

The Honorable Board of Lander County Commissioners met in special session in the Commission Chambers of the Lander County Courthouse in Battle Mountain, Nevada on May 21, 2012 at 8:45 a.m.

**PRESENT:**     **DEAN BULLOCK, COMMISSIONER**  
                  **STEVEN STIENMETZ, COMMISSIONER**  
                  **DAVID MASON, COMMISSIONER**  
                  **RAY H. WILLIAMS, JR., COMMISSIONER (Via Telephone Conference)**  
                  **SADIE SULLIVAN, CLERK**  
                  **ANGIE ELQUIST, DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
                  **JAMES BARNES, DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
                  **GENE P. ETCHEVERRY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
                  **ROGENE HILL, FINANCE DIRECTOR**  
                  **SOVIEDA ROBINSON, HUMAN RESOURCES**  
                  **CATHY MYERS, DEPUTY CLERK**

**ABSENT:**     **BRIAN GARNER, COMMISSIONER**

**8:45 A.M.**

Chairman Dean Bullock called the meeting to order.

Let the record reflect a quorum of five Commissioners.

Commissioner Mason led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Let the record reflect the presence of Austin and Commissioner Williams via telephone conference.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA NOTICE**

The Notice of Posting was reviewed and found to be in order. Commissioner Stienmetz moved to approve the Notice of Posting. Seconded by Commissioner Mason, the motion was voted and carried. **APPROVED**



## **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

No bills to be reviewed at this time.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Executive Director, Gene Etcheverry, said the well at the airport has failed.

**9:00 A.M.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

- 1) **Public Hearing To Receive Opinions From Members Of The Public On The Lander County Tentative Budget & Tax Rates For Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2012 Before Final Action Is Taken & Other Matters Properly Relating Thereto:** Finance Director, Rogene Hill, addressed the Board and said there have been a few things brought to her attention that may need to be addressed by the Board. The Austin Fire Truck, that had been proposed asking for \$235,000.00, was approved by the Board for \$170,000.00. They are coming back to ask for the additional \$65,000.00. Commissioner Bullock said from the comments, at the Budget Hearing, \$170,000.00 seemed adequate for the going rates. Commissioner Williams addressed this issue and explained why this new truck was needed in Austin. Dee Helming explained the issues and repairs needed with the old trucks. Donnie Negro, Road and Bridge North, said they need four wheel drive in Austin because of all the snow they get and they will be the first to fires to protect structures until the BLM or Forest Service gets to the fire, then they pull out. Ms. Helming said the \$235,000.00 includes new equipment like the "jaws of life" and explained that most of their equipment is so old they no longer meet the safety requirements. Rogene Hill said Austin has used only \$373.00, through the end of April, on repairs for their equipment. Ms. Hill broke down the cost of the truck. She said it was a F550 four wheel drive crew cab \$65,000.00, Chaparral Fire bed for \$75,000.00 and safety equipment, foam injection equipment and additional rescue equipment for \$95,000.00. Roger James, Austin Fire Chief, said they do have extrication equipment that is old but still useable. Ms. Helming said they have to be serviced and when they come out to service the equipment they could tell them how safe it is.

Ms. Hill said the Library is asking for an additional \$6,235.00 for the cost associated to an additional six hours a week so the one employee can continue to be covered by insurance. She said there was an audit and discovered they had been furnishing insurance on employees that did not have the correct amount of hours to be qualified for insurance. Ms. Hill said the total cost is \$9,239.00, but they put in \$3,004.00 for the



drop box. She said they would take that off the plate if the County would cover the \$6,235.00.

Ms. Hill said the \$6,000.00 will need to be adjusted to the Battle Mountain Town budget for the Fourth of July. The Battle Mountain Chamber is asking for an additional \$2,500.00 for Event Insurance. She said any events held on Lander County property is required to have Event Insurance. Commissioner Bullock said even though it's a County function, because the Chamber is a non-profit organization and they are running it, they are not covered under the County Insurance.

Executive Director, Gene Etcheverry, said there was a request from Austin sewer and Water for equipping the town with transponders. He said that would be \$48,000.00 to \$50,000.00. He also said there had been some more requests made, by Commissioner Williams for maintenance on Austin facilities. Ms. Hill said Austin had sent in a list to the Joe in the building department. Mr. Etcheverry said he thinks most of the issues had been handled through the budget. Ms. Hill reviewed what was listed in fund 29. She said the Sheriff replacing the exterior drain along the building, the Courthouse addition exterior to the electrical, the mezzanine repairs to the Courthouse, Town Hall electrical repairs, Town Hall miscellaneous repairs/ramp, Senior Center roof replacement and painting and repairing the shop. Commissioner Williams said it is mainly general housekeeping like paint and caulking around the windows.

***Commissioner Bullock closed the Public Hearing for the Lander County Tentative Budget and Tax Rates for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2012.***

- 2) **Discussion For Possible Action Regarding Proposed Changes To The Final FY 2012-2013 Budget & Other Matters Properly Relating Thereto:** Commissioner Bullock asked where the added expenditures would be taken from if they were implemented.

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, said they should have talked about the issue with the Airport Well. Commissioner Bullock said that would have to come out of the 2011-2012 budget. They would have to pull some emergency funds because that can't wait until July with the fire season coming.

Commissioner Bullock asked where the extra \$65,000.00 would come from. Ms. Hill said it would have to come from fund 29 or it could come from ending fund balance.

Commissioner Williams moved to proceed to find the funding of \$65,000.00 for the new fire truck for Austin. Seconded by Commissioner Mason, the motion was voted and carried. **APPROVED**



There was discussion on the \$6,235.00 for the Library so the Librarian didn't lose her insurance. Commissioner Bullock asked if the Librarian was covered under any other insurance or Medicare. He said he didn't want her to not be covered, but if there was other insurance that she was covered under, he doesn't feel adding six more hours was necessary.

Commissioner Stienmetz moved to leave the hours the same at the Library and not approve the \$6,235.00 and the current contract is still in effect with no additional hours. Seconded by Commissioner Mason, the motion was voted and carried. **NOT APPROVED**

For the \$2,500.00 for Event Insurance that would cover the Fourth of July, the Parade of Lights and the Lander County Fair. Ms. Hill said this would come out of the Battle Mountain Town Fund, Grants, or Ending Fund Balance. Ms. Hill said the Board had approved \$601,505.00 and with the additional Event Insurance of \$2,500.00 the additional Fourth of July expense of \$6,000.00 would bring the Battle Mountain Town Grants to \$610,005.00. Ms. Hill said last year they approved \$42,700.00. She said the increase was mainly for the racetrack and the motocross fencing and systems.

Commissioner Stienmetz moved to approve the additional \$2,500.00 for the Event Insurance. Seconded by Commissioner Mason, the motion was voted and carried. **APPROVED**

Ms. Hill said the last one was for the Austin Water and Sewer #2 for the \$48,000.00 for the transponders. She said Lander County paid off their debts and they are paying for their arsenic project and are a large player in the relocation of their sewer ponds. Ms. Hill said they should have savings. Louie Lani said this was to install them not replace them. He said they are not required but it would be a cost savings when it comes to reading the meters and accounting for all the water that is being used.

No motion was made on this issue.

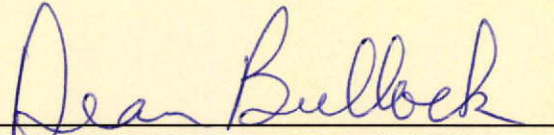
#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Executive Director, Gene Etcheverry said the Department of Taxation really looks at the Budget when it is sent to them to make sure everything is in order.

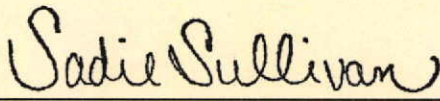


**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board at this time, Commissioner Stienmetz moved to adjourn the meeting of May 21, 2012. Seconded by Commissioner Mason, the motion was voted and carried. **ADJOURNMENT**



**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF LANDER  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE  
LANDER COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD**

ATTEST: 

**LANDER COUNTY CLERK**

**NOTE:** *The Board of Lander County Commissioners serves as the town Board for the unincorporated towns of Battle Mountain and Austin, Nevada.*