

The Honorable Board of Lander County Commissioners met jointly in special session with the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners and the Pershing County Board of Commissioners in the Humboldt Courthouse in Winnemucca, Nevada, on March 25, 2013 at 3:00 P.M.

PRESENT: DEAN BULLOCK, COMMISSIONER
STEVE STIENMETZ, COMMISSIONER
DAVID MASON, COMMISSIONER
PATSY WAITS, COMMISSIONER
SADIE SULLIVAN, COUNTY CLERK
CATHY MYERS, DEPUTY CLERK

ABSENT: BRIAN GARNER, COMMISSIONER
ROGENE HILL, FINANCE DIRECTOR

Let the record reflect the presence of a quorum of four Commissioners.

JOINT MEETING BETWEEN THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY COMMISSION, THE LANDER COUNTY COMMISSION, AND THE PERSHING COUNTY COMMISSION. A joint meeting was held with Humboldt and Pershing Counties to discuss Sixth Judicial District budget and other matters of interest. Those present on behalf of Humboldt County were Commissioners Jim French, Dan Cassinelli, Garley Amos, Mike Bell, and Marlene Brissenden. Present on behalf of Pershing County were Commissioners Darin Bloyed, Pat Irwin, and Carol Shank.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA NOTICE

The Notice of Posting was reviewed, found to be in order and approved by consensus of the Board. **APPROVED**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

- 1) **Discussion For Possible Action Regarding Budgetary Issues Affecting The Sixth Judicial District Court & Juvenile Department & Other Matters Properly Related Thereto:** The District Court Budget was discussed regarding some modest increases. The District Court Budget was approved.

There was discussion on the decrease in the Court Reporter Budget. The Court Reporter Budget was approved as presented.

There was discussion on the Drug Court Grant. Honorable Judge Michael R. Montero explained the Sixth Judicial District was awarded, nearly, a \$1 million grant from the SAMHSA Federal grant. This grant is split over three years and began October 1, 2012. It is an enhancement grant, which means it is money that is only available to add additional services over and above what they were able to provide under the current funding sources. Judge Montero explained new people coming into Drug Court qualify for the new enhanced services. These funds can and are utilized in all three Counties, and closely monitored by the Federal Grant Program. Judge Montero also explained when this grant is gone they may not be able to provide those enhanced services. They are not adding any full-time employees. The Drug Court Budget was approved as presented.

There was discussion on the requested increase of counseling dollars in the Sixth Judicial Juvenile Probation Budget.

Pershing County requested the 60/20/20 split change to a 60/25/15 with Lander County paying the increase on the Sixth Judicial Family Services. It was stated there has been an increase of referrals over a three year period coming out of Lander County.

Commissioner Bullock asked how many years analysis Pershing County had done on this. He was told three 2010, 2011 and 2012. Commissioner Bullock questioned Honorable Judge Richard A. Wagner, if this seemed to be the trend because Lander County was being blindsided by this.

Honorable Judge Richard A. Wagner explained how he came up with the formula of 60/20/20 to avoid fight between the three Counties on who would pay what with the Sixth Judicial Court. Over the years this has reflected the work load over all of the District Court and the Juvenile as well. There is a little variation from time to time. At the current time Lander County has more Juvenile cases and less District Court.

Commissioner Bullock stated, from what he is hearing, this is the first time in three years that Lander County had been above Pershing County. He also added if Lander County is hearing more Juvenile cases then they need to take a look at the District Court hearings and evaluate that as well because it is the opposite.

Judge Wagner explained there is more to these numbers, and the Juvenile Department has changed in its scope of what they do. The numbers they are looking at are numbers for Juvenile Delinquencies. There are also cases where children are taken from the home, due to abuse or neglect, and require a Guardian Ad Litem. Judge Wagner stated, in terms between Counties, he thinks it is Pershing County's position that Lander County would be better off from the mining money they receive.

Commissioner Bullock questioned what the expenses of Lander County are compared to Pershing County paying for Juvenile versus District Court.

There was discussion on leaving the formula 60/20/20 as it is and avoid constant changing the percentages back and forth. The formula has been working well for 25 years.

There was no consensus between Lander and Pershing County. This action was tabled.

- 2) **Discussion For Possible Action Regarding The Bureau Of Land Management (BLM) Wildfire Fighting Charges, The State Forestry Wildfire Fighting Proposal, & Other Matters Properly Related Thereto:** Michael Klug, Northern Region Forester for Nevada Division of Forestry, and Scott Rasmussen, State Fire Management Officer, addressed the three County Commissioner Board's to answer any questions they might have. They have presented their presentations to all three Counties.

Commissioner Bullock asked if they had their Legislation hearing and how it went.

Mr. Klug said the hearing went well and their budget is set to officially close on April, 4, 2013. This proposal is proceeding very well. There have not been any changes to what was proposed.

There was discussion on how this program will work, and hiring about thirty more full-time seasonal Firefighters.

Commissioner Bullock said Lander County is just waiting for the paperwork to move forward.

- 3) **Discussion For Possible Action Regarding Issues Affecting All Three (3) Counties & Other Matters Properly Related Thereto:** All other issues discussed did not relate to Lander County.


**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.*