So this is what I do. And I do it for our people because our people love it.

Kids at the kindergarten the other day hit me up and said, will you take me for a ride in the water truck?

Come out. They could sit in the passenger seat and push the buttons. It ain't going to hurt, you know. It's about the kids too. But I do -- and this year I'd like to sit and play with the kids because that's what brings -- brings them in.

And I counted. And this year -- this last year, since I've got away from the drivers, because I have a DOC that takes care of it and he's coming in from Winnemucca. He runs his track over there, but he's going to do mine this year. I'm going to play with the kids. We're going to do everything. That's what brings it in because the kids love it and they tell their parents.

So --

But like the drivers said, I'm not going to tow 300 miles

for a lousy hundred bucks.

Dude, bring the people. Bring spectators. Bring things. Things will change.

But I don't know. Am I asking --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: So --

ANGIE GONZALEZ: -- too much? I mean --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: We need --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: So --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- we need --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- what --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to get you on the agenda so --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: This --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the commissioners can discuss it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: This opens the door.

ANGIE GONZALEZ: Does it?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: So what's the total? Because you -- you've got a bunch of numbers here. What's the total that you're asking for?

ANGIE GONZALEZ: Well --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: We can't -- we can't really dis- -- discuss the --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well, what --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- whole thing.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: And then -- then we'll -- we'll get it in the budget workshop. And we'll -- we can discuss it at our --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- budget --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Get an item on the budget --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- workshop --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- workshop.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- agenda.

ANGIE GONZALEZ: Oh, okay. Well, then I would have to go back and all -- add that up.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Well --

ANGIE GONZALEZ: But like I said, on the water truck, Randy Artz -- I don't know if you-all know Randy Artz with Diesel Dakota. He came out and he looked at it. And he said, this thing should be crushed. But we could try to fix it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: He'll --

ANGIE GONZALEZ: Okay.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- he'll donate the labor.
ANGIE GONZALEZ: He'll donate the labor. But I have to buy the parts.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
ANGIE GONZALEZ: And he's looking at five grand on that.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: So the next meeting we have will be the 19th; right, Keith?
KEITH WESTENGARD: I believe it is the 19th. Let me double-check on the calendar.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, that -- yeah, the budget workshop.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That'd Monday and we've got --
KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- regular --
KEITH WESTENGARD: That will be --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- on Thursday.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- coming up a commission meeting the 22nd. But, yes, the 19th.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: We can --
KEITH WESTENGARD: So --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- put it on the 19th.
ANGIE GONZALEZ: Is it next week?
KEITH WESTENGARD: No. Week after.
ANGIE GONZALEZ: Make it -- okay.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So get with Keith to get on the -- on the agenda for the budget workshop.
KEITH WESTENGARD: When you're done, come over here.
ANGIE GONZALEZ: Okay. All right. And then I just come back and discuss it?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yep.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Plead your case again.
ANGIE GONZALEZ: Again. Okay. Appreciate it.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Thank --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- you, --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- you, --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- Angie.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Angie.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thanks, --
ANGIE GONZALEZ: Sorry.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Angie.
ANGIE GONZALEZ: I don't mean to be a pain --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: We appreciate --
ANGIE GONZALEZ: -- in the butt.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- all -- we appreciate all your work.
ANGIE GONZALEZ: And thank you.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Do we have any other public comment?
ANGIE GONZALEZ: I got a thing -- (indiscernible).
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Nope? Okay.

CONSENT AGENDA

CHAIRMAN MILLS: We'll move to the consent agenda for all --

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

One, approval of March 8th, 2018, agenda notice; two, approval of February 8th, 2018, meeting minutes; three, approval of February 15, 2018, special meeting minutes; four, approval of February 22, 2018, meeting minutes; and, five, approval of the payment of the bills.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll make motion to approve the March 8th, 2018, agenda notice -- are the minutes good with you, Patsy? Okay. The February 8th, 2018, meeting minutes, and payment of the bills.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Second.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Sean made a motion. Judie

seconded.

Do we have any public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Commissioner Mills? Could I ask for some rearrangement on a few things? We have to -- the treasurer would -- needs to come up if he can. He has an appointment this afternoon. That's Item 17.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

KEITH WESTENGARD: And then Items 12, 23, and 24 are related to the Public Works Department. And Bert will be available between 9:30 and 10:00 to be called in so he can explain these agenda --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- items.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

COMMISSIONERS

17) Update from the Lander County treasurer and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: We'll go to Item 17.

Update from Lander County treasurer and all other matters properly related thereto.

How you doing, Gene?

GENE ETCHEVERRY: Good morning, Chairman Mills, --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good morning.

GENE ETCHEVERRY: -- members of the commission.

Gene Etcheverry, Lander County treasurer.

It's good to be here.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Good to see your face.

GENE ETCHEVERRY: I -- I think I've missed the last two

meetings.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We under- -- we understand.

GENE ETCHEVERRY: Thank you. It's -- it's been an interesting year -- calendar year, anyway, let alone an interesting year in the treasury.

I'm sure you'd like to discuss a lot of things and -- and -- and I could take up a lot of time. But I will be brief. I do appreciate you taking me out of order.

We've continued to make some pretty good strides in the Treasurer's Office.

I believe, in our February 15th meeting, I said the last three months, we've -- we've kind of picked up the pace, so to speak.

Our moniker is "Audit ready every day."

And I'm happy to say we're -- we're pretty close to exactly that now.

And we're getting to the point where we can implement changes -- not a lot of changes -- a few process and procedure changes. But the important thing is to have those changes documented and have the internal controls actually codified, put into writing, and make sure those changes enhance the internal controls.

So with that, we're working on a daily cash reconciliation.

Our new position that we anticipate filling within the next, I would say, three weeks -- we're out on the street with that now -- will be a key component to making that happen.

And what that will do is it will take everything from our daily banking to what we receive over the counter. And on a daily basis, we know to the penny what we've brought in in the treasury. Translates into at the end of the month, there isn't a fire drill to get bank reconciliations or office cash reconciliations done.

So looking forward to putting that into place.

Our investments are continuing to do very well.

I anticipate in May, after the -- the big push for budget and prior to submission of the final, we will be able to have one of our investment managers or advisers come in, address the board. And together that person and I will present a new investment policy so that, one, the board's aware that we actually do have one in place; and, two, it's been six years, so it's time to update that policy.

So look forward to that.

The I there is simple. I think I went into more detail on the 15th of February than I've -- anybody probably wanted. But a thumbnail sketch of that is tier our investments, extend the back end length of it. What that will do for us is keep liquidity where we need it and then overall increase our income from that investment portfolio without increasing risk. We don't -- we're not allowed to absorb much risk as a local government. But there are ways that we can introduce market risk that we -- we don't need to do. The -- the benefit isn't there for that.

I already said we're working on internal controls. Our target date right now is June 30. And sometime in and around that point in time, I would like to bring our office procedure manuals and those internal controls and present them to the board. That way you know they're in place. And, of course, they'll be adjusted once we increase personnel in our office and once we go through the conversion. But they will be put in a format to easily absorb that.

Commissioner Clark mentioned forest reserve funds, used to be secure rural schools, con- -- Congressional Reform Act SRS CRA. That sunset in 2015. What that did was it kicked us back to the old Secure Rural Schools Act of 1908.

Big change was 50 percent goes to Lander County schools and 50 percent is retained by us in Road and Bridge. We missed that in our office for a couple years, last year included. We corrected that. And what we had done is, under the old SRS CRA, it was 75 percent Road and Bridge, 25 percent schools. Well, of course, we corrected the distribution after the audit. And just so happens we received this year this year's distribution for the federal fiscal year into September 30th, 2017. We received that last week. It has already been allocated and appropriated.

So the school district received 50 percent of approximately 24,000. And Road and Bridge got their 50 percent.

PILT. We'll see what we get when we -- we get PILT. And I think you're aware of PILT al- -- always goes to our Fund 52, Recreation.

The conversion timeline. I noticed Cindy isn't here. I'm sure she was going to share this with you. The conversion timeline for Tyler, which is our financial side, has been moved back. It looks like the go-live date will be the end of

January 2019. So it's going to be moved back a bit. Personally, it's fortunate for me, I guess. But it won't be so fortunate for our new treasurer because they will just be coming into office and be forced with a go-live with all-new information technology. So --

Not that we won't be working up a lot toward --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: You're going to phase --

GENE ETCHEVERRY: -- that --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- in some.

GENE ETCHEVERRY: It won't be a phase-in, Commissioner Waits. It will be --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Just --

GENE ETCHEVERRY: -- working up --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- all --

GENE ETCHEVERRY: -- to --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- or nothing.

GENE ETCHEVERRY: -- and then two payrolls. The last payroll in December. No. Correct -- I need to correct that.

The first payroll in January, second payroll in January. February we're live.

Completely --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

GENE ETCHEVERRY: -- converted.

Reason for that is we don't want to have part of a year where our payroll primarily is in two systems.

That is going to create federal tax reporting problems and everything else. We don't want to go through that.

Hopefully it will be smooth at the point in time of implementation and conversion. But it is once again an implementation and conversion. I've never seen one go completely smooth.

Other than that, we are up to date with all reconciliations in the Treasurer's Office. Tough thing to say because we just received the statement, of course, for February.

But with things up to date on a daily, weekly basis, that is more of an exercise than -- than a career to get that --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So the monthly --

GENE ETCHEVERRY: -- reconciled.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- bank reconciliation is actually done? Because I understood that was behind before.

GENE ETCHEVERRY: It had been behind a lot.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I -- I know --
GENE ETCHEVERRY: And --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that. But I'm --
GENE ETCHEVERRY: -- it has --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- saying when we did the -- when we did the letter of compliance in January, we said, we're --
GENE ETCHEVERRY: Right.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- going to do this. And then I understood we hadn't done it yet. So today's information is it's done?
GENE ETCHEVERRY: It was -- the first -- after we submitted our plan of corrective action, everything at that point was complied with.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Because I understood last --
GENE ETCHEVERRY: Yes.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- month it still wasn't done. But then you weren't here for the report. So we didn't --
GENE ETCHEVERRY: Right.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
GENE ETCHEVERRY: No, that was done. In fact, for the entire fiscal year, all reconciliations were submitted to the finance office on time on February 15th.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
GENE ETCHEVERRY: And so next Thursday -- today's the 8th -- next Thursday by close of business, this -- this next reconciliation will be submitted to Finance.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Geno. I -- I forget the name of the program. But way back in the day, when Leon Hensley was running the school district, he had some kind of financial deal where Friday after school, all the school district money went for weekend investments and then showed back up Monday morning.
Somebody asked me if we're on that program.
GENE ETCHEVERRY: Commissioner Clark, no, we aren't.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
GENE ETCHEVERRY: I am familiar with that program because Leon actually got me hooked up with that program at White Pine County schools about 20 years ago. But, no, we aren't on that program.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, we lost a finance guru when we

lost Leon Hensley.

GENE ETCHEVERRY: Indeed.

With that -- little longer update than I -- than I had planned.

I did look at the minutes or -- or at least if I could have -- the last meeting and discussions on net proceeds.

A quick overview on that that might make it easier. Net proceeds comes in -- comes into our office. On an immediate basis, we go to Finance. Because tax rates always have to come from Finance.

The treasurer can't set tax rates -- levy tax rates and collect. Big internal control problem.

Goes to Finance. We get, of course, the same tax reach -- tax rate sheet that the budgets are built off of. We then go in and do the appropriation of net proceeds. Schools and hospital get their net proceeds based on their relative percentage of tax rate to total tax rate imposed. Those go out immediately.

And then we do an intercounty distribution, which we appropriate it. But at the same time, that appropriation comes before this board. And the board decides ultimately what funds get that net proceeds.

General Fund always gets a 10 percent General Fund commission. And then, of course, there are fees for the assessor's tech fee, et cetera.

We are not supposed to hold -- under statute, we are not supposed to hold that money for more than 30 days in the treasury. I believe last year we were right on the cusp. But we try and get it out before 30 days.

So that's how the net proceeds works through both offices and then out to apportionment.

With that, I think I've overspent my welcome.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Gene. Any discussion at the state level about possible bills to go after the net proceeds and change the distribution rate that we have now?

Have you heard anything?

GENE ETCHEVERRY: Commissioner Clark, I -- I haven't heard anything.

I've -- there's always the talk out there that those counties, such as ourselves, that have benefited from net proceeds shouldn't be taxing our -- our citizens this, that, and the other.

That's all well and good. But what -- what folks don't understand if they aren't in counties that receive net proceeds is that we aren't out there funding positions, programs, with net proceeds.

This county, long before I ever darkened the threshold, you know, over 12 years ago now, was probably the single most frugal county with net proceeds, with an eye always toward not putting it into operations but putting it into tangible, long-lasting assets. And that continues to this day, and I sure hope long after I'm not, you know, in this building on a regular basis it continues.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: The reason I ask is because, you know, we get into budget. Probably good to put the brakes on a little bit until we -- we know.

We're going to have projects. We could have tentative projects until we find out what the -- what the ballot's going to look like. That's my thought.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I think what Commissioner Clark was asking you, Gene, is if you have heard anything on a state level as far as any bills. I mean, we know how we spend our net proceeds.

GENE ETCHEVERRY: Uh-huh.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: We don't spend it on operations. But those counties that don't get the net proceeds like we do would definitely like to have the money.

GENE ETCHEVERRY: Yes, they would.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And -- and have you heard if anyone is working on any bills to redistribute that?

GENE ETCHEVERRY: And, Commissioner Allan, I think I began by saying, no, I hadn't heard.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right.

GENE ETCHEVERRY: And I haven't. However, we always need to be cognizant, as -- as you've restated, that when -- legislation is made as it's made. And mining counties or the mining belt don't have a -- a large representation there as far as the vote count. The counties that do are not recipients of net proceeds.

Our story has to be solid, has to be provable, and it has to be out there how we manage that money. That is being proactive so that when these discussions come up, that is a known quantity.

But know at this time there -- there -- there always will be

those discussions. We know that. And there always will be someone who has an eye on that as a revenue stream every session since I was familiar with the legislature early in -- on in lie.

However, if our story is out there, it makes it more difficult.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Gene.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you, Gene.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Appreciate --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thanks, --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- your --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- Gene.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- being here today.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thanks, Gene.

GENE ETCHEVERRY: And thank you for allowing me to go ahead of --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Call Bert?

GENE ETCHEVERRY: -- schedule.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah, let's get Bert --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: What number?

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- on the line.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Like his cell?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. You have it? You need it?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I got it. And I can look it up, anyway.

KEITH WESTENGARD: And then 12, 22, and 23. And we need to try to stick to that order, Commissioner Mills, please.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Do you want to --

(Establishing phone contact with Bert Ramos.)

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- go to 7 while we're waiting for -- do board appointments while we're waiting for Bert?

CHAIRMAN MILLS: No, give it a second.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Oh, shoot. Thirteen. That's right.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: As long as Bert answers the phone.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Twelve -- 12, 13.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No kidding.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Twelve --

KEITH WESTENGARD: I forgot about --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- and 13?

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- 13. Yeah. That's Bert's too. I missed --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- that one.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

BERT RAMOS: Hello?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Bert?

BERT RAMOS: Yep.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hey. Do you -- you're on the phone with everyone.

BERT RAMOS: Oh, good deal.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. State your name for the record.

BERT RAMOS: Bert Ramos, Public Works.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. And --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: We're --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Doug?

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- going to -- we're going to do the Item Number 12.

PUBLIC WORKS

12) Discussion for possible action to modify the current policy for metered use of non-potable water in Battle Mountain, and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: It's discussion for possible action to modify the current policy of metering -- metered use of non-potable water in Battle Mountain, and all other matters properly related thereto.

BERT RAMOS: Okay.

So is what I'm asking for on this one is to see if we can't take the $30-a-day limit off of there. I believe that's what it is, is $30, whichever exceeds the -- the dollar ten or something. I can't -- per thousand or the $30, whatever's met first. And just have it a flat rate of the -- of the dollar-something per thousand. Because we have to pump the water either way. And then it will hopefully try to keep people from coming in and, you know,

slamming us all in one day.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: What's your recommendation for the rate?

BERT RAMOS: Keep the rate the same but just don't have a -- a cap on it.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: How much are we charging per thousand, then, Bert?

BERT RAMOS: I --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do- --

BERT RAMOS: -- believe it's right there in the --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Dollar --

BERT RAMOS: -- in the --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- twenty.

BERT RAMOS: -- backup. And I think that's the -- I want to say it's a dollar --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Dollar twenty.

BERT RAMOS: -- dollar 20. Is that what it is?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: A dollar twenty per thousand gallons. Yes.

BERT RAMOS: Yep.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So we charged 30 max, is what we're saying? And we're taking away the maximum, basically?

BERT RAMOS: Yes, because what we -- we charge a 30 maximum per day.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.

BERT RAMOS: So is what happens is if somebody needs a whole bunch of water, they try to get it all in one day so they get a bunch of free water once they get over the $30.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Got it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: No free water, Bert.

BERT RAMOS: No.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: So --

BERT RAMOS: We got to pay for the pumping cost either way. So we might as well --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: So you're -- you're saying that that puts a stress on the water system?

BERT RAMOS: Yeah. Well, it di- -- it does. It puts a stress, not so much on the system, because now we're on a -- off the -- off the system and we're on the non-potable. But it -- it puts a stress on just the -- the people stacking up.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

BERT RAMOS: And -- and like I say, either way we're paying the pumping costs, whether it's -- they meet the $30 or they don't. You know, they -- they exceed it. So we got to still pay the pumping costs. We might as well be charging for it. And that's a fair dollars, you know, --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: How many --

BERT RAMOS: -- per thousand.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: So how -- how do we keep track of this?

BERT RAMOS: We have a -- on our standpipe, there's a meter that's on there. And each driver when they pull up, they can -- they read off the meter and keep a log of it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

BERT RAMOS: And then we balance that log off of our -- off of what the reading is and what the reporting is.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'm going to take a stab at this, Bert.

I'll make a motion to approve the modification to the current policy for the metered use of non-potable water in Battle Mountain to take off the maximum -- how am I supposed to word that, Bert?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Eliminate the thirty -- $30 maximum charge.

BERT RAMOS: Eliminate the $30 maximum charge.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second the --

BERT RAMOS: Perfect.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- motion.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: And charge $1.20 per thousand.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: That -- that's -- that stays the same. Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

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

Do we have any public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. We'll move to --
BERT RAMOS: Thank you.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- Item -- we're going to move to Item Number 13.

13) Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove Ormat Technologies' additional encroachment on Lander County right-of-way located in Grass Valley, and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove Ormat Technologies' additional encroachment on Lander County right-of-way located in Grass Valley, and all other matters properly related thereto.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: What do you need here, Bert?
BERT RAMOS: Well, I believe there should be a representative from Ormat there.
KYLE SNYDER: There is.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: So, yeah, come on up. State your name for the record, please.
KYLE SNYDER: Hi. Kyle Snyder, director of business development for Ormat.
WADE POSTEN: And I'm Wade Posten, the construction manager of the project out there for McGinness Hills 3.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning.
KYLE SNYDER: Good morning.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: So we don't have any backup. So are -- you're not doing both sides of the roads --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well, we did --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- again, are you?
KYLE SNYDER: No.
WADE POSTEN: No.
KYLE SNYDER: No.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: We did get a map. But, holy cow, it's hard to read.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: You got a map?
WADE POSTEN: I have --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I didn't --
WADE POSTEN: -- some --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- get a map.
WADE POSTEN: -- bigger copies if you'd like to look at them.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, I did.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: That'd be great.
WADE POSTEN: Okay. I have two copies. (Indiscernible.)
COMMISSIONER WAITS: You have to draw us a picture anyway. So you've got the two on the one side; right?
KYLE SNYDER: We're about to put a third on the same side.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: On the same side.
And if we didn't authorize it, you couldn't build it. Right?
WADE POSTEN: Pretty much. Yeah.
Yeah. And we have to be on the one side because --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
WADE POSTEN: -- BLM --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well --
WADE POSTEN: -- restricts us from going to the other side.
KYLE SNYDER: Yeah. Which is what we dealt with last time. We can't go to the outside of our existing pipelines because there's a huge cultural site there. So we're restricted by BLM to go that way.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: So you need to go -- you go higher? Is that what you do? Or --
KYLE SNYDER: No. We'll be parallel. If you look at the drawing, it's a DBL --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: So you're just going to follow the -- an existing pipeline?
KYLE SNYDER: Correct.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: So on this map, you've got a red and a green indicated. Which one is the --
WADE POSTEN: These are the --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- new one?
WADE POSTEN: -- two existing pipelines. We're going to add another one 4 1/2 --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Green is --
WADE POSTEN: -- feet --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- is proposed. Red is --
WADE POSTEN: -- away from it.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- existing.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Green is for --
WADE POSTEN: So if you're driving --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
WADE POSTEN: -- up Grass Valley Road, --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: So this --
WADE POSTEN: -- this is what's currently there. We're adding this one.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Hey, Bert?
BERT RAMOS: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: What cond- -- what's the condition of Grass Valley Road?
BERT RAMOS: It's in pretty rough shape at this point.
Are you referring to the paved section, I guess? Or the -- or the dirt section?
The dirt section isn't -- isn't very bad, you know. We -- it's maintained. And it -- it's kept up pretty decent.
But the -- the paved section that we put in five or so years ago, maybe six years ago, you know, they haul a lot of real heavy loads out there. And it -- it's beat it up pretty good.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: See? And that's a concern for me, gentlemen, is -- is -- not to say we don't appreciate the industry there and -- and what you guys are doing for Lander County. But it -- it's kind of a give-and-take. And I think, you know, you're asking for easement, which is perfectly acceptable. And -- and I don't have a problem with that. But you're also -- I -- I think we need a little bit of -- of give on your side. And maybe it's not really an appropriate time to discuss it, but looking at -- at the condition of the road -- and -- and I do know that there is a lot of equipment going out there -- and especially with the construction going on now that, you know, maybe that's something that should be open for discussion.
Is what you can do to --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Commissioner Allan --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- to help us.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- and let me -- let me just ask a

quick question. You're -- you're discussing the roadways right now. And the only thing we have on here is the right-of-way?

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That's -- yeah, you're right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So -- and you want to negotiate?

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Not (indiscernible).

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Is that it? Okay.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Then we're going to have to do that at a --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So that might --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- different --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- be a --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- agenda.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- separate one. Thank you, Commissioner Waits.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Bert, what do you think?

BERT RAMOS: Well, I -- I think that the road is -- the road is -- should be part of this conversation because, if this pipeline is to go in, some of that road has to moved. It's not going to stay in its existing location. It's going to have to be moved over a little bit.

I've had discussions with Wade on that. And -- and, you know, I don't see any problem on us moving the road. It's -- it's a small section of the dirt road there where the pipeline goes.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: What's a -- what's a --

BERT RAMOS: But --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- what's a small section to you? How -- how long are we talking?

WADE POSTEN: The only section that needs to be modified is where that cattle guard is, where we need to move the alignment. We show seven feet, but we could probably --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: A few hundred feet?

WADE POSTEN: N- -- if --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Seven.

WADE POSTEN: -- that. If --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Half a mile?

WADE POSTEN: No. And -- and -- I mean, Bert can speak to it. But, to me, we're talking maybe a hundred yards.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Bert, that accurate?

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Is that here?

BERT RAMOS: Well, yes and no, I guess. Depends on if you -- the -- we do have them two drainages that go down through there. And -- and the road's going to --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That one's Palmer.

BERT RAMOS: -- have, whether we like it or not, the road's going to have to be widened. And I think -- what is the -- what's your total pipeline now?

WADE POSTEN: That pipeline's about a half a mile. But most of the --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: There.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: There.

WADE POSTEN: What we're doing and what we show on those drawings is we're staying in existing disturbance off the shoulder -- shoulder of the road all the way up there with the exception of that cattle guard.

BERT RAMOS: Yeah. Which -- which sounds -- it sounds good. But the problem is, is once we start doing snow removal and all that other, you guys are bringing it in as an additional seven feet -- correct? -- off that other pipe?

WADE POSTEN: No, it's only 4 1/2 feet off the other pipe.

BERT RAMOS: Including the pipe?

WADE POSTEN: Add another -- what? -- 18 inches, I think, to that for the offset on the centerline of the pipe.

BERT RAMOS: Yeah. So I -- I think is what I have was seven feet is roughly the -- I can -- a good -- a good, safe number with your guys' base and the whole nine.

WADE POSTEN: It's five --

BERT RAMOS: And --

WADE POSTEN: -- feet to the outside, Bert.

BERT RAMOS: On the whole --

WADE POSTEN: I'd -- I'd originally --

BERT RAMOS: -- (indiscernible).

WADE POSTEN: -- discussed seven feet with you and Rick. But once we went and engineered it, we could get away with five feet.

BERT RAMOS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So, Bert, is -- did you include this in your budget?

BERT RAMOS: No, no, no. And if we did do that, I think that --

WADE POSTEN: Either way.

BERT RAMOS: I don't want to speak for --

KYLE SNYDER: We were going to --

BERT RAMOS: -- Wade there, but I think they agreed to pay us for -- you know, like they're paying us for some maintenance of the roads that -- that they would be doing during the construction phase.

It's cheaper for them to pay the county to do the maintenance. And it's a benefit to the county to do the maintenance because then we're working on our own product so we know what we're dealing with.

And I believe that any adjustments that we have to do there is that they were -- that they were willing to pay us for that work. Is -- is that correct, Wade?

WADE POSTEN: Yeah. Either way, Bert. Either you guys could do it or we could do it. I -- it makes no difference to us.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But that's the maintenance on the dirt part of it. What about -- you --

WADE POSTEN: And (indiscernible).

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Have you thought of anything as far as improvements on the -- the paved part?

BERT RAMOS: I -- I have.

And I just don't know the proper way to address it or how to go forward.

I'm not sure how much Ormat feels they're responsible for it. And I don't -- like I say, I just don't know how -- how to professionally go forward and make it a win for everybody.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Because --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- this --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Commissioners? Excuse me. I'm -- I'm a little confused. It's agendized as a encroachment on Lander County right-of-way.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, and it does come into -- I mean, this is a discussion, Counselor, that is this -- is this something that needs --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: I think --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- to be --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- I think --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- resolved --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- we're calling --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- today?
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- this an "other matter related to it."
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, we definitely are. We're talking about constructions of roads and stuff.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, it isn't --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: But if -- if I could finish, please. I understand what you're saying. I just want to make a point, Commissioner.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And -- and -- and Patsy's made that. And -- and I -- and I -- I totally understand.
My question is: Is this an issue that we need to resolve today? Would it be something we could bring back to the next commissioners' meeting to readjust the agenda item to include additional discussion?
KYLE SNYDER: Schedulewise, I mean, we were hoping to get something today. Obviously, we want to start putting that pipeline in.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, yeah.
WADE POSTEN: There's been quite a lot of process just to get here.
KYLE SNYDER: Yeah. We've been waiting to get on this agenda.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, I -- I believe we -- we need to handle the right-of-way today.
KYLE SNYDER: And I --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right. And -- and, Bert, you remember -- was it -- I don't remember. The last agenda or the agenda before that when we were talking about some things, I was asking what our plans were on the part that we have paved. And so I think you do need to address that and see if the commissioners were going to pave more or -- or fix it and talk to Ormat. And you told me you would look into that. So I think that part will be handled down the road.
BERT RAMOS: Okay.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: So with --

BERT RAMOS: That --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that, I'm --
BERT RAMOS: -- right-of-way, --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- I'm going --
BERT RAMOS: -- there's --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to make a --
BERT RAMOS: -- road --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- motion.
BERT RAMOS: -- right-of-ways.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Commissioner?
BERT RAMOS: I hope everybody understands. So -- so I don't know that it completely eliminates it from discussion today because it is the road right-of-way. Even though it may not say the word "road," that's what the right-of-way is for.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So it's -- it's infringing on our 60-foot right-of-way for that road.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right. So what they need to do legally is make a -- apply for a new permit just on the right-of-way part of it, not on the road part of it. They need to apply for a new permit for -- because it's a different purpose. It's only $40 for a permit.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Make your motion, Patsy.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: So how -- how long is -- is the right-of-way encroachment? How -- how much do you need, about?
KYLE SNYDER: Approximately a half mile.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: A half a mile? Okay.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So, Bert, the right-of-way, the Lander County road right- -- right-of-way is where the pipe's going on.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Is that what you're saying?
So we're -- it's just not --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: We've already given them the -- the two. And now they need an additional five more feet.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right. But he's saying that we're talking about the road right-of-way. So the road can be in the discussion right now.
Is that what you're saying, Bert?
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Not really. No, no --
BERT RAMOS: Correct.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Your counselor has said that -- that --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, it's.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- he didn't believe so. And that's --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's -- it's -- it's stretching it a little bit. I mean, it's up to the commission, but you -- you are stretching it.

It's easy -- the part about the --

Applying for a new permit is easy. I mean, you got a different purpose, just apply for a new permit. And that's easy.

The road part, if you want to discuss it, that's fine. It does say "other matters properly related thereto." So it's your decision. It's just don't go too far outside the guidelines, is all I'm --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, the other --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- saying.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- thing -- and -- and just common sense is, like I said, they're -- they're working on the right-of-way right now because they want to get the piping in. And -- and they're going into the third phase. So if we start bringing up more things, they're probably not ready to discuss it yet because they haven't discussed --

WADE POSTEN: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- it with the home office. And so, --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- you know, I -- I don't want --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well, I --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to -- I don't want to leave it hanging out there for --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- them.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: I think part of the point is we're -- we're probably going to approve the right-of-way.

KYLE SNYDER: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: We're -- we're probably going to get --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- that to you.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: But we -- there -- I think there's probably some things that we would probably ask of you guys. And --
KYLE SNYDER: And -- and we have a road maintenance agreement in place. And Bert can always give me a call. And we can discuss --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.
KYLE SNYDER: -- what else --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: It's just --
KYLE SNYDER: -- we need.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- to simplify matters. What -- we're going to grant --
KYLE SNYDER: Yes.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- it.
KYLE SNYDER: Yes.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: It just -- we -- we would probably like something in return.
KYLE SNYDER: Okay.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Just --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: We -- we need to help you guys. I mean, it --
KYLE SNYDER: Yeah.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Because we do want to --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- it's industry.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: We realize the road out -- the -- the paved part of the road is getting pretty bad. We -- it -- it probably needs to be fixed. But, honestly, we don't want to bear the brunt of that cost all ourselves.
KYLE SNYDER: Yeah.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: I mean, I -- I think that's basically what it comes down to.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I will --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: And if you --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- I will --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- guys are agreeable on --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- go ahead --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- that for future whatever, we could probably just go ahead and approve the right-of-way if that's --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- okay.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's the item.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I will make a motion that we approve the Ormat Technologies' additional encroachment on Lander County right-of-way located in Grass valley at approximately a half a mile for their new piping.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Patsy made a motion. Art seconded. Do we have any public comment?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Bert, what's your feelings? Good?
BERT RAMOS: No, I think -- yeah. No. I think that, --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
BERT RAMOS: -- you know, at some point in time they're going to, you know, they're going to be paying into the county's coffer. And it's -- this is all going to be worth it. So I'm all for it.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye. Aye.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
Yeah.
KYLE SNYDER: Thank you.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: We don't -- we don't need to make it too complicated.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.
WADE POSTEN: You can keep it or (indiscernible).
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Hey, Bert, check your text --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- messages.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Bert. Or is it -- you got any more?
CHAIRMAN MILLS: You guys want a copy of this for --
BERT RAMOS: I believe I --
UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: In the minutes.
BERT RAMOS: -- have one more item.

UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah. Let's get this -- make sure they get a copy of that.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Twenty-two.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah. We're going to go to --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: What number's that?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Twenty-two.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Twenty-three.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Twenty-two.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Twenty-two.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Twenty-two and 23.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Twenty-two.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh, I remember doing our -- 22.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Now he wants the big bucks.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right?

FINANCE

22) Discussion for possible action regarding the augmentation of the FY 2017-2018 budget for the golf course 9A well project in an amount not to exceed $1,597,780, and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item 22. Discussion for possible action regarding the augmentation of the fiscal year 2017-2018 budget for the golf course 9A well project in an amount not to exceed $1,597,780, and all other matters properly related thereto.

BERT RAMOS: So I guess I don't necessarily need -- I need approval for this budget. I don't necessarily need to augment the budget because I have money within my budget I'll just have to move around. After talking to Cindy, we have the money. We just have to move it around. So it's not an augmentation -- is I guess the wrong term for it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're -- you're just moving money. This is all in your --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Within his --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- budget?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- budget. Yeah.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
BERT RAMOS: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: So it's more of a reallocation than an augmentation?
BERT RAMOS: Correct.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Bert?
BERT RAMOS: So I need the project approved. Once we approve the project, then we can -- then we can do the reallocation, you know, --
UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: This figure needed to be --
BERT RAMOS: -- you know, from -- from --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
BERT RAMOS: -- one project to the other in -- in my budget that already exists.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. You're bringing this forward for our approval. You have the money in the budget.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: So, --
BERT RAMOS: Correct.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- Bert, we were --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Weren't we pretty close, I thought, on this? We -- that we -- that you did put aside for -- for 9A? We have --
BERT RAMOS: You know, --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to be --
BERT RAMOS: -- what we're -- we're actually -- depending on if this goes municipal and becomes a drinking, you know, well, it -- we -- we're right there.
If it does not, then we have, you know, a million dollars more than we'll need.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, that's good, Bert.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Thank you.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'll make a motion to --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Commissioners, excuse me. Before you make a motion, perhaps you should open up 23 too because the "not to exceed 1,597,780" is pertinent to both 23 and 22.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: All right. We can open. I'll open that

up.

So we'll open Item Number 23.

COMMISSIONERS

23) Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove the Well Number 9A CMAR project between Stonehouse Drilling and Construction, LLC, and Lander County, and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove Well Number 9A CMAR project between Stonehouse Drilling and Construction, LLC, and Lander County, and all other matters properly related thereto.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. And you've read the contract over. And -- and you're okay with that; right, Counselor?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Don't we have to approve 22 first?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah, we kind of --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: But the -- the amount is pertinent to 23 and --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- it's not listed, so we -- we need to open them up -- both to discuss.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'm good. Okay. I'll make a motion to approve the fiscal year 2017-2018 budget for the golf course 9A well project in an amount not to exceed $1,597,780.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Do you want a -- do you want a motion for both of these items at the same time? Or do you want them separated?

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Let's just separate --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- them.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You can separate them --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Separate?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- as --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: They --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- then were just all kind of --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- contingent on each other.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: All right.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's all.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well, we're -- we're combining. We're --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We're combining --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: I just want to be --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- so --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- make sure --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- that we can --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- we're doing it --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- bring in the --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- how you want.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- figure of 22 to 23.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
Sean made a motion. Art seconded.
Do we have any public comment?
(No comment.)
CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. And you checked 23? Patsy just asked. You checked the contract? Everything's good?
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. I'll make a motion to approve the Well Number 9A CMAR project between Stonehouse Drilling and Construction, LLC, and Lander County and authorize the chair to sign.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And not to exceed $1,597,780.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So read in.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And I'm going to abstain because I've

had some discussion with the representative from Stonehouse Drilling on a separate matter.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: All right.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: All right.

Sean made a motion. Art seconded.

Do we have any public comment?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Just for the record, we did have a representative? You -- you are with --

AARON MARTINEZ: Yes.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- Stonehouse --

AARON MARTINEZ: Aaron Martinez --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- Drilling.

AARON MARTINEZ: -- with A.M. Engineering. We're just the engineer on the project.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, okay.

AARON MARTINEZ: I was just coming as a courtesy. If you folks had any questions, I was just here to happily address you.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The pertinent information, Commissioner, that this gentleman has refers to the CMAR itself. In that this particular CMAR only needs one applicant to fulfill its statutory obligation.

And in -- in some cases, you need at least two before you can do a CMAR. But -- but he's going to explain to you why we only -- we can do it with one.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

AARON MARTINEZ: Again, Aaron --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Good morning, --

AARON MARTINEZ: -- Martinez.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- Aaron.

AARON MARTINEZ: Again, Aaron Martinez, A.M. Engineering.

So the way that our project has been developed is a combination of standard specifications and statutes provided under Nevada state law.

And this document here, which was provided to your DA's Office, which is a State of Nevada Public Works Division. And this map -- within these master specifications is how we contracted our particular project out. And within those specifications, it offers the owner certain latitude.

And I'll go ahead and provide the commission with this document again if you'd like to take a look at it.

This item here is just the pertinent page that I printed out of this document for you, which outlines some of the bidder/owner's opportunity or latitude, as I mentioned, within the project.

And this secondary item is a letter stated -- dated June -- January 3rd. And so essentially within these master spec documents, under certain bidding environments, the owner has the opportunity to move forward with a project if they know that the bidding environment may not bring one, two, or three bidders.

And so our hydrogeologists teed us up on this project and let us know that he's only gotten one bidder on every well project in the last two years. And he's had a hard time to getting well drillers to bid these projects. And he attributed it to the fracking industry and -- and that industry going down. Those rigs have moved on to other portions of the United States.

That said, the depth of our well also limited our rigs. So we had a pretty good understanding going forward that we were not going to be able to fulfill the Nevada Revised Statute.

There's a portion in there, 338, that identifies that you have to have two bidders minimum to award a CMAR project.

But based on our contractual documents that were bid on this project within here, the Nevada State Public Works documents allows us that latitude with a preapproval. That letter I've given you was preapproval assigned from the public works director on January 3rd to proceed with the project.

Knowing our bidding environment, we were able to get two bidders to come to the table, but we only see one competent proposal.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And the proposal is right in your engineering estimate?

AARON MARTINEZ: That is correct. Thank you, Commissioner.

So, yes, that proposal was fully evaluated by a selection committee. That selection committee outlines the bidability of the contractor. They're obviously -- their standing, their bonding abilities, also their project references. And, again, all of that came in very high scores. So it was a competent bid overall. And it was well within our estimate and actually slightly lower than our engineer's estimate.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you. We -- we appreciate you coming and -- and putting that on the record for us. That does

help.

AARON MARTINEZ: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

Any further public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you, Bert.

BERT RAMOS: All right. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank you, Bert.

BERT RAMOS: And have a good day.

AARON MARTINEZ: Thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- too.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- you.

1) **Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove the contract between the State of Nevada acting by and through the Department of Health and Human Services Aging and Disability Services Division, and Lander County, and all other matters properly related thereto.**

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. We'll move back to Item Number 1. Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove the contract between State of Nevada, acting by and through the Department of Health and Human Resources or --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Services.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- Health and Human Services Aging and Disabilities Services Division, and Lander County, and all other matters properly related thereto.

KEITH WESTENGARD: This is our annual renewal with the state. It has been reviewed by DA's Office and just looking for the approval to continue the service.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Excuse me, Keith. You are speaking so

softly.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Oh.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm not sure that Austin can even pick you up on that.

KEITH WESTENGARD: This is our annual -- forgot what I was saying.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Our annual contract.

KEITH WESTENGARD: This is our annual contract renewal. And it's been reviewed by the DA.

So we're just asking for approval to continue the services --

JEANNE FALZONE: This is a one- --

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- within the county.

JEANNE FALZONE: -- -year.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So moved.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Thank you. I will try to speak up.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do you want me to state the whole thing?

I make a motion that we -- we approve the contract between the State of Nevada, through the Department of Health and Human Services Aging and Disabilities Services Division, and Lander County.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

KEITH WESTENGARD: And -- and the chair to sign. And the chair to sign, please.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, and the chair to sign, please.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Thank you.

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

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Keith.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Thank you.

2) **Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove the contract between the Board of Trustees of the Elko County Library and the Lander County Board of Commissioners, and all other matters properly related thereto.**

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item Number 2. Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove the contract between the Board of Trustees of the Elko County Library and Lander County Board of Commissioners, and all other matters properly related thereto.

KEITH WESTENGARD: This is also our -- our renewal contract for the library services within the county. It has also been reviewed by the DA. We did have a reduction from last year of about -- of $1953.

So they did bring the contract down a little bit.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Are the computers working?

KEITH WESTENGARD: I -- I have not heard any -- any issues.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Neither have I.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. All right. I -- so as far as I know, everything's working fine there.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll make a motion to approve the contract between the Board of Trustees of the Elko County Library and the Lander County Board of Commissioners and authorize the chair to sign.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

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

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

3) **Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove annual free use of the Battle Mountain Civic Center for the Veterans Day breakfast sponsored by Newmont, and all other matters properly related thereto.**

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item 3. Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove annual free use of the Battle Mountain Civic Center for the Veterans Day breakfast sponsored by Newmont, and all other matters properly related thereto.

KEITH WESTENGARD: We're bringing this forward early on. In order for Newmont to do their planning for their planning purposes, it was -- it's been done in the past. And we're just asking that the commission approve the use of the civic center for their annual Veterans Day breakfast --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: So I --

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- at -- at no charge.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: So a question on this is they -- they come to us every year asking for this. Was this a desire to ask that they get perpetually for free? Or --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- is this just -- is this just this year?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, we changed the contract. So we approved the last fee scheduling for the civic center. It says for beneficial use to the community. The -- it's free already, whether it's the Veterans Day or Santa Claus or whatever.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So -- but we did this before we changed the fee scheduling. So I figured this would probably be the last time we had to bring it back before. So I just wanted to make sure everyone was clear on what the fee scheduling at the civic center says now. And why we --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- won't have to bring this back again.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That make sense, Keith?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes, it does.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Everyone good with that?

Okay. So with that, for the last time, I'll make a motion to approve the annual free use of the Battle Mountain Civic

Center for the Veterans Day breakfast sponsored by Newmont.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

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

MONICA SILL: I would just like to say, on behalf of Newmont, thank you to Lander County, the Owl Club, and the Battle Mountain Girl Scouts for collaborating on this wonderful event that supports the vets and their families.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you, Monica.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Monica, would you --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's a wonderful --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- would you state your name for --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- service.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- the record?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And we appreciate it.

MONICA SILL: Monica Sill, Newmont.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

4) Discussion for possible action regarding the abandoned mines within Lander County, and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item 4. Discussion for possible action regarding the abandoned mines within Lander County, and all other matters properly related thereto.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So the -- the question came up on this, Counselor, when we received the annual information regarding our mines and the ones that have been taken care of and the ones we still have that appear very dangerous in Lander County.

And I asked to put this on. I didn't know if there was something more that we could do. Perhaps go back the Department of Minerals and ask for some interns to help us close up a few

more of our open --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- chutes?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The -- particularly the ones around Austin. They're always up -- they're all on state or government land.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: The -- the people that own the property. Yes.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah. So it's --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Le- --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- problematic.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- legally I don't know if there's something that we should be following through on. But I did want to at least open enough so that perhaps as a county we could go back and request interns.

That --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that was --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes. We -- we -- we can make requests.

That's what we should be doing. Because if -- we can't -- we can't do it ourselves without --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No.

Is -- is Bert still on?

Yeah.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We'd get --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- in a lot of trouble if we did it --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- ourselves, but --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- but I -- I agree. We -- we -- we keep on requesting the assistance and --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, they did quite a few. I mean, they have --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah, they did --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- been.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- some.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And we're inching along.

But my legal question, then: Is there something that we need to follow through with the landowners that live out -- that live out of state that still have their property here?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, if we're going to go on their land, we need -- we need to get permission.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, I meant getting them to -- to enclose their dangerous properties. That's what I meant.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Is there something that we should be doing?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: If -- if there's county land around it, we'd -- we'd have some authority. But if they're surrounded by state land, we don't.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: If it's private property, is there any way we could make an ordinance that requires?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We'd have to di- -- restructure some zoning.

I would -- I would think that'd be the way to proceed. We -- I mean, off the top of my head, --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- Co- -- Commissioner. But if -- if -- if the private land is on county -- is -- is -- consists of county property, then, yeah, we -- we can certainly modify ordinances to -- to include things.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: But the thing is, is the -- the NRS allows us to -- to put fencing around and secure things that -- that are abandoned and that --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that are dangerous. But we don't want to do that individually as a county. But it's our -- it's on our -- in our county. So --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- with that, if I don't have to do anything legally to these people that own it per se --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, we should give them notice that --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- that --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Then I -- I would make a motion that we draft a letter to the Department of Minerals requesting some

interns that would help us secure these dangerous, abandoned mines --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's a good idea.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that we have in Lander County.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: (Indiscernible.)

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- they -- does the state have the authority to just walk on somebody's land?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, but the legislature lets them build -- build --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- build it --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Build.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- around. So that would be --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Safety structures --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- around.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: It would allow them to -- to access it.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So -- so they can -- they can certainly access that and -- after they give the property owner notice -- property owners that they're going to do it, whether the state or the county gives the property owners, depending on who has authority of that particular area.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Since it's --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- I don't --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- Department of Minerals.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Did I get a --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: This --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- second?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- just sounds like --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I did.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- a real --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Sean seconded.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- complex issue.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It is around Austin. It -- all

land issues are complex in Austin.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Is there a lot of abandoned mines on private property in Austin?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Now, it wouldn't be the county's responsibility if somebody was playing around and got hurt. It would be the owner of the property.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: But it would be the -- it would be the -- the -- Patsy's talking about a proactive stance. So it -- so Lander County residents aren't in -- the best my understanding -- and I agree with that approach.

I mean, we're -- we're more concerned with the -- we should be more concerned with damage to our citizens rather than liability.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And their animals.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah. And animals. One will take care of the other, I guess, is what I'm saying.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. So Patsy made a motion. Sean seconded.

Do we have any public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

5) **Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove closure of the Battle Mountain Recreation Center one day a month for deep cleaning, and all other matters properly related thereto.**

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item 5.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Commissioner, I would ask we table Item

5.

Robin's got some shortages, so she's actually being a lifeguard today.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

KEITH WESTENGARD: She will -- if she is able to get here prior to the end of the meeting, maybe we could readdress it. If not, I'll reagendize it if that's okay.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: That'll work.

6) Discussion only involving a brainstorming session regarding Lander County indigent transport, and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item 6. Discussion only involving a brainstorming session regarding Lander County indigent transport, and all other matters properly related thereto.

KEITH WESTENGARD: So, as you know, the Greyhound bus has -- or will be discontinuing service through Battle Mountain.

So we're looking for -- for some alternatives. We don't have a train depot here in town. So they have one in Winnemucca and El- -- Elko that they deal with their indigents being transported out of the area.

So we're -- we're looking for some ideas of how we could look at getting our indigents transported out of our area.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Send them to the emergency room and care flight them to Reno.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yikes.

KEITH WESTENGARD: That could be a way. Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. I don't know what to tell you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Now, is there a Greyhound bus stop in Winnemucca?

KEITH WESTENGARD: My under- --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: No.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- -standing --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: They're --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: No?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- canceling that too.

KEITH WESTENGARD: My understanding is they're going to stop --

JEANNE FALZONE: (Indiscernible.)
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- the entire route --
JEANNE FALZONE: (Indiscernible) --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Uh-huh.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- through Nevada.
JEANNE FALZONE: -- the same thing.
KEITH WESTENGARD: They're going to -- they're going to -- they're going to not have that route anymore.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah, but they have --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: They're not --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- community --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- going to run --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- (indiscernible).
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- a Greyhound on 80?
JEANNE FALZONE: I know.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, that's what --
JEANNE FALZONE: But they're still --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- we're talking --
JEANNE FALZONE: -- lost.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- in Austin --
KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- about; --
KEITH WESTENGARD: At all.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- right? They're closing --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the whole thing, not just --
KEITH WESTENGARD: Closing the --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- our --
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- whole --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- stop.
JEANNE FALZONE: (Indiscernible) doesn't have (indiscernible).
KEITH WESTENGARD: From --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You know that I know.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: We're not going to have a bus from Salt Lake City to Reno.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.
KEITH WESTENGARD: That's my understanding.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Wow.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Now, two counties, Elko and

Humboldt, are going to be using the train.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: But Pershing and Lander County don't have a train stop, no longer have a --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- bus stop. So we can -- we can just --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Transport them --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- possibly --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- to the train depot.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- possibly brainstorm with -- with Lovelock and see if we can come up with something in concert. Or we can --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, there's --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But how does --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: There's a train stop in Winnemucca.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's what I just said.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So we can just get them to Winnemucca and put them on the train.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah, but the point is, how do we get them to Winnemucca?

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. That's --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: We start up --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- the sheriff's --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- then -- then --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- office taxi --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- the only way is --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- service.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The only -- the only --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's what's going --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- way is --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- to happen.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- the sheriff's department. I've got to --

KEITH WESTENGARD: (Indiscernible.)

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- be honest.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: And we have a transport for them.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I mean, we've got to be honest there. We only have one option.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, look, don't we have somebody that lives in Winnemucca? Liz can take them over.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: We --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: And -- well, Keith lives in --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: They --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- Elko. He can --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- at the end of the day just --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's take --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Load them up; right?

CHAIRMAN MILLS: It's a job.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Take one --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: You're --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- take one for the --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Stack them --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- team.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- like --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- cordwood in the back.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, one of --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Now, I did -- I did see in the newspaper there was an article about this. And some of the -- in that article it indicated that some of the commissioners in the other counties talked about contacting other county commissioners and trying to coordinate something. So that's something we could maybe try to do and see what they're doing.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, one of the ideas was we -- we thought they didn't have the amount of passengers and -- and revenue that they needed.

So we thought about perhaps giving a minimum amount per month, whether we put that many people on or not and keep 80. That was a discussion with some of the commissioners, I know.

But then our undersheriff was here and said that wasn't necessarily the problem in Battle Mountain. We couldn't find a place that would allow the bus to stop --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: To stop.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- here.
So it was a personal problem on us, not just the revenue to address for the whole 80. So that was a concern.
And I don't know whether -- you know, like I said, we had to bring it up and discuss it. I don't know whether we have. We don't --
KEITH WESTENGARD: My -- my understanding is they're shutting the entire route down.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: They are.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. It doesn't have to do with --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- with Battle Mountain's --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: With revenue.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- stop. Or -- or --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It was a multiple of things is why they're closing it --
KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- down.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Do we know how many indigents we actually --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Jones?
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- kind of ship out?
JOSEPH JONES: On an average it's five to eight a month.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah, but usually they come on bus. So...
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, right.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So that's going to change --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: So that --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- dramatically.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- that problem goes away.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No, I know. But --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: So --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- I mean --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- we're left with just a few --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Identify your --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- throughout the --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hey, Jones.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- year.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Will you state your --
JOSEPH JONES: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- state your name?
JOSEPH JONES: Sorry. Sergeant Joseph Jones, Lander County Sheriff's Office.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: And -- and --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: So --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- what -- what -- what did you say per month?
JOSEPH JONES: Be about five to eight a month on average.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Five to eight a month?
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: They just wander --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: That's a --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- in here and --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Off --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well, they --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- the bus.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- they usually come in on --
JOSEPH JONES: (Indiscernible.)
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- the bus.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They come on the bus.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: So that eliminates that problem. But -- but you still have a few during the year that --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: I -- I can --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- you'd have to deal with.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: I can tell you a story about the people that travel on that bus.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Maybe for another agenda item.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Or -- or --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That's --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- a break.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- profiling.
So what are they --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: So --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: They show up on the bus and forget to get back on and --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No, other counties just give them a ticket to Battle Mountain.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Uh-huh.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh. Nice.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: And then we give them a ticket --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- to Elko.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- we keep --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: And then they give them a ticket --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We get --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- to Wendover.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- them to Winnemucca or Elko. We do the same thing.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah. It's --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: They -- they just shuttle --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So if we had --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- down the --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- indigent, --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- line.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- how are we going to transport them out of town? is what we're saying.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's --

KEITH WESTENGARD: That's the --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- what we're --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- question. Yes.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Sheriff's --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So we --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- department.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- do have -- we do have the vehicle transport for the --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Mental.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Mental.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yep.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: How many of the indigents are

mentally --

JOSEPH JONES: I can't give you that. I don't know.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But I'm just saying --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah, we don't --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- that we -- we do --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: We don't get them --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- have that --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- analyzed.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- vehicle available. It's just whether or not we can --

KEITH WESTENGARD: We'd have to -- I don't --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- still (indiscernible).

KEITH WESTENGARD: I think we would --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: So --

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- have to discuss the legalities of that, the liabilities, with --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Is --

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- legal.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Is this --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Do we need --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- something that --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- to talk to the --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- we --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- sheriff's -- sheriff too?

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Do we --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- discuss this with other counties and see what they're doing? Do we need to get the hospital and the sheriff and the county together and decide something to do?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, we -- this is --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: What do --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- a --

KEITH WESTENGARD: The two counties, though, Humboldt and Elko, they have bus stops. So they really won't have it. We're looking at --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Train --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Train --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- stops.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- stops.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Train stops.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Or --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Train --
KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. Train stops. I'm sorry.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.
KEITH WESTENGARD: We're looking at Pershing or --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh, Amtrak's going to love that.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We're -- yeah, we're looking at --
KEITH WESTENGARD: West Wendover, probably.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah, we're --
KEITH WESTENGARD: Wells.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Pershing definitely.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, the thing -- all we need to do is get them to Elko or to --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: To a bus --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- Winnemucca.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: To --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: And give them --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- a --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- why do we care what Pershing County does?
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Let's get some public comment.
BRENDA THOMAS: Brenda Thomas, the Action Agency.
I called the Winnemucca Cab Company. And it's $3 a mile. So it's --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh.
BRENDA THOMAS: -- a $360 round trip.
And you guys have been very generous to my office. But I don't think I can, like, actually pay $360.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.
BRENDA THOMAS: So obviously I'm in the wrong business. I need to become a cab driver.
But I don't know how else -- and it's not --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's a --
BRENDA THOMAS: -- just the indigents --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- good idea.
BRENDA THOMAS: -- that need a ride out of town.
We have, you know, domestic violence and just, you know,

people down on their luck that need to go for a job to another town. It's -- it's a big problem.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: How about we call Uber?

BRENDA THOMAS: Uber.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Get a -- start an Uber ride here?

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah. Does --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Uber.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- anybody want to start an Uber service?

BRENDA THOMAS: Not me.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: The cab company.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: I'm not a cab.

KEITH WESTENGARD: I might need the job.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Of course I don't know what Uber charges so --

BRENDA THOMAS: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: So it s- --

BRENDA THOMAS: We have Elko.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: It sounds like when you -- they -- to have some discussions with somebody and come back with an actual solution here somewhere.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, the only --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, that's what --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- solution --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- our brainstorming's --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- is --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- supposed --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- to have --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- to be.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- the sheriff's department do it at least temporarily until we come up with a -- another solution. I mean, we --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- we may have somebody tomorrow. And if --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- and if you -- if you just say, let's discuss it with other people, they're -- they're going to be coming and saying, what do we do? What do we do?

So we need to --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- put at least a temporary fix.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: We --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Temporarily, Keith, talk to the sheriff's department.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: We --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- we have indigent money.
So we just have to figure out how to spend it now?
BRENDA THOMAS: Yeah.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We have to -- tr- -- for tr- -- transportation is liability. We've already taken care of the liability with the sheriff's department. There's no liability when they transport --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- people.
But everything else we will not have in place when we get our first indigent.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. If we have the -- the sheriff's office do it, then we're open to that Connor situation. And we don't want to do that.
UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: We're open to what?
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Connor.
That -- I'll tell you later.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, it -- it's --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's a liability issue.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, they've already -- they've already -- they're --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Kind of have --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- already --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- that --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- protected against liability by transportation.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They can --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- transport people all over the state.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, and then the problem is, is when you're dealing with indigent, you have no idea of -- if there's any --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The mental.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- mental illness --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Absolutely.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- or what we're dealing with that they --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- if they haven't created any kind of a -- a criminal problem where we've arrested them. And -- and the national statistics are 44 percent of the people in jail are diagnosed with a mental illness. So if these folks aren't in jail, we don't know. Then we just can't send them by anybody.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah, the --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Exactly.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: And the police cars have the cages in the back.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Exactly.
NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: But if they're indigent, they haven't committed a crime. So they can decline the ride.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Then --
KEITH WESTENGARD: Name.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Need your --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: You --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- name.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- you -- you can't take a deputy --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Your name.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- off a -- off a sh- --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Noliena.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: You can't take a deputy off shift to send him to Winnemucca or Elko. You're going to have to call somebody in to do that. I mean.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And Noliena, state your name, please.
NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: Noliena Castellanos.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, and I think that's a -- one of the biggest questions is, like Art said, we can't just take a -- a deputy off service every time we have an indigent that we need

to get rid of. Because they've got their --

I mean, yeah, it's -- it's -- we may have the transportation available, --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- but who is going to --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: But there's -- there's -- that -- we're back to the issue of how often is that really going to happen?

The bus is not bringing them anymore; so that cuts out most of them.

We're still going to have a few. We don't have any idea how -- how few it's going to be. So --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: But we have --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: But --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to address --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- but --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- it.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- it's not going to be very many.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Even if there's one, we have to address --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: So --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- it.

Can we address it now? Or you --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- want to defer it? Or --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well, I'm saying it -- it's not going to happen -- supposedly, it's not going to happen that often. So maybe it is something we can pull a -- a deputy --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: When is the bus stopping?

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- in to do it.

ELIZABETH BARELA: It's already stopped.

BRENDA THOMAS: The 21st of February.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: The end of this month?

BRENDA THOMAS: The --

ELIZABETH BARELA: No.

BRENDA THOMAS: -- 21st of February.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: A month ago.

KEITH WESTENGARD: It's done.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's already stopped.

ELIZABETH BARELA: It's --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah, it's been --

ELIZABETH BARELA: -- done.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, okay.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Too --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So let's defer --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Then -- then we --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- it --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- need to --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- till --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- address it. Okay.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- the sheriff's back.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, if you have five to --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: (Indiscernible) --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- eight --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- (indiscernible) --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- people --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- (indiscernible).
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- that need to be transported --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: We could just --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- out of the --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- get some of them.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- county, that's quite a big number.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: But you won't --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It is.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- have that because they're --
JOSEPH JONES: It's not --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- not being --
JOSEPH JONES: -- reasonable for the --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- transported --
JOSEPH JONES: -- sheriff's office --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- into --
JOSEPH JONES: -- to be --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- the county --
JOSEPH JONES: -- going --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- now.
JOSEPH JONES: -- either way like that.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But you also have, like, --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- you know, the domestic violence and -- and I know that's not a -- a great number that we're transporting out.

BRENDA THOMAS: It's not, but, I mean, that's an emergency.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But it is still a consideration.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It is. But the -- and it's a completely different issue than indigent.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't know.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I like the taxicab idea.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Uber?
KEITH WESTENGARD: (Indiscernible.)
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Completely different issue. I mean, it's --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: At --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- something --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- 300 --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- we have --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- bucks --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- to think --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- a pop?
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- about, like, --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Uh-huh.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- we --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: If there's --
BRENDA THOMAS: I should get my --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- only two --
BRENDA THOMAS: -- commercial --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- a year.
BRENDA THOMAS: -- license.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: What if.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- there's 4,000 in the indigent fund.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah, but if there's one a month.
UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: You can --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: There's --
UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: -- take them to the --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- I just --
UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: -- truck stop.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- don't see that being one a month.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I have a question.
Sadie Sullivan, for the --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Sadie.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- record.

Keith, during the prebudgets -- I don't know if this was added, but is this -- this would be something you would want to put in the budgets.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Uh-huh.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Worst-case scenario if we had to have Winnemucca or Elko cab to see if they could come and get them. So during that budget portion that might be the time -- well, for sure you would want to say --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- average, you know, five a month, eight a month, whatever, and have that available just in case there wasn't the availability.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They're not going to come and get them.

UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Jeanne?

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: If we call the cab and we paid them --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Oh, --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- out of your --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- the cab.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- indigent.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Oh, the cab.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So there's 4,000 --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- in the indigent fund. If you had one a month, it's $4,800 a year.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Yeah, so I'm --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So bump --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- just saying --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- the indigent fund up.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Right.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And then call --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Monica.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- the taxi.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Who has buses running from Elko and Winnemucca to Battle Mountain every day?

MONICA SILL: Coach USA.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. We -- we have an indigent fund --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Right.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- that --
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: To where you would just need to up that --
KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- possibility if we were --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: I mean, that's --
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- needing to call for Elko or Winnemucca cab.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Now, how are we going to pay the cab company?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Cash.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: We're going to pay them cash?
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I wonder if they'd --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: What?
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- do a contract basis with flat rate.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: They can.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: But it -- that might be worth doing. Seeing if we'll -- if they'll --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Keith, will --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- do a contract.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- you look into that?
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Because they might -- they might not want to bill us and get paid in two weeks.
So they might not agree to it.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: They might not want the driver to carry that much cash either. So --
We also need, I think, our sheriff on this --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Uh-huh.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- discussion too.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I don't know if this is farfetched. Is Coach USA specifically under contract with you guys for -- for your employees? Monica?
Okay.
MONICA SILL: They have contracts with other --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: They're not going to take --
MONICA SILL: -- companies as well.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- the liability.

MONICA SILL: It's not exclusively Newmont.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hey, Monica, --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'm just --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- I don't mean be a pain, but will you state your name, please?
MONICA SILL: Monica Sill.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: She --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- did.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- you.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I just wonder if that's -- might possibly be an option.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: I --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: They're running every day.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, but I doubt they're going to take the liability.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah. I just --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's a hor- --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, why would there be an additional liability than --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- what they've already got?
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Because they're --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: They're not an employee.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They're usually double diagnosis. I mean, the -- the people from --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Whoops.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- the -- the other -- the other people that were mentioned, there wouldn't be any liability.
But --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Newmont doesn't want that liability with their employees either, --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- though.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: But --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I mean.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: With -- Patsy pointed it out. They're -- they're not only single diagnosis, usually. They're double diagnosis. They're usually addicted to some type of

drug. And they have some type of mental issue. And that leads to all types of problems.

MONICA SILL: And just let me be clear. I was just providing the name of the busing company. This has nothing to do with Newmont.

KEITH WESTENGARD: It would be a separate contract with Coach that maybe they do a pickup.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And --

KEITH WESTENGARD: I don't know.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- that's kind of my point. Is --

KEITH WESTENGARD: They wouldn't ride on the same bus with mine employees. This would be a separate contract. Like Monica said, --

MONICA SILL: Absolutely.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- they have contracts with other entities. Maybe we contract a van. I don't know.

I'll give Coach a call as well as the cab companies. And I'll get with Sheriff Unger. As long as he doesn't have --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- his Taser on him. Because I don't know how this is going to go.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So you want us --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: So that's --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- that's -- that's -- I think that's a good way to move forward in the --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- in the interim until we have a solution.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, it's just --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: To -- to solve -- to -- to solve Ted -- Ted's issue here that we -- we needed to decide something today for the interim.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, this is discussion only. But --

No, there's just -- definitely needed to be some more, you know, research to find out what --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I mean we were coming up with the options. That's what the brainstorming is. We're getting our

options.

Now we can research it and bring it back and discuss what the options are.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Worst-case scenario, Keith, I guess, you're giving people rides home --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- or to Elko.

KEITH WESTENGARD: That's fine. As long as Liz takes them to Batt- -- Winnemucca. Ted can take them to Reno.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.

So I would -- I guess -- yeah.

So I guess in the interim, without having a motion made about it, is that I would -- I would think that maybe the first thing we try is call the taxi company and get it taken care of and --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Pay them out of the indigent fund. Yeah. That would be --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah. Pay them out of the indigent fund.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah, you have the authority to do that.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.

KEITH WESTENGARD: That's legal.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Until we get -- until we get a firm solution, that's -- we'll have to spend money on it that way.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do they have a taxi service in Winnemucca?

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I know they got one in Elko. I couldn't imagine what it'd cost, but --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Any other -- any other discussion on that one?

Another one of those --

BRENDA THOMAS: I'm just -- I'm just wondering where I stand in this. Because, I mean, you guys ran for the office the money for adult people to get out of town for an emergency basis

or job basis. I mean, I would love to tote them back and forth, but I don't have the time nor the desire.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: What kind of car do you have?

BRENDA THOMAS: I have a blue box.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Please state your name, please.

BRENDA THOMAS: Brenda Thomas.

I'm just wondering where -- I mean, where do you -- are you guys okay with me using funds for the cab or -- to -- not help people that are coming out of the jail system.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But that's what the indigent fund is -- fund is for.

BRENDA THOMAS: Right. But I was --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So --

BRENDA THOMAS: -- I was funded through money from you guys. So I'm just wondering where I stand in helping people.

Are you guys okay with me spending that money --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Probably --

BRENDA THOMAS: -- for the cab?

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Probably what -- we'll have to just -- we'll -- we'll --

UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: You can't?

CHAIRMAN MILLS: We'll sit down with --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- Keith and have you come --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The indigent --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- in and talk --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- fund --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- a little --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- is for indigents.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: We'll have to figure it out.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Because --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- we don't know.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It's not --

BRENDA THOMAS: Because I --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- for --

BRENDA THOMAS: -- always spend the money and stuff on (indiscernible).

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's not for --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's not for these other --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hey, the indi- -- yeah. The indigent fund's for indigents. It's not for if someone has to --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- go get a job --
BRENDA THOMAS: But I need --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- in --
BRENDA THOMAS: They -- they --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Winnemucca or go to -- go to their job.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It's -- that's --
BRENDA THOMAS: Well, they hit my office too.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right. But that's not what that fund's for. So we're going to have more --
BRENDA THOMAS: Right.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- discussions on where -- where we're --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- going to come with that.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: We're al- -- we also have to figure out -- when there is an indigent that -- that needs that ride, we got to figure out who to hook them up with or where -- where do they go? They come to see you and you're going to go, not me.
BRENDA THOMAS: I know.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Where do -- where are we going to send them?
BRENDA THOMAS: Talk to the sheriff. And --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: They're going to go to sheriff's office and you go, not me. They're --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, and --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- going to run all over town and everybody's going to go, not me.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No, but -- but they could still go to Brenda. And -- and she can -- depending on how we set this up, whether it's call -- call the taxi, call the bu- -- you know, whatever bus. Or -- or if it is, call the sheriff's office to

have someone come pick them up. Is you still would be the point of contact.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well, if that's the way we're going to set this up.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: If --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Are we going to give -- are we going to give you authority to use those indigent --

BRENDA THOMAS: Right.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- funds?

BRENDA THOMAS: And that's what I'm asking.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: That's what we need to know.

BRENDA THOMAS: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: So we need to come up with a point of contact for --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, it's not --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- a -- we've got to --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Who's going to -- who's going to be authorized to spend those indigent funds?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We got to agendize this totally different for --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah, but -- well, this is --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But she's got --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: So that's --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- the --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- just --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- authority now to --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: That's --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- use that indigent fund.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: No.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Don't you?

BRENDA THOMAS: It would be the money that --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: She has -- she has authority --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, because that's county.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- to spend her funds.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh.

Okay.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No, she doesn't.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: So those are just some of the questions we're going to have to answer.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I think the indigent fund's in the district attorney's budget.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No, I think it's --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No.

KEITH WESTENGARD: It's in the senior center. Is --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah. It's at the senior --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- center.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. Sandy --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Sandy --

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- Smith --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- Smith.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- has the authority over the --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- indigent funds.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: And so we'd -- we'd rather --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good discussion.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- decide --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, we've got --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- that that's where we want --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- the senior bus.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Is that where we want that to take place?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. Okay.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: So what -- there's some things to decide about it.

BRENDA THOMAS: And there is the senior bus? But they just do it doctor's appointments. And it's $20 to Elko, I think. It's a $20 donation.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh.

BRENDA THOMAS: To Elko. Okay.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: That's cheaper than 300.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.

BRENDA THOMAS: But, I mean, I don't feel comfortable putting some of the clients --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.
BRENDA THOMAS: -- in the van with --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.
BRENDA THOMAS: -- Dana.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: We've got to consider who's going to be on --
BRENDA THOMAS: Right.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- that bus. Right.
BRENDA THOMAS: Right.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah. So there's -- there's still a lot of questions to answer. So we'll start digging into it.
Any further discussion on that?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Please don't.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Ideas?
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's take a break. Yeah. I don't got no more ideas on this --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: No more --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- one.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- ideas on that one?
COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Taxi- --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: We're --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- -cab.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- going to --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Take a five-minute break.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: We're going to take a break.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Austin.
MITESHELL LANHAM: Okay.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.

(Break taken between 10:34 a.m. and 10:47 a.m.)

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

7) **Discussion for possible action to appoint individuals to fill one vacancy on the Lander County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, a Category II board, to complete a term ending June 30, 2019, and to consider the following: a) Worth Nelson; and all other matters properly related thereto.**

CHAIRMAN MILLS: We're on Item Number 7.

Discussion for possible action to appoint individual to fill one vacancy --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: (Indiscernible.)

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yes.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- at the Lander County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, a Category II board, to complete a term ending June 30th, 2019, and to consider the following: a) Worth Nelson; and --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Make a motion --

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

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I make a motion to put Worth Nelson in the wildlife board.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Second.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Art made a motion. Sean seconded.

Do we have any public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

We still have one more vacancy on that board; right? Yeah. When --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: I think that's right.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Would you call Worth and tell him that -- thank you.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I have a question on -- on the way this was written, is this one that we -- we discussed in budget where it says a county representative. And we questioned whether that had to be -- whether it could be or had to be from one of the commissioners? Remember that?

Wasn't that --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: The wildlife?

UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: No.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Is it --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, I wasn't --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: The board? Do we --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Was it --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- it wasn't --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- wildlife?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Wasn't -- this --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: I don't think it --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- wasn't --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- was wildlife.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- this the board? It was the --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- conservation board.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It was the conservation --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: It was the --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- board.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- conservation --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- board.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No. There --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- is no commissioner on this board.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.

8) **Discussion for possible action to appoint/reappoint individuals to the Lander County Debt Management Commission, a Category I board, with the term expiring December 31, 2019, and to consider the following: a) Louis Lani, b) Bart Negro; and all other matters properly related thereto.**

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Item 8. Discussion for possible action to appoint/reappoint individuals to the Lander County Debt Management Commission, the Category I board, with all the -- with the term expiring December 31, 2019, and to consider the following: a) Lou Lani, b) Bart Negro; and all other matters properly related thereto.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Now, there's -- these both are --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: (Indiscernible.)

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- up? So it's not one or the other?

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah. I think there's two vacancies. You've got --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Two vacancies.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- two people that --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll make a motion to appoint or reappoint the individuals Louis Lani and Bart Negro to the Debt Management Commission, a Category I board.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second the motion.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Sean made a motion. Patsy seconded. Do we have any public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: How -- how do we notify them? Do -- do we call --

KEITH WESTENGARD: We'll --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- them?

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- we'll notify them. We'll notify them.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Nilla just calls.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No. Nilla just calls them and thanks

them?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Sure.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yep. Says, you're appointed.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Thank you. Or you're not appointed.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

KEITH WESTENGARD: And we can follow it up with a letter too.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

KEITH WESTENGARD: But --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Just --

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- usually it's just a phone call.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Tell them the board appreciates -- yes, appreciates their -- their service.

KEITH WESTENGARD: I -- I will do that.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Their -- their public service.

9) Discussion for possible action to appoint individuals to fill three vacancies on the Battle Mountain Livestock Events Center Advisory Board, a Category III board, all terms expiring June 30, 2018, and to consider the following: a) Lisa Clark, b) Lezli Schroeder, c) Clayton Schroeder, d) Adam McKinney; and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Item Number 9. Discussion for possible action to appoint individuals to fill three vacancies on the Battle Moun- -- Battle Mountain Livestock Events Center Advisory Board, a Category III board, all terms expiring June 30, 2018, and to consider each of the following: a) Lisa Clark, b) Lezli Schroeder, c) Clayton Schroeder; d) Adam McKinney; and other all other matters properly related thereto.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Make a motion to appoint the individuals to fill the three va- -- oh, no. There's three vacancies.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: There's four people.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: There's only --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Three --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- three.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- and --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah, there's four --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- people and three vacancies.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I think we need to decide between Lezli and Clayton Schroeder.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah, because aren't they wife and husband or --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I don't know relationship, but maybe.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well, I understand Jason Clark's already on it. And Lisa Clark is Jason's spouse.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: That would -- that would put a husband/wife team --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- on. Lezli and Clayton are husband and wife. That would be another husband or -- another spousal team there.
And then -- and --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: So what's the legal -- what's the legal opinion on this? Can you have a --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Sure.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: You can have two people from the same family on --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Sure.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- this?
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Even though they reside in the same home?
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It wouldn't matter. It's --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- an advisory board.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Common in- --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Common --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- interests.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: So I would -- I would think that putting Adam McKinney on would be good and then selecting either one of the Schroeders or both of the Schroeders or Lisa Clark.

Because we're going to -- I would guees, since they're spouses, they're probably going to help with the Livestock Events Center Board anyway whether we appoint them or not. So we're -- the -- probably all four of these people will be helping with the Livestock Event Center either way, --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- I -- I would re- -- I would think. So --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- just kind of pick which -- which -- which one of them do you want to be the husband and wife team as actual appointed members? Because the other spouse is probably still going to help.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can we -- can we appoint an alternate from this list?

CHAIRMAN MILLS: I don't --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I don't think --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: I don't know that we can.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- we call for --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: There's no alternate --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: We don't call --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- position.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- for an alternate -- do we? -- on this board.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- because there's a commissioner.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So if you look at it -- I'm actually -- you know, Lisa Clark's letter of -- of interest looks really good.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right. And then the other three are the exactly the same letter.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right. And -- and so I -- I think let's -- my -- my suggestion is, is Lisa Clark. And then to make a determination whether we want to vote for Lezli or Clayton Schroeder.

Because those two --

I -- I think for Lisa to step out and, you know, she's done this on her own, whereas obviously the other -- other ones are

the same letter. So she's taken the initiative to be original.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right. And I agree with that.

And I -- I don't know any of these people to know.

I mean, you could take into consideration between Lezli and Clayton. Are they both employed? Is maybe we put the one on that's not employed and they have more time to do something.

But I -- I don't know.

I mean, there's a lot of ways to look at it.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, when they don't come before us, it's -- makes it more --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: I know.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- difficult.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: It makes it hard.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: It really --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- does.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: But wait. I don't know anything about these people that -- to make any -- any other outside --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Draw straws?

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- item to influence the decision.

I don't know.

So I think it's -- I think whether we put Lezli or Clayton in, I -- I would bet both of them are still going to help out.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: True.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: So --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And they --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- we should just --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- both might --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- kind of --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- go. So --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah. So --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Do we go --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- kind of.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- alphabetically?

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Kind of pick one and put them in and -- and I think we'll probably get all of them anyway.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll make a motion to appoint to fill three vacancies on the Battle Mountain Livestock Events Center Advisory Board, a Category III board, Lisa Clark, Clayton Schroeder, and Adam McKinney.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: With terms expiring January 30th, 2018.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Terms expiring June 30th, 2018.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh, did I say January?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: January.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Second.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Sean made a motion. And Judie seconded.
Do we have any public comment?
COMMISSIONER WAITS: They were only on for three months?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
KEITH WESTENGARD: We get to do --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I --
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- this again real soon.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I hope we have a very nice letter. I'm -- I want to say a -- a rejection, but not choosing when people volunteer for these boards. And -- and -- and I hope we do, we send something out and encourage them to --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, in the letter, tell Lisa that there's an opening on the wildlife board that we need to fill.
I'm joking.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Or -- or she can reapply at -- as of June 30th, 2018, --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yes.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- and have her be appointed.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: So --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Gee.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: All right.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'm just joking, Nilla.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Other public comment?
(No comment.)
CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

AIRPORT

10) **Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove the agreement for professional services between J-U-B Engineers, Inc., and Lander County for the Battle Mountain and Austin Airports in an amount not to exceed $30,000 in each fiscal year without written authorization from Lander County, and all other matters properly related thereto.**

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item 10. Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove the agreement for professional services between J-U-B Engineers, Inc., and Lander County for the Battle Mountain and Austin Airports in an amount not to exceed $30,000 in each fiscal year without written authorization from -- from Lander County, and all other matters properly related thereto.

TOM LEMENAGER: Okay. I'm Tom Lemenager from J-U-B.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Good --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Morning.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- morning, Tom.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Hello, Tom.

TOM LEMENAGER: Good morning.

And this contract is kind of our yearly contract. We've been, I think, doing it with county for about thirty -- three or four years now at this amount.

And what it's for is for engineering services that don't apply under any of our regular contracts, for things that just come up, miscellaneous things out of the blue. And, believe me, there are quite a few of those that are outside of our typical contracts and -- like non-AIP stuff, non-airport-funded stuff, like from the FAA.

So the big one is this AIC planning that they -- that the FAA demands but won't pay for under any of their contracts.

And that's their -- their planning, their five-year planning, going to the meetings, talking to you people, putting the documents together. Going back and forth with the FAA and the state on those is a big part of that.

And there's other things that -- I looked at last year's charges to it, the approach questions at Austin that were kind of beyond the master plan. This crosswind discussion with BLM and working with BLM on some of these projects that we are working on

has taken up a lot of our time.

So basically this is set so that Keith can call and say, hey, I really need some help on something. And we can just take off on it and do what he wants us to do. And there's -- it just makes it really easy in that regard.

So that's kind of what this -- this contract is for.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's like having you on retainer.

TOM LEMENAGER: Kind of. Yeah. It's --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Historically they've been real good about not abusing that authority or that -- that option they have --

And the -- it's been reviewed by the District Attorney's Office.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I make a motion that we approve the agreement for professional services between J-U-B Engineering, Inc., and Lander County, the Battle Mountain and Austin Airports, in an amount not to exceed $30,000 in each fiscal year without written authorization from Lander County and authorize the chair to sign.

Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Judy made a motion. Sean seconded.

Do we have any public comment?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Just for the record, that it's noted it is time -- time and materials, T&M.

TOM LEMENAGER: Uh-huh. I think last year we spent about 20,000 of it. The year before, it was higher. It was a little higher. Yeah. And I don't know why the year before.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, I do. But it's okay.

TOM LEMENAGER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's over.

TOM LEMENAGER: Okay. All right.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

11) Update from J-U-B Engineers, Inc., regarding the status of airport projects within Lander County, and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item 11. Update from J-U-B Engineers, Inc., regarding the status of airport projects within Lander County, and all other matters properly thereto. Excuse me.

TOM LEMENAGER: So I'm going to go over about seven or eight projects that are going on, some of which we're under contract for, some of which we're not.

The first one -- I think I talked about last time I came here -- is this Taxiway C project that we've been designing.

And just to quickly go over the scope of it, it's this kind of goofy configuration the FAA makes us put in to approach Runway 12 at a right angle. Right now this taxiway comes in -- straight in. They don't like that. And so that we're doing this configuration that you see.

That's the main part of the project, actually. But we're changing the designators or the numbers on both runways. And that's because of the magnetic variations have changed out there. It happens every -- what? -- 25 years in an airport that you got to change the runway numbers because the magnetic changes.

So that means we've got to change the numbers on the runway and the signs accordingly to the mandatory signs coming into the -- both runways. Because both runway numbers are changing.

We're moving back signs off of Runway 3-21. That's another federal regulation.

And we're moving three wind cones. One of them is the lighted wind cone and the segmented circle outside the OFA of Runway 3-21, and two supplemental wind cones that are not lit are all part of that project.

So we've completed the design of the project. And we've had it done for about a month and a half.

And we sent it to the FAA. They have to review it.

And I don't know what their problem is, but it's taken about four to six weeks. Now, it's been five weeks that they have not sent back the answer to that review.

So I called the FAA guy about a week ago and said, Hey, did you get that copy of our plans and specs?

And he said, Yeah, quit bothering me about it. I'll get to it. So that's where we are with that.

And if we, then, get under contract for the bidding and construction portion of it, we can go to bid immediately after that review and the changes based on that review and get that thing out to bid.

The bid -- we want to get the bid out this spring. That's our goal. You know, that's the best time to bid these projects is early in the spring as we can when the contractors are looking for work.

So that's our goal, which kind of leads to the next project, which is the bidding and construction of the same -- same project.

And we're getting really close. Keith just gave me the numbers from the independent fee estimator, who on every job -- if I put costs to the county for a project, an AIP project or a federally funded project, then it has to be replicated by another firm.

So they look at each line item just like I do and put costs. And we have to be within 10 percent. That's the checks and balances of -- of -- that they have and you guys. And that's good for you guys.

The other thing is you have to be happy with it.

So apparently we're within 10 percent from what I could glance at. And -- and Keith seems happy at least.

So the negotiations will -- should be minimal. And we could go to contract and we can start the bidding on the project once we get the stuff back from the FAA. And that's the good news.

We need to keep everything rolling so we can get to that point.

The construction of it is -- is based on working around BLM's schedule towards the end of the year -- their --- their year, which is October 1st.

They're -- kind of die down on their firefighting.

So we're going to actually start right before that. But we're not going to encroach the runway safety area right here.

We'll do this kind of work. And they're okay with that.

And then once October 1st hits, we'll get out on the runway and change those numbers and do some of the shutdowns on the

runways one at a time and get that project done.

So it's a fall -- kind of a late summer/fall project.

The Battle Mountain hangars. We've been told and we're under contract to design hangars about 290 feet long, 40 feet wide.

And in getting into the design of that, we've come up with the idea of three buildings that are 90 feet long and 40 feet deep separated by about 10 feet for fire code.

And we started looking at the details of that and going over the costs of that.

Right now we're looking at a metal building with a steel structure with bifold doors. And those doors are kind of expensive. And there will be six of those. This will house at least six aircraft.

And we've submitted probably 75 percent plans. They're supposed to be 50 percent plans, but they're a little more advanced than that.

The problem is, when we put the costs together, it's more cost than you guys budgeted. So we're kind of working on trying to simplify some of the op- -- options and get those costs down. And that's where we're at now in discussions on how we're going to do that.

We can always bid the three buildings and make those bid alternatives and see where the cookies crumble as far as these contractors go and then go from there and cut pieces out if we have to. So...

But right now we're still in the design trying to figure out how to cut costs down --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: What are those --

TOM LEMENAGER: -- for the --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- estimated costs right now?

TOM LEMENAGER: Right now we're on one pod. Or one building is about 270. And the three together are about 716.

And this includes the grading around that. The only thing we left off so far is the actual taxiways would be something maybe the county could do and come in with loaders and cut out the bathtub and put some aggregate in there.

But the overall grading to make everything drain around those buildings is something we probably want a contractor to fine grade because it's pretty tight grading.

The other project at Battle Mountain is the fuel system.

It's lagging a little bit behind the Austin fuel system. We decided to go to bid on the Austin fuel system before the Battle Mountain.

At one time we were going to kind of try to bid them together. But we wanted to get the Austin one underway as fast as we could.

So the Battle Mountain one, the scope has changed a little bit. The last I heard, and what we're working towards, is a 5,000-gallon av gas tank, self-service, has the card reader. It's very similar to the one at Austin.

We started on the plans and specs. We're about halfway done with all that stuff. And we're hoping still -- well, we are going to bid it this spring. And hopefully -- we're telling the contractors at Austin that, you know, we're doing this. So hopefully we can get one contractor to get interested and have one contractor do the work, but we're not guaranteed that either.

So that's where we're at with the Battle Mountain fuel system.

We have a little controversy on the crosswind runway that was kind of a surprise to all of us after we went to Reno and talked to the FAA folks in this ACIP meeting that we had to establish the five-year plan.

They actually wanted to move the rehabilitation of crosswind runway 12-30 up the list because it's in pretty bad shape. And everybody seemed pleased with that. And then about two weeks later, they came in and said, Oh, by the way, that runway is ineligible. And their reasoning for that is the wind data that was given in the master plan that's about ten years old -- it's old data -- doesn't justify that crosswind and the fact that the main Runway 3-21 takes 95 percent of the wind coverage.

So they're digging in on that.

That's kind of a new thing with them. The FAA's gotten rid of crosswind runways. I believe they got rid of one at Elko and Winnemucca. And so they're really bearing down on costs right now on these crosswinds.

So what we did is we had a meeting with them. And we had BLM there. Keith was there. I think Doug was on the phone. And -- and we all talked about: Can we get some new data out of the AWOS here? And -- and give us a year to figure this thing

out and see if we can come up with numbers that are up to date.

So that's where we're at now.

And DBT, one of the -- the -- the firm that maintains the AWOS, has given us some data. And we're looking at that data right now.

So hopefully we can get some good news. I'm not real optimistic, but I want to think with a cup half full. So hopefully we can get numbers that we can present to the FAA and change their mind. This is a big deal -- it really is -- to -- on the crosswind because it needs help. And it's an expensive item. And the BLM uses it a lot in the afternoons when they're running their tankers because the wind seems -- seemed to change but we just can't seem to get it in the data, can't seem to get it out of the AWOS data yet.

So we'll see how that comes down.

At Austin, the project that we did last summer, the rehabilitation, we're done with all the work. We got the final report done. We're only hung up on an AGIS update the FAA made us do because when we changed the numbers on the runway and some of the markings in anticipation of a -- a better approach there.

So they made us do this AGIS update. And that's kind of tied to the master plan a little bit.

We're not done with that, so we can't totally wrap up the paperwork on that job even though the job is -- in the field is -- is totally done.

The Austin master plan. I talked to Steve to see exactly where he thought the project was. And his draft plan of the narrative part of the project, he says is 95 percent. And we're starting our in-house reviews of that narrative.

The drawings are about 90 percent done. The ALP set that's a big part of -- of the master plan is -- is really close.

So Steve said once we get the in-house stuff done, then he's going to come and present to you guys, before he sends that stuff off to the FAA, to get your approval on everything on that -- on that plan.

Unfortunately, the FAA's review after that is three to four months, typically. They're really slow.

And --

But after that, then we can publish, get all the documents signed, and -- and make them official.

The last project is probably the best news. We've got the Austin fueling system out to bid. We had a job showing yesterday. The prebid conference, we had two contractors show up. And LA Perks was not one of those. And I know they're going to bid the job because I've talked to the guy up in town that did the project last year. And he's certainly going to bid it.

So bid opening is March 20.

We're hoping for a bid of around 200- to 250,000. That would be the engineer's estimate on that.

We've got four or five contractors on a bid holder's list, which is good.

Just to let you know, if you don't already, we're turning the existing av gas unit into the Jet A unit. And then the new unit will be the av gas. And so we're going to make some switches there.

And --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Uh-huh.

TOM LEMENAGER: -- part of the contract is for the contractor to sump out the fuel and change the fuel over to the new tank, change some of the hoses out.

The -- the existing unit is a little bit overdesigned. And it's designed such that it could be the Jet A unit.

So that's the cost-effective, saving-us-money change that we're making. Even though both are identical tanks, it'll be 5,000-gallon tanks.

And in addition to that, we're installing a floodlight that's going to be right in front of the tanks and over the card reader. They -- I had Ray go out at night and look because we kind of wondered about, you know, the ability, if anybody came in at night, they might fall and it'd be liable and can't read the card reader. And sure enough, Ray says it's pitch black out there.

Even though I think the closest light is right off the end of the hangar there, it's not close enough.

So we're including a floodlight in there. And we're also installing four glass-covered house extinguishers on all four corners of the unit. So they'll be covered. And Patsy will be very happy about that, I think.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

TOM LEMENAGER: So --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I will be.

TOM LEMENAGER: So that's all I had on the review of the project.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: When you're -- when changing out the tanks, and you said, are the hoses the same size?

TOM LEMENAGER: No. No, the -- the hose on the jet or what's the av gas, the existing tank now is one inch. It's going to go over to the new tank. And the contractor supplies a 1 1/4-inch hose for the existing tank that will be for Jet A and the --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: For the --

TOM LEMENAGER: -- jet --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- Jet A. Okay.

TOM LEMENAGER: -- (indiscernible) for that thing.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: How about, like, how far they go? Like does a helicopter actually land further out than them bringing in their -- their airplanes? Or, I mean, the fixed-wing or anything? I mean, do they need to be longer?

TOM LEMENAGER: No. They're 75 feet long.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: They both --

TOM LEMENAGER: And --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- are.

TOM LEMENAGER: -- that's really --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And -- and so --

TOM LEMENAGER: -- standard.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- they both could fuel anything they wanted to?

TOM LEMENAGER: Yeah. Supposedly --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

TOM LEMENAGER: -- that length is real --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

TOM LEMENAGER: -- standard --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So just the --

TOM LEMENAGER: -- for that.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- diameter is different? Okay.

TOM LEMENAGER: Yeah. Yep, for delivery. Yep.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Thank you.

TOM LEMENAGER: Any questions?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.

TOM LEMENAGER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Tom.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank you.
TOM LEMENAGER: Uh-huh.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: And thank you for waiting.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Fourteen. I think.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yep.

COMMISSIONERS

14) Discussion for possible action regarding the human resources director vacant position and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Moving to Item Number 14. Discussion for possible action regarding human resource director vacant position, and all other matters properly related thereto.

So before we start on this topic, I need to let you know that at our last commission meeting I screwed up on this.

We had this -- we had this on the agenda and discussed it in closed session. When we came back to open session, we didn't address it and should have. So I messed that up.

So the direction we gave Keith, I asked him not to do anything. And then we're going to readdress it today.

You can -- you can say exactly the same thing you said at the last meeting, give them exactly the same direction, whatever you want to do, or, I guess, you can give him different direction. I don't -- I don't know.

But basically what we're doing, we're starting over and hopefully remedy a possible open meeting law violation.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And (indiscernible).

CHAIRMAN MILLS: So --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And this is exactly how you remedied it. Because --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- because a violation of the open meeting law invalidates what happened.

And -- and we don't have a record of what happened. So now we're creating one.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

So Keith didn't -- after the last meeting, Keith didn't do

anything. He didn't -- he didn't follow the direction given. And we're -- we're starting fresh again today.

KEITH WESTENGARD: So for a recap, we did have approximately 38 applicants that put in for the HR director job from all over the country.

Of those 38, I did sit down with a committee member. And we did rank those applicants. There were nine that met all six of the criteria that was set forth.

Of those nine, prior to the meeting, the last meeting, I did contact them to ask them if they were still interested in the position, what they expected as a salary, if they knew where Battle Mountain was.

I had six questions that I asked them.

Of the nine, eight exceeded the maximum salary that the commission put in place of $80,000.

The -- the salaries ranged -- what they expected for salaries ranged from 81,000, starting, to 140,000 a year as a salary.

One individual said he would consider a salary of 70,000 a year. But in order for him to be interviewed, he wanted the county to pay for his travel and per diem to come to the county. And he was in South Carolina.

So my question that I'm asking you is would you like me to go the second bank, which met five of the six criteria set forth by the -- by the committee?

And then I can contact them and see what they're expected as a salary -- what -- what you put in place of 45- to 80,000 a year?

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I think that you should do that.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Find out what their expectations are salary-wise.

KEITH WESTENGARD: All right.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: If we need to start meeting.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Does the commission have any appetite for paying travel and per diem? Because there's one person in state and that individual's in Las Vegas. The rest are all out of state.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, the -- the person that wants $70,000, but they need transportation and per diem, that's still going to be less than $80,000.

KEITH WESTENGARD: That -- that's correct.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's --

KEITH WESTENGARD: And I -- I -- I had planned on inviting him to an interview if the commission would be willing to pay the travel.

The way -- the way I put it out to them is their first interview with the committee could be a Skype or a phone-type interview.

But if they finished in the top five out of those original top 9, they would be required to come to the county and do a face-to-face interview, which everyone was fine with except the one individual.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Did you already do the phone interview?

KEITH WESTENGARD: No.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Why don't we start there?

KEITH WESTENGARD: There's only one.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's fine.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well --

I -- I don't have a problem with the -- the second group.

KEITH WESTENGARD: And we could include the first person in that group.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: In -- and -- and exactly.

Is --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- is -- is do that -- is -- is contact the second group to get their financial expectations.

And you might weed out a lot. And -- and who knows if you get, you know, four or five, whatever.

Do the video interviews. And if we have to, I don't have a problem with --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- transportation. Does anyone else?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I -- I don't have a problem with that. And I don't have a problem moving it up.

If we're talking qualified people that have been in this positions for a period of time, I have no problem with moving it up.

Because, I mean, what did we pay to do some of the training with some of our past ones?

I mean, you know, $25,000 like here just to put on top.

And so I -- I understand that sometimes it costs you a little bit more. But if you -- if they really come in okay. And, of course, it isn't just qualifications on the paper. It's -- it's our background checks and -- and -- and our resources that we have to look at to make sure that they weren't asked to leave their current position, et cetera, et cetera.

We don't want to buy a problem. We want to buy somebody that's really going to get into this position.

Because this position just shows liability all over the place for Lander County. It truly does. It's a very key position.

And, therefore, I have no problem bumping this up to a hundred thousand or a little bit more if you've got the people that -- that will qualify for -- under that.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So you haven't done any of the phone interviews. You just asked them their price range?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Correct. Well, there was six questions, is were they still interested in the position? What was their expected salary? Were they -- did they know what Lander County wa- -- where it was? What it was all about?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Just start with the first batch and do the phone interviews.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Uh-huh.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And then go from there.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Now, --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And then we'll --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- see, I --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- go from there.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- I -- I have a problem with -- when they -- I really have a hard time justifying bumping up the salary range over $80,000 to start out. That's a lot of money.

And I'm not diminishing the qualifications or -- or job description and duties involved.

That's a lot of money.

And -- I -- I understand it is an important position. But we've had some very good HR directors before. And they haven't, you know, they haven't made that.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, I'm sorry it's -- it's such a litigious society today that's different than it was ten years ago. But it truly is. There's no question.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: If --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And there's more things out there all the time with HR that you've got to stay on top of.

But if you take what we paid some of our past ones and then you add the training on the top of it. And what -- what did we pay for training? Wasn't it $25,000 that we -- that we contracted with Gene to come in and do the extra --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Oh.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- extra training on top of the salary?

I mean, you've already bumped it way over, you know, what -- and then the $10,000 increase that you all voted. I mean, come on. You're talking big bucks.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That for an --

KEITH WESTENGARD: It was --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- HR?

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- it was only 5,000, Commissioner Waits.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: If you pay --

KEITH WESTENGARD: It wasn't --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- peanuts, you're --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- going to hire monkeys. That's just the way it is.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Sometimes. But you also have to look at a lot where a lot of these people are -- are coming from. Their wages, their cost of living is higher.

You know, it's acceptable or accepted that that range, they could be doing the exact same job where they're from and be getting 140,000, whereas we're going to be paying 70-.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Because of the cost of living. Okay. Let me --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Because of --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- let me -- let me ask Keith if we can put it in perspective.

Have you discussed any of this with POOL/PACT?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes, as a matter of fact I have.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Because POOL/PACT actually has done this type of job seeking for the different counties.

KEITH WESTENGARD: They -- and they have given

recommendations.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

KEITH WESTENGARD: That -- that is correct.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So if you can give us a range on -- on where we are so -- to see if we truly are out of line by going that far.

KEITH WESTENGARD: On a salary range?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes. I -- I would appreciate that, to put it in perspective for us. Would that be okay?

KEITH WESTENGARD: I -- I -- I do need to point out that of the six criteria, the top nine met six of the six criteria. The next group, they were -- they met five of the six, which --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: How many in --

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- had --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- that group?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Eighteen. If I -- 18, which was PERS administration because they're not part of the -- they don't -- they don't know a lot of -- anything about PERS. So there was no -- they had benefit experience, but not PERS-specific.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

KEITH WESTENGARD: So my thoughts on this is these people are going to be very similarly qualified. And they're probably going to be looking at some of the same salary ranges.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

KEITH WESTENGARD: And not to put you on the spot, Monica. But -- Monica.

MONICA SILL: I hear you.

KEITH WESTENGARD: May I get the --

Would you offer anything to this? Or --

MONICA SILL: So Monica Sill, for the record -- record.

My comment would be to Keith's point. Quite a pool of qualified applicants.

Will there be training and orientation to Lander County should we -- should you select from either the first pool or the second pool? Absolutely. Because first was the culture that you need to orient them to and then the way that Lander County is ran.

My belief is if they have benefits experience, that the PERS package that comes with the Lander County benefits, just them having that knowledge would be extremely helpful in getting them to where they need to be in relation to PERS and the administering

of that program. So --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Monica, what salary range?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We have to get moving on this.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: What do you --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We need to --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: What --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- settle on --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- is your --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- this.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- opinion of what is --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- is realistic for our county?

MONICA SILL: If you get a qualified person that meets all of the criteria, 80- to 100,000 is reasonable.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Make a motion, Patsy.

KEITH WESTENGARD: So I -- I have a two-fold question before you put your --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- motion into effect.

Number one is: Are -- are you willing to raise the salary? If so, I would like that in the motion.

And number two, are you willing to entertain maybe the top five or ten, whatever you decide as the commission, to pay for their travel in a -- in a second interview? In a -- in a second.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Because some have done the phone interviews.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Now, I'm saying phone interviews would be --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Is second.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- first. But if we go to that second stage, we get the top five or ten, I'd like a number on that. Then we'll go ahead and offer them travel.

Those are -- those are my questions. I guess it's three.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah. We do need to get going. There's no question. Okay.

So -- so the motion is for our executive director to do the phone interviews --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: With the committee.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- with the top --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That would be our -- our selection committee, wouldn't it?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah, it'll be the --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, to handle --

KEITH WESTENGARD: It'll be --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- it. He doesn't do the phone interviews --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- himself. No, no, no. He's -- arranges. Okay. Arranges the phone interviews for the top nine? Is that what we're looking at? The ones --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, the top nine, they were up to 140,000 a year.

And if I tell them that we only --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. We --

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- pay --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- need to -- we need to qualify as we go along. But -- but we're looking at the top nine to -- to fill in. So -- so start your look with the top nine.

Of those, I would say that we -- we move the salary. It's at 80? Okay.

We move the salary up no higher than -- than 100,000 for consideration and that we pay travel expenses for the top three.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And I guess in that respect, you know, if they're saying that they'd consider it for 140-, if they're play- -- applying for a job, they might consider less.

Although I still have an issue with that -- that salary range, when --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: But we have to be flexible.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, we have to be flexible. But then when you stop and -- and -- and look at other positions within the county and the education required -- for example, our district attorney -- and you want to pay an HR director a hundred thousand dollars? That's a lot of money.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, you have to remember, some of the things are -- are handled by NRS, not necessarily by qualifications. I mean --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I -- I -- but --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- what I'm --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- so --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- saying --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- therefore --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- is, you don't -- sure. There's -- there's education involved in that. Doesn't necessarily --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- mean -- and I'm not trying to say that just because you have a --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I understand your --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- college --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- point --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- education --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: And I would --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- you're --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- love --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- smarter, but --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: And I would love to do that. And I hope we can pay less.

But the bottom line is we've got to fill the position. And we've got to fill it qualified. And we just can't make a mistake.

Can --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: I --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- they sign --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: I --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- can they sign a commitment letter?
COMMISSIONER CLARK: I -- I've got a question.

You get a bachelor's degree and you earn an HR certification? Or do you have to have a bachelor's and a master's to earn HR certification?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, you can get an -- a cert- -- a -- a degree in human resources. But --

And it can be a -- a master's or a bachelor.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Or --
KEITH WESTENGARD: But you can also get different certifications within HR.

There's a professional --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Like risk --
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- human --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- management --
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- resources.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- and things like that.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Different things. And I -- I --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Without any -- any degree.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. Without any degree.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. But --
KEITH WESTENGARD: So --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- these people that we're talking to, they're -- they have all the certifications, all the paperwork done, and they have experience so they can walk right in and we don't have to hire someone to train them.
KEITH WESTENGARD: No. That's -- or that's correct. Yes.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. But they will go to trainings just to keep updated in the state.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So the top tier.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The second tier, not necessarily true.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Always continuing education on anything you --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- do.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. So Patsy has made a motion. And Art seconded.
Do we have any public comment?
MONICA SILL: One more comment I would like to make -- Monica Sill -- is that Patsy's point, checking with POOL/PACT, I think that that's necessary. And I also think that you should check with the other counties to see where their salary's at to make sure that you're in alignment and to not create any equity issues.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Got that?
KEITH WESTENGARD: Got it.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Other --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Then --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- public comment?
All in --
KEITH WESTENGARD: I -- I --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh, go ahead.
KEITH WESTENGARD: I -- I did have one other thing that I wanted to --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: We haven't voted yet.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, I wanted to bring something up I meant to bring up.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, on this?
KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, I thought you were going off somewhere else. I'm sorry.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Oh.
I -- I did actually contact POOL/PACT and got it -- got some names to have somebody maybe come in on a temporary basis to fill in in the HR position. It wouldn't be full-time. It wouldn't be benefited. It would be a part-time deal.
We're starting to fall behind. And there's a lot of additional workload put on Finance and -- and Nilla and so forth just to keep up with our insurance and benefits.
So I am looking at that. I got -- I got some names from John Bates. I also got some organizations that we could maybe look at.
So there might be somebody at a part -- in a part-time, 20 hours a week or something like that, on a contracted basis, to come in and -- and at least get HR in somewhat of a -- of an order. Just as a note.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: How -- how much longer do you expect this hiring process to take?
KEITH WESTENGARD: I hope -- I want somebody in it.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, why don't you put an item on the --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- next agenda that we can address this.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I think we can address --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: I'd like --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- it now.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Because it does deal with HR.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: I think --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So we can --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- that's a --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: (Indiscernible.)
CHAIRMAN MILLS: I think --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I think --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- I kind of think that's okay. Because --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- it's kind of rude to have someone come in and say, Hey, clean up our mess. It would --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Too --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- be nice to clean it up a bit before -- a bit before --
KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- they get here.
KEITH WESTENGARD: And we've been --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: And that's -- I --
KEITH WESTENGARD: We need --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- think that's respectful.
KEITH WESTENGARD: We've been working. Nilla's been working on it. And -- and Cindy and Laken. They've all been working to try to keep things up.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right. But that's a --
KEITH WESTENGARD: But --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- lot to ask.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- they -- they are -- there is some issues in -- in -- I mean, don't go in the HR office.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: And you have it in your --
KEITH WESTENGARD: Things are just --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- budget.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- stacked in there.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: You have it in your budget; right?
KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. Yeah.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

KEITH WESTENGARD: And -- and, like I said, it would just be a part-time.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: So we just have two motions on the one item?

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah. We'll do it separate.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's okay.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, yeah. I -- I mean, --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- I can --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Because --

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- do what --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- this one, then.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- what you said as far as --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: What?

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- Patsy's motion --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: (Indiscernible.)

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- goes.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. So we have a -- a motion on the floor.

Do we have any further comment on that one?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Or do you want to combine the two, Patsy?

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Nah, we'll -- we'll -- let's --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We'll do --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- do it --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- it --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- separate.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- in separate.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: We've got a motion. Let's take --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- care of that one.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Does somebody want to make another motion?
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah I'll make a motion --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Did you vote on it?
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Opposed? No. Aye.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh, opposed?
You're opposed.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Nay.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Opposed to it.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. One opposed.
I'll -- I'll make a motion on this item that we give the executive director permission to seek out a part-time person.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Or a third party.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: On a contract basis.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Or a third party.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: A third party. Right. Contract basis on the interim until we get a -- a full-time HR person.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll second.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do we -- is that clear enough? Or do you want to --
KEITH WESTENGARD: No. That -- that's --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- hire?
KEITH WESTENGARD: No.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: To hire?
KEITH WESTENGARD: That -- but --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Because if somebody looks back at this and said, oh, you only got permission to look for somebody.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm going, --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You're --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- Ah, --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- come on.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: I said to contract.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: There's --
KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Two possibilities. He can -- he can do an independent contract with -- with an individual --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- that POOL/PACT recommends.

Or he can contact a third party HR outfit out of Reno --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- and -- and contract --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- temporarily to do it.

So the -- he's got two choices. So that -- as long as the motion allows him to -- to seek either -- either choice, it would be good.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That give you enough freedom there on that one?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

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

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I just thought of something.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Too late.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, we didn't put any kind of fee schedule on that.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, and I think it's up to our executive director. He knows the feelings of the --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- county and what we need to do.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. Just to clarify that.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And it's --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No. We didn't. We didn't --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It would --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- mention it.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It would be --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Because --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- a contract either way, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So it's have to come before again --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- further.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes, --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- ma'am.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. Got you.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good. Okay.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: So did you want to vote? Because I don't think you voted on that. So --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I think I --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, you --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- did, but --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- didn't. Aye.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I made the motion, so aye.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: All right.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Vyper.

15) Discussion for possible action regarding Vyper Adamas and their proposed memorandum of understanding to Lander County as a future production site, and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Fifteen. Discussion for possible action regarding Vyper Adamas and their proposed memorandum of -- memorandum of understanding to Lander County as a future production site, and all matters -- all other matters properly related thereto.

So here's another one that we discussed in closed session at our last meeting that I did not address after the closed session was over when we went back to open session.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes, you did. We talked about it.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, we did.
UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: No.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: In open --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah, we did.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- session?
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No, we --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah. Abs- --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- didn't.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: No. We came back in open session and

we talked about it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No, we didn't.

ELIZABETH BARELA: No, you didn't.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: I don't think we --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Did we --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- did.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- do it?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: So --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Really?

CHAIRMAN MILLS: I --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- wanted to give -- I wanted to give a -- quick overview of -- of what we discussed.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Hm.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Now, keeping in mind that we're dealing with a -- we're dealing with military contracts. And there's an element of confidentiality involved with that.

So I'm going to give a very general overview. And it's basically that this -- this Vyper Adamas organization is -- is looking for a location to do some production of military vehicles. We are one of the sites that they are looking at.

So they came to talk to us about it and -- and largely to get our input and a feel from us as to whether we would be receptive to that.

I think we kind of gave them the impression that we are receptive.

And that's -- that was -- that was the basic idea of the conversation that we had with them.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Ted, did --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: So today before us we have a mem- -- we have an MOU from them that they would like us to sign to further pursue that idea of them opening up a production site here for those vehicles.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So, Counselor, what do you think of this MOU?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I talked to -- what was the guy

I talked to, Keith?

KEITH WESTENGARD: That was Ken.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Ken.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Ken Lukens.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I talked to Ken Lukens on the phone about this. And in this document it talks about nondisclosure agreements.

But the document itself is not contained in a nondisclosure. So they didn't give us notice. And I asked them specifically, is this okay to make public record and public knowledge?

And he said, yes.

So it is a nonbinding. And it -- it does not disadvantage Lander County in any way to sign this document. It's just an understanding that that entity and Lander County will go into negotiations to try to develop this -- this project.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I -- I have a comment on that because when it says nondisclosure -- and, like you said, here we are with the public and saying, what is it they don't want us to disclose in this MOU? I didn't see anything that --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No, they're --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- made any difference.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: (Indiscernible.)

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Did they -- did they tell you that -- that we were the only county they were doing an MOU with? Did they offer any of that information? Or are they doing an MOU with two other counties? I was just curious.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You know, I didn't ask that.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, okay. Well, I -- I wondered.

I wondered if that meant, Okay. We're serious, and we'd like to go further with you.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, I'm wondering that --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And the other --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- myself.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- thing I wanted to offer -- do you remember when -- well, if it wasn't public, I guess you wouldn't remember.

But I did ask if they were working with GOED, with our government office on economic development. And I didn't know why they weren't because it seems like they would comply with the current incentives that were there.

And since then, I understand that they are in --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They are.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- contact with GOED. So that's --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- a good thing for --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- all of us.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: So just --
KEITH WESTENGARD: I --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- just to --
KEITH WESTENGARD: I have a phone --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: On that, I understand that the gentleman from GOED -- I think his name is Steve, but I'm not sure.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: No.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Not --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Matt --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- Steve?
KEITH WESTENGARD: Matt.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- Moore.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Matt.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Matt.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Matt.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: That's it.
KEITH WESTENGARD: I spoke with him yesterday. Yes.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: He went and actually went to the Vyper --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Carson City.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- site in -- in Carson --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: In Carson City?
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- and -- and looked at their facilities and talked to them. And he came -- apparently came away kind of impressed with what they've got going on and was -- was pretty pleased with what he saw there.
So I thought that was a good --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: All a good --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- thing.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- thing.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yep.
KEITH WESTENGARD: At the meeting last week, he -- he invited the commission to go to the plant.

And I -- does the commission have any interest to go tour it?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I -- I'd talked to our resident expert and asked him to check it out, Doc Peters. And he called me back and said that --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- they would be a great asset to Lander County.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good deal.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I think the agreement is -- would be a great asset. The -- the bottom line is, what do we need to do? And what do we --

To do this -- because NRS, you know, tells us a lot of things we cannot do that they were requesting they might like us to do.

So --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- we have to watch it very closely under our legal advice. But with that, there's nothing binding on the MOU so --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah. So I -- I would like to say, I don't -- I don't have a problem signing the MOU.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Me neither.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I don't know.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: But as -- as we go, if -- if this proceeds and we go further into this, I would really like GOED to be involved.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Absolutely.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: And -- and I would also kind of like to include NNRDA and our LEDA --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: They all should be.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- to -- to help us out with some of these things that are going on with this.

Because I'd really hate for this commission to do this kind of without some backup support.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I don't th- --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: This is kind of --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I don't think --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- this is kind of big.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- we would in a heartbeat.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I have all --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: This -- this is --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- kind of big.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- confidence --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: And it's --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- in this commission.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: We're probably going to step into a lot of areas that we're not familiar with. And I think the more eyes we have on it, the better off we'll be.
KEITH WESTENGARD: So --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: So that's just a recommendation.
KEITH WESTENGARD: So Monday I have a call set up with Matt from GOED as well as Sheldon Mudd from NNRDA.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
KEITH WESTENGARD: And we'll -- we're going to go over some things here. I spoke with Nick this morning. And I have conference call with him this afternoon after 2:30 to discuss -- well, I'll let him know this was signed -- but -- once it's voted on and then to discuss some of the items that they talked about last week.
And then at that time, I can ask him if -- he wanted some advance notice if you guys wanted a tour of the plant.
I'd --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: I wouldn't --
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- like --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: I wouldn't --
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- to do --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- mind --
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- that.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- doing that, personally. But --
KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. How could we do that as a commission?
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, first of all nothing was discussed last week.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, this was in a phone call with Nick.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Oh, okay.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. This was a phone --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: As long as it wasn't --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. No, it was -- it was in a phone call with Nick.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I'll --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So when are you meeting with --
KEITH WESTENGARD: This afternoon I'm going to call him at --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- about 3:00.
He called this morning.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah, that's fine.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. All right.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'll be at that meeting Monday.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: But I -- the meeting? When was the meeting?
KEITH WESTENGARD: 10:00 o'clock.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: (Indiscernible.)
KEITH WESTENGARD: (Indiscernible.) I'll call you in (indiscernible).
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah, I'll -- I can call in.
KEITH WESTENGARD: I'll call you.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: All right. Sounds good.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: So get a motion?
COMMISSIONER CLARK: I make a motion that we --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: There you go.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- we approve the MOU, the nonbinding MOU with Vyper for a future production site.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And authorize the chair to sign.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: And authorize the chair to sign.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Art made a motion. Sean seconded.
Do we have any public comment?
(No comment.)
CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item 16.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Do you want to do Robin? The pool?
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh. Yeah. We can do that; Robin's here.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Where is Robin?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Number 5.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Way back.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh, 5.
ROBIN SMITH: I'm sorry, guys.

5) **Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove closure of the Battle Mountain Recreation Center one day a month for deep cleaning, and all other matters properly related thereto.**

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item Number 5. Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove closure of the Battle Mountain Recreation Center one day a month for deep cleaning, and all other matters properly related thereto.

Good --

ROBIN SMITH: Robin --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- morning.

ROBIN SMITH: -- Smith, for the record.

Yeah. As we discussed at the last commission meeting, I would like to be able to shut the rec center down one Monday a month.

We can pick the same, you know, second or third Monday every month so that we can do a deep clean in the pool, scrub the pool walls.

We -- we scrub them. We scrub the deck every day. But I think that for sanitary reasons, it would be great to have one day to really scrub, get a good scrub on the walls.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. I'll make motion to close the rec center down one day a month for deep cleaning.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Do you want to designate which day of the month in your motion?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'll let that up to Robin.

ROBIN SMITH: I'm going to pick the third, third Monday every month.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

ROBIN SMITH: I don't know why. Just --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Just advertise it.
ROBIN SMITH: Okay.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Don't need --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- second.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. With that, then, might I also ask that you look ahead on the year. Because that Monday might fall on a holiday.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Uh-huh.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: And we don't want that messed up and not open on a holiday when everybody might like that. So...
ROBIN SMITH: Okay.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: So the Monday you choose, just scoot ahead a year and see if anything is falling with a holiday on that --
ROBIN SMITH: Okay.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- when you look.
ROBIN SMITH: Definitely.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I was thinking the same thing, --
ROBIN SMITH: For sure.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Patsy.
ROBIN SMITH: Huh?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I was thinking the same thing.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Really?
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Great minds thinking alike.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: How about that?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Art made a motion. And Judie seconded.
Public comment?
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Public --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Did you have --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- comment?
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- something more, Sean?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, I'm good.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
Public comment?
(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
ROBIN SMITH: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Robin.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Let's see.

16) Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove a donation to MedX AirOne, and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item 16. Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove a donation to MedX AirOne, and all other matters properly related thereto.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I asked for this because, when they came, they asked -- they mentioned donations. And it costs us $2500 a year for the service.

So I was thinking that we would donate $1 per resident of Lander County. I think that's like 5800.

When you have over a hundred care flights a year for $2500, I don't think that a donation of $5800 is too extreme, too out of the ordinary.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Keith, do you know how much we pay REACH?

KEITH WESTENGARD: I believe it went up to 6,000 this year if I remember correctly. I could double -- but I'll double-check.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: It went up this year.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes, --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's --
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- it did.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- why.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It did.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: But that's -- that's two different

services; right?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. Yes.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I -- I would -- my thoughts would be is take it up to whatever we pay REACH so that they -- we pay the same amount to both of them.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: To be the same thing.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, no. If we're paying -- how much are you --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: If we're paying 6,000, we have 5800 residents, bump it up the --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I know, --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- the --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- but we're already --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- donation to 6,000.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But we're already paying, like, 2500 or something -- aren't we? -- for MedX. The difference.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'm thinking, like, a hundred dollar donation.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Didn't you just say that we're paying $6,000 a year?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. That was --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- that was to MedX.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's to REACH.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. To REACH.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But we're only paying -- what? -- 2500 to MedX?

KEITH WESTENGARD: No. We did- -- we didn't pay them anything.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hey, and you got the- --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- the- -- these companies when they do their flights, though, --

KEITH WESTENGARD: We didn't --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- they charge the insurance companies.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: True.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: They're still getting paid.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: They're still getting money.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah. No, see --
KEITH WESTENGARD: We --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- what I -- I'm sorry. I was -- I was thinking that we already paid so much to MedX. But I was talking about the difference up to the --
KEITH WESTENGARD: No.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- 6,000. That's what I was --
KEITH WESTENGARD: We --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- thinking, Art.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- we did that in the -- in a past --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- fiscal year.
But when he came and explained it, he said it's a service that they just provide hoping to get the donation.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
KEITH WESTENGARD: So we -- we do pay REACH --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: 6,000.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- 6,000 a year. But we haven't paid MedX this budget year.
We -- we -- this was from last budget year --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- when we did pay them. But we didn't --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: How about a thousand?
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Do you want to just pay them the same amount?
KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Is that -- is that what you're thinking?
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah. I would say --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: All right.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- let's pay --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, no.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- MedX the same --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: That's kind of the same as Art's. It's -- it -- it flush -- it's $200 --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It makes it --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- difference.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- but that way we don't have to --
But I'll make a motion that we pay MedX the same amount that we pay REACH --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- per year for their services.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Donate.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Donate.
Yes. Donate.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're going to formalize that?
Okay.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: So we'll --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I have a question, Counselor.
When we donate on something like that, can we put it in the name of something?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, I think there's an NRS where we're not allowed to donate.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's --
I'm going to have to look this up. But I -- I don't know if we can donate. We can do the grant.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: But I'd have to --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Then if -- if we can't donate, then grant them.
But I was just kind of curious if we could donate, say, in the name of --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You could -- you could make a grant in the name.
But I -- I don't know if we can make any --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And I think --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- donations.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- we ought to wait for our budget process.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. Let's wait. Let's table this until then. You ch- -- Ted can check it out.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: They're really --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- not the same. And they don't give the same service either. I mean --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No, they don't.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And maybe it's something --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- we need to --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- entirely different, --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- Judie.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, no. I mean, that's fine. Is -- is maybe put it on the budget --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Budget --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- workshop to -- to do a grant, then.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, you --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: So you want to --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- you've --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- you want to --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- rescind your motion?
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I will -- I will pull my motion.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And I'll make a motion that we direct Keith to request a grant for MedX AirOne in the amount of $6,000 for medical serv- -- for services to Lander County residents.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Judie made a motion. Art seconded. Do we have any public comment?
(No comment.)
CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye. I hope that's right.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Opposed?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Nay.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't want to have to come --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Nay.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- back and --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: All right.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- redo things.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Moving on.

18) **Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove the contract between Lander County and Steven Stanfill dba Lone Wolf Commercial for preventative maintenance services for several facilities owned by Lander County in Battle Mountain, Nevada, and all other matters properly related thereto.**

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item Number --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Nineteen.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- 18. Discussion for possible action --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh, 18.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Hm?

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'm sorry. (Indiscernible.)

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Item 18. Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove the contract between Lander County and Steven Stanfill dba Lone Wolf Commercial for preventative maintenance services for several facilities owned by Lander County in Battle Mountain, Nevada, and all other matters properly related thereto.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Anna's gone. She just walked out. So Keith?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Is what it's -- it's a standard maintenance contract. I do know that. It's been reviewed by -- by the district attorney.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: This is the second year we've done it or third year.

KEITH WESTENGARD: I believe it's the third. Yes. Or the beginning of the third. Yes.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Any questions you need, Ted? Good?

JEANNE FALZONE: Just to let you know, first off, I did correct page number 109 or page number 1 of the contract. I had not -- when I used it as a template, I forgot to change the dates. So we do have the correct contract in Sadie's hands.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

JEANNE FALZONE: And this contract went up just a little bit versus the last one because they added four facilities for him to service.

But it's still a good deal. It comes to -- oh -- it's 3669 a quarter. And he maintains all those HVAC, ice machines, things like --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Has that gone --

JEANNE FALZONE: -- that.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- up any? Has that gone up any?
KEITH WESTENGARD: Slightly. It's gone up slightly.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's gone --
KEITH WESTENGARD: But we added four facilities.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Ah.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We -- yeah. We've added four facilities. So I -- I don't know.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. I'll make a motion to approve the contract between Lander County and Steven Stanfill dba Lone Wolf Commercial for preventative maintenance services for several facilities owned by Lander County in Battle Mountain and authorize the chair to sign.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Sean made a motion. Art seconded. Any public comment?
(No comment.)
CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

19) Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove a contract between Lander County and Hilltop Refrigeration, Inc., for preventative maintenance services for several facilities owned by Lander County in Austin, Nevada, and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item 19. Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove a contract between Lander County and Hilltop Refrigeration, Inc., for preventative maintenance services for several facilities owned by Lander County in Austin, Nevada, and all other matters properly related thereto.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Another renewal.
And I -- I asked Anna to come in because I don't think it went up.
JEANNE FALZONE: There's no --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.
JEANNE FALZONE: -- changes.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: There's no changes. It's -- it's a two-year contract now.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We've made that.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. I'll make a motion to approve a contract between Lander County and Hilltop Refrigeration, Incorporated, for preventative maintenance services for the several facilities owned by Lander County in Austin, Nevada, and authorize the chair to sign.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Sean made a motion. Art seconded. Any public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

20) Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove a contract between Lander County and Nevada Energy Systems, Inc., for preventative maintenance services for the standby power system located at the Lander County Courthouse and Administration Building, and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item 20. Discussion for possible to approve/disapprove a contract between Lander County and Nevada Energy Systems, Inc., for preventative maintenance for the standby power system located at the Lander County Courthouse and Administration Building, and all other matters properly related thereto.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Nothing?

KEITH WESTENGARD: The only change --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No changes?

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- here is the date.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Two years.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Make a motion to approve a contract between Lander County and Nevada Energy Systems,

Incorporated, for preventative maintenance services for the standby power system located at the Lander County Courthouse and Administrative Building and authorize the chair to sign.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Sean made a motion. Art seconded.

Public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

21) Discussion for possible action regarding a letter of appreciation/support for John Ruhs, state BLM director, and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item 21. Discussion for possible action regarding a letter of appreciation or support for John Ruhs, state BLM director, and all other matters properly related thereto.

So on this one we did meet with John --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- the other day at the BLM with their -- at the lunch they had. And we asked him pretty specifically about this.

And there was some question as to whether he was being moved to Idaho voluntarily or was being forced to move and whether he'd like us to send a letter asking him, you know, for him to -- to stay in Nevada.

Well, the indication is pretty much that he's -- he's moving. It's not necessarily his choice. But there's -- there's really not much to be done about it.

So I did tell him -- I thought, well, we can -- we'll still send a letter of thanks to your boss. What's his name? Zin- --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Zinke.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Zinke?

UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Secretary Zinke.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Zinke.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Secretary Zinke.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Ryan Zinke.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: In appreciation for the work that he has done for us here in Nevada. Because he -- he really helped us a lot with the -- our grazing rights or grazing problems we had a couple years ago. He really stepped in and helped us a lot, was very beneficial to our county. He really defused a -- a potentially volatile situation. And it was very helpful to us.

And I think it would be nice for us to let his supervisors or his boss know that he really did a lot of -- a lot of good for us here in Lander County and show our appreciation for him.

As far as -- as far as requesting him not to be moved, there's really nothing to be done about that. He's moving. And that's just how it is.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Perhaps -- perhaps we could add to it, in their consideration of their new regional zoning, that it works out wherever he might be, working with Nevada again.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I was going suggest that we have a paragraph in there of a plea for reconsideration of moving John because of all the support that he has.

But it does sound like he's -- they're -- they -- that the higher-ups have made up their mind, that he's going to Idaho.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah, --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I did --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- when we --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- I -- I did have a discussion also with John. And -- and just like Doug had stated, you know, point blank asked him what he wanted.

And he -- he was very appreciative of our suggestion to send a letter of thanks and support to let his boss know how much we did appreciate his service and possibly maybe mentioning the good work that he's done.

Is on a positive note, put our little, I guess, digs in, so to speak, that, you know, like I said, positively that we're going to miss him and why we're going to miss him.

And the other thing I did ask him was, did he have -- was -- was he in the position to not so much decide who his replacement was going to be but have -- have a little bit of knowledge and -- and whatnot? And he did indicate to me that, yeah, he got to kind

of have a little bit of say in that. So hopefully whoever is replacing him, John will give them his support as well. That it will be somebody that is maybe along, you know, thinking in his lines also.

So whoever we get can be -- be another John Ruhs. But, yeah, John was very -- very thankful in that we wanted to do something like this, but definitely not a -- a protest of his leaving.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll make a motion to approve a letter of appreciation for John Ruhs, the state BLM director, and have our executive director draft it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

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

FRANK WHITMAN: Austin here. Frank Whitman, for the record, for the PLUAC.

We also just want to support the commissioners in their effort there. We're very thankful for John's effort on resolving and breaking the deadlock on the Argenta issues. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you, Frank.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thanks, Frank.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thanks, Frank.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

CORRESPONDENCE

24) Correspondence, reports, potential upcoming agenda items.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Move to Item Number 24. Correspondence, reports, potential upcoming agenda items.

(The following correspondence was received:

1. Monthly reports to Lander County Commissioners,

January 2018.

2. United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Elko District Office, regarding public input on proposed Dormant Season of Use Programmatic Environmental Assessment.

3. United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Mount Lewis Field Office, regarding 2018 Julian Tomera Ranches Stockmanship Plan Alternatives.

4. United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Elko District Office, regarding proposed AUM suspensions and rehabilitation objectives.)

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Who's going to sign the letter?

CHAIRMAN MILLS: We can have all the commissioners do it if you want.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Uh-huh.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, for the chair to sign or whoever.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well, I --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I say we all sign it.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I say --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: I think we can --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- we all --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- all --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- sign it.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- sign it, I think.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Sure.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Correspondence? Upcoming agenda items?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Rock Creek. And everything John told us in the meeting.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: The racetrack.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well, that will just go in the budget.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Our judge from Austin.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh, yes.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We need --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No.

Because we --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: We need to discuss what we're going to do with the justice court. That needs to be on --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: That needs to be --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- agenda.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- on the agenda next --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But didn't -- to give Keith direction to -- to advertise for that? Or --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No. What needs to go on for discussion first.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That's what I'm --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well, --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- asking --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- is --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- I think we can make it an action item also, can't we?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, you can.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Discussion --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: A discussion --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- and action --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- and action.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: But I'm saying before we advertise, --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Decide what to do about the --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- before we --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- judge.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- do anything, we want -- but it's a discussion and action item.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: But I'm saying, you said what do we need to do, Keith? And I said, we need --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I didn't know if he was ready to advertise yet. Or --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, we need --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- if that would --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to discuss --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- be part --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- it --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- of the --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- first.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's what I'm saying.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Next month, April, is county month.

And a lot of the counties love to put something in the paper or advertise something. I don't think we need a resolution per se. But it would be nice to put something together to our constituents of what the counties do.

Whether we want to make it specific to us, that's fine. If not, we can -- you can go online, Keith, and, you know, the NACO Explorer that tells all the different counties, tells all the things we do, like over -- overall counties are responsible for 60 percent of all the roads and 38 percent of all the bridges and so forth and so on.

So they -- they like you to blow your own horn just a little bit to tell the counties some --

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Do -- we --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- of --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- kind of do --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the things that you've involved in.
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Didn't we kind of do that at the special meeting when the --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It -- you --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- elected officials --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: But next --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- and boards --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- month is county month. I'm just saying if --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- you'd like it --
COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- on the agenda for us to talk about it, that's --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's a --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the time to do it.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Keith?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- that's a good idea, Patsy.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Uh-huh.
Sadie?
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I'm just waiting for public comment.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: You don't have -- you don't have upcoming agenda items?
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Nope.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Anything --
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I still --
CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- else?
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- want you to zoom right through that in.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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

Public comment?

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Sadie Sullivan, for the record, Lander County clerk.

We got our 21 printers in for the machines for our voting.

We just unloaded. That's why I was in and out. So I apologize for that.

For our touchscreens for our precincts, for here for the north, those were delivered today.

We are not for sure if Vote Tech, which has our electronic poll books, if they will be ready to roll or not.

We do have one here. We ordered six totals -- total.

So we still may have you sign in on a paper ballot. We might do duplicate just to make sure. Because it will be new. So anyway, we're moving forward. And I just wanted to give you a heads-up.

And if you want to come look at the office and all the exciting equipment, we're full.

So just an update that we're getting all our equipment in.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: When is -- when is the primary?

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Our early vote is May.

Let me grab my calendar.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: (Indiscernible.)

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- was on the special meeting in her little PowerPoint.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: So June 12th is -- is our actual primary.

Okay.

So the first day of early vote is the 26th. It's always the weekend of Memorial Day. So my staff really loves me. Because that weekend they don't get to go too far.

And then early vote is also the 29th through June 1st. And then June 4th through the 8th and all at the civic center -- center still. So --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: That's --

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thanks.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- for this year. Thank you much.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Any other public comment?

(No comment.)

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Motion to adjourn?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I make a motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.

CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

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ATTEST: Sadie Sullivan
LANDER COUNTY CLERK

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