



The Honorable Board of Lander County Commissioners met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Lander County Courthouse in Battle Mountain, Nevada on May 26, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.

**PRESENT:**     **STEVEN STIENMETZ, COMMISSIONER**  
                  **RAY H. WILLIAMS, JR., COMMISSIONER**  
                  **DEAN BULLOCK, COMMISSIONER**  
                  **BRIAN GARNER, COMMISSIONER**  
                  **DAVID MASON, COMMISSIONER**  
                  **SADIE SULLIVAN, COUNTY CLERK**  
                  **JAMES BARNES, DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
                  **GENE P. ETCHEVERRY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
                  **ROGENE HILL, FINANCE DIRECTOR**  
                  **CATHY MYERS, DEPUTY CLERK**

**9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Stienmetz called the meeting to order.  
Let the record reflect a quorum of five Commissioners.  
Commissioner Bullock led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Let the record reflect the presence of Austin via teleconference.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA NOTICE**

The Notice of posting was reviewed and found to be in order. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Agenda Notice, as posted. Seconded by Commissioner Garner the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

**APPROVAL & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Regular Session Of May 12, 2011**

Commissioner Bullock moved to approve the minutes of the regular session of May 12, 2011, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Williams, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**



**Special Session Of May 16, 2011**

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the minutes of the special session of May 16, 2011, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board reviewed the following correspondences that are retained in the Clerk's Office.

PHILIP WILLIAMS, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, to Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN), letter requesting PUCN's help with an issue of major concern to Central Nevada.

PHILIP WILLIAMS, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, to Jim Rigby, Tonopah Ranger District, letter of support for Timber Hill Exploration Project.

PHILIP WILLIAMS, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, to Keith Whaley, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, letter supporting the leasing of any and all Forest Service lands in the Austin and Tonopah District for geothermal projects.

JOE SAWYER, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, to Mr. Park Blair, Al Park Petroleum, Inc., letter regarding 2011 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report – Battle Mountain Conoco, 501 East Front Street, Battle Mountain, NV, Facility ID #5-000326, Petroleum Fund Case #1999000064.

JOSEPH SAWYER, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, to Estate of Martin T. Wessel, letter regarding 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2011 Monitoring Report, Former Ted's Chevron Facility, 474 West Front Street, Battle Mountain, NV, Facility #5-000104, Petroleum Fund #1999000052

NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, Notice of Workshops to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to Nevada Administrative Code 445B.001 – 445B.3689: Air Controls: Air Pollution.



NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, Notice of Decision, Water Pollution Control Permit #NEV0087061, Battle Mountain Gold Corporation, Newmont Mining Corporation-Operator, Fortitude/Reona/Phoenix Project.

Commissioner Williams stated there was one other correspondence in regards to the Public Hearing on the Scoping BLM RMP.

**9:01 A.M.**

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Williams reported on the upcoming NACO Annual Conference to be held in Portland Oregon July 15th thru the 18th. He also reported on Memorial Day coming up and the Veterans are putting Flags up in the Austin Cemetery, and there will be a ceremony on Monday May 30, 2011. He also reported on the Fourth of July Gridley Days in Austin, and the request for the use of a vacant lot for a band.

Commissioner Garner reported he had received a lot of complaints in regards to the minutes of the meetings, that they are not written out in form anymore and people don't know what is going on. He stated that there are some people in the community who cannot obtain the audio of the meetings. Commissioner Garner also reported that Convention and Tourism would like the Commissions support in directing a letter to Rich and Grady in regards to whether they should to resign or stay on the Board, and to please be present for that meeting. Commissioner Garner then referred back to previous meetings, in regards to the Ambulance, and what was said to Emergency Management Solutions in regards to whether or not they were asked to do anything in our community with the Ambulance service. Commissioner Garner then stated that in the April 28<sup>th</sup> Commissioner meeting there were only Emergency Management Solutions and Karlene Andreola on the agenda for the Ambulance Service, but Phil Hannah was allowed to speak and a motion was made to do a Memorandum of Understanding between the Hospital and Lander County, upon Mr. Hannah's proposal. Commissioner Garner stated this was a violation of the open meeting law. James Barnes, Deputy District Attorney, explained that the agenda item says "Discussion and Possible Action and Other Matters Properly Relating Thereto" and the purpose of this agenda item was to figure out a plan for the Hospital. Commissioner Garner argued that the Hospital was not on the agenda, and there should not have been a motion made on the Hospital's proposal. Commissioner Garner reported that the Ambulance is not getting better it is getting worse and there is going to be some big problems. Commissioner Garner said that there have been many promises made and nothing has been done.



Commissioner Garner stated that last Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> a STAT page had gone out at 1:30 in the morning, and he responded on the second page. Upon arrival to the hospital a third page went out. They picked up a pregnant minor to transport her to Winnemucca. Due to the delay, she went into labor and the baby later died at Humboldt General Hospital. Commissioner Garner also stated that Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> there was a roll over that took 32 minutes and four or five pages to get someone out there. He also said on Tuesday night he listened to three more calls of a critical over dose patient before he took the call. The flight crew had been waiting on the ground for 35 minutes, and Commissioner Garner took the flight crew to the hospital. Commissioner Garner said that people needed to start looking at the problem right now, and stated that this was intentional neglect. He also stated the baby of the minor was his grandson. Commissioner Garner then dismissed himself from the remainder of the meeting.

Commissioner Steinmetz reported on the attendance of the Newmont breakfast, and that Newmont was continuing on their Copper leach and they will be having several Contractors in to do some work and then they will be hiring new employees. Newmont will be doing some more mining out at Lone Tree before it gets flooded. They will also be doing more mining at Trenton Canyon and Pilot Peek. Mr. Stienmetz stated there was need from Newmont and from John Davis for housing. Commissioner Williams asked if Commissioner Stienmetz asked if anyone would be interested in serving on the Land Board. Commissioner Stienmetz said yes he did and it was going to be put out among the people.

**9:21 A.M.**

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Executive Director, Gene P. Etcheverry, updated on the Austin T21 Grant, Austin Loneliest Highway Visitor Center Project. The sixty percent (60%) design has not yet been submitted to NDOT or SHIPO. Mr. Etcheverry said he would find out what was needed to get that submitted, and stated the need to get this project out to bid as soon as possible. Mr. Etcheverry said that Lander County's Ambulance Bill SB138 died due to political disagreements and was not brought up before the assembly of Health and Human Services Committee. Commissioner Williams stated that the provisions of that bill should be reviewed to inform the public on who is authorized to operate Ambulances. Mr. Etcheverry reported that PACT POOL met on May 25, 2011 and the Policy Review has begun and would be about a two to three month process to update the Policies and Procedures. Mr. Etcheverry also stated that PACT POOL will be providing Board training in June. Mr. Etcheverry updated on a Webinar from PACT POOL, on May 25, 2011, on the new Americans Disability Act (ADA) the ADA AAA which is an amendment to



the ADA which explains the accommodations for those with qualifying disabilities. Mr. Etcheverry also reported that in the Battle Mountain District Office, on June 14, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. there would be the Resource Management Plan SOCIO Economic Workshop. **UPDATE ONLY**

**9:27 A.M.**

**PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

Commissioner Bullock moved to approve the submitted expenditures in the amount of \$431,269.35 from check #36761 thru #36833. Seconded by Commissioner Mason, the motion was voted and carried with Commissioner Williams abstained from check #36832. **APPROVED**

Commissioner Bullock moved to approve the expenditure of check #36759 to Wells Fargo Remittance for \$822.80. Seconded by Commissioner Mason, the motion was voted and carried. **APPROVED**

Commissioner Bullock moved to approve the voucher for \$100 to the State of Nevada Department of Conservation for the Airport Water Permit in the Battle Mountain Airport. Seconded by Commissioner Mason, the motion was voted and carried. **APPROVED**

**9:31 A.M.**

**PAYROLL CHANGE REQUESTS**

1. Approval of Employee Change Request for employee number 0060, New Hire, Swimming Pool Manager, \$1,111.20 bi-weekly, effective May 16, 2011.
2. Approval of Employee Change Request for employee number 1118, New Hire, Second Year Lifeguard, \$8.50 per hour, effective May 16, 2011.
3. Approval of Employee Change Request for employee number 1120, New Hire, Second Year Lifeguard, \$8.50 per hour, effective May 16, 2011.
4. Approval of Employee Change request for employee number 1191, New Hire Fourth Year Lifeguard, \$9.11 per hour, effective May 16, 2011.



5. Approval of Employee Change Request for employee number 1199, New Hire, Second Year Lifeguard, \$8.50 per hour, effective May 16, 2011.
6. Approval of Employee Change Request for employee number 1253, New Hire, Second Year Lifeguard, \$8.50 per hour, effective May 16, 2011.
7. Approval of Employee Change Request for employee number 1308, New Hire, Second Year Lifeguard, \$8.50 per hour, effective May 16, 2011.
8. Approval of Employee Change Request for employee number 1363, New Hire, Second Year Lifeguard, \$8.50 per hour, effective May 16, 2011.
9. Approval of Employee Change Request for employee number 1418, New Hire, Second Year Lifeguard, \$8.50 per hour, effective May 16, 2011.
10. Approval of Employee Change Request for employee number 1440, New Hire, Assistant Pool Manager, \$11.65 per hour, effective May 16, 2011.
11. Approval of Employee Change Request for employee number 1473, New Hire, Second Year Lifeguard, \$8.50 per hour, effective May 16, 2011.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the employment requests 1 thru 11, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the motion was voted and carried. **APPROVED**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no one present for public comment.

**9:34 A.M.**

#### **FINANCE**

- 1) **Budget Review & Update:** Rogene Hill, Finance Director, addressed the Board and updated them that she was working on the budgets. Ms. Hill stated that she and Mr. Etcheverry had met with Kafoury on May 25, 2011 to review the pre audit information, and GASB 54 and all the new requirements. Ms. Hill stated there would be doing several



resolutions to have everything in place by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Hill the requested signatures on the Budgets. **UPDATE ONLY**

**9:36 A.M.**

2) **Discussion & Possible Action Regarding Write-Offs Of Uncollectible Lander County Ambulance Billings & Other Matters Properly Relating Thereto:** Mr. Gene Etcheverry updated the Board on five uncollectable insurance billings Ambulance runs:

1. Run #2008611 – DOS 07/01/2010 - \$39.75 (uncollectible)
2. Run #2008612 - DOS 07/01/2010 - \$59.75 (uncollectable)
3. Run #2008659 – DOS 08/23/2010 - \$143.00 (uncollectible-sent to small Claims/no show)
4. Run #2008614 – DOS 07/05/2010 - \$ 120.00 (uncollectible-sent to Small Claims/no show)
5. Run #2008765 – DOS 12/30/2010 - \$92.00 (No estate thru D.A., deceased)

Commissioner William moved to approve the write-offs of the uncollectable billings for Ambulance runs #2008611, #2008612, #2008659, #2008614 and #2008765 in the amount of \$454.50 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Mason, the motion was voted and carried. **APPROVED**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

3) **Presentation & Update On The Mosquito Abatement Program:** Mr. Robin Gray of Seven Valleys, LLC, addressed the Board to update on the Mosquito Abatement Program. Mr. Gray informed the Board that due to the flooding in the area, the water causes mosquito eggs that are in the soil to hatch, and there is more mosquitos per acre this year then there was last year. Mr. Gray explained there are other mosquitos building up in the flood waters such as the Vector West Nile and the Malaria Mosquitos. There have been two aerial larvicides, one for 21,000 acres with a 77% kill, and a 2,500 acre spray. Mr. Gray informed the Board that mosquitos have a flight range of ten to fifteen miles, and the adult mosquitos are going to be the biggest problem. Commissioner Mason asked what the citizens might be able to do to about mosquitos in their yards. Mr. Gray stated there are many different kinds of repellants out there or products you can purchase at the Hardware store that contain pyrethrum in them that



can be sprayed on the vegetation and when the mosquitoes rest in the vegetation they will die. Mr. Gray also stated that bug zappers do not attract mosquitoes, but if you hang a container of dry ice over the zapper that would attract them. Mr. Gray stated that when the weather was more suitable they would be spraying an adulticide. There was discussion about dropping dragonflies or the use of bats. Mr. Gray said bats and dragonflies alone would not be adequate to get the mosquitos under control to the satisfactory of the public. Mr. Gray plans to make at least one more big larvicides spray and two adulticide sprays before the end of June. There was question about using portable foggers, and Mr. Gray said they work ok on smaller towns that may only take a few hours but bigger towns take more than one night to fog and is not very effective for bigger towns. **DISCUSSION-UPDATE ONLY**

**10:06 A.M.**

**COMMISSIONERS**

- 4) **Presentation Of Status Regarding Interlocal Contract Between Lander County & Division Of Health Care Financing & Policy (DHCFP) To Provide Administrative Services Necessary To Implement Medical Assistance Program:** Gene P. Etcheverry, Executive Director, addressed the Board and explained this was a contract that was most likely not subject to change. Mr. Etcheverry also explained that if all seventeen (17) Counties don't sign up for this then the State doesn't get the money from the Federal Medicare Program to provide the service. Commissioner Mason asked what this program means. Mr. Etcheverry explained it was to provide assistance for long term care to an individual. Mr. Etcheverry then explained that Medicaid is principally funded from the Federally Medicare Program, and that there are over 150 forms of Medicare or Medicaid programs. Mr. Etcheverry's recommendation to the Board is to approve and sign this contract. **DISCUSSION-NO ACTION**

**10:19 A.M.**

- 5) **Discuss & Approve/Disapprove Tentative Agreement Between Lander County & Lander County Sheriff & Lander County Sheriff's Association From July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013:** Gene P. Etcheverry, Executive Director, addressed the Board and informed them that the agreement met the criteria that were allowed to pursue during negotiations. Mr. Etcheverry distributed a description of costs that is a new report that has to be distributed at the time of approval of any of these agreements (NRS Chapter 288). Mr. Etcheverry reviewed the costs of this agreement with the Board.





Commissioner Mason questioned if all parties involved where in agreement, to which Mr. Etcheverry stated yes.

Commissioner Bullock moved for the Commission to approve and ratify the tentative agreement between Lander County and the Lander County Sheriff and Lander County Sheriff's Association, effective from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013. Seconded by Commissioner Williams, the motion was voted and carried. **APPROVED**

**10:23 A.M.**

- 6) **Discussion & Possible Action Regarding Lander County's Issues/Concerns To Be Addressed By Gene P. Etcheverry or Ray H. Williams, Jr. For The 2011 Legislative Session & Other Matters Properly Relating Thereto:** Gene P. Etcheverry updated the Board that midnight on June 6<sup>th</sup> is the end of the 2011 Legislative Session. He stated that Rules are suspended, and have been for about a week. The key issues are budgetary. Lander County's EMS Bill, SB138, died. AB449, Economic Development issues, looks like it will go through. SB49, in regards to Nye County and the Roads, has been signed into Law. Commissioner William updated the Board on NACO conference call meeting held on May 25, 2011, and stated that there where fifteen (15) of the seventeen (17) Counties present. Clark County was not present for this meeting, but Commissioner Collins, of Clark County, sent out an email stating he supported the continuance of the Sunset Tax. Commissioner Williams stated if they were to extend the Sunset Tax it would take away a lot of the other bills that were involved, such as Senate Bill 491, which increased the Mining Tax fees, and Assembly Bill 569 for the service tax. There was a vote of 13 to 3 that the language should read "the Legislative should enact taxes only as a last resort and NACO may support extending the Sunset in existing taxes". NACO does not support the continuing diversion of the nine cent in property tax from Clark and Washoe Counties. NRS 288 was discussed on changes being made to the collective bargaining units, which would help Counties be able to better control their cost of salary and benefits. Mr. Etcheverry shared concerns in regards to the Sunset Tax and of Net Proceeds being paid by the Mines on a projection basis. Commissioner Williams stated the SJR15, would change the Constitution in regards to Net Proceeds.
- NO ACTION – UPDATE ONLY**

**10:50 A.M.**

- 7) **Discuss & Approve/Disapprove Food Service Agreement Between Lander County & The Lander County School District To Provide A Lunch Program To The Students At The Austin School & Other Matters Properly Relating Thereto:** Executive Director, Gene P.



Etcheverry, explained the purpose of the Agreement to provide the National School Lunch for the Austin School. There was concern about the "Actual Cost" of this program. These concerns were addressed.

Commissioner Bullock moved for the Commission to approve the Food Service Agreement between Lander County and the Lander County School District to provide a lunch program to the students at the Austin School for the period of one (1) year, commencing July 1, 2011 and terminating June 30, 2012. Seconded by Commissioner Mason, the motion was voted and carried. **APPROVED**

**12:59 P.M.**

**TREASURER**

*Let the record reflect item #8 was moved for discussion until after item #13.*

- 8) **Discussion & Possible Action To Declare Various Items Surplus & Other Matters Properly Relating Thereto:** Grace Powrie, Treasurer, updated the Board on the items available for the surplus sale. Ms. Powrie stated she had some inventory to do and would be creating pallet for non-working items and putting out the items that are working. This is a seal bid auction only and it would be submitted to the paper on May 27<sup>th</sup> and be posted in the paper on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Powrie stated she has made herself available by appointment only for Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in the afternoon if people want to look at the items available. Ms. Powrie wants the public to be directed only to her to look at these items. The Bids must be in Ms. Powrie's office by 4:00 P.M. on June 15<sup>th</sup> to be accepted. Bids that are postmark but not received in her office by this time will not be accepted. There was discussion of the items listed for the sale, and the minimum bid of the items. There were items listed that were removed from the sale due to concerns of copyright and liability issues.

Commissioner Bullock moved to approve the Lander County surplus list as presented by Grace Powrie and pending to approval of the District Attorney's Office and allowing Grace to adjust the sale as needed. Seconded by Commissioner Mason, the motion was voted and carried. **APPROVED**

**10:56 A.M.**

**ROAD & BRIDGE NORTH**



- 9) **Discussion & Possible Action On Waiving Landfill Fees At The Battle Mountain Landfill During The Town Clean-Up Scheduled June 10-19, 2011 & Other Matters Properly Relating Thereto:** Donnie Negro, Road and Bridge North, addressed the Board and informed them that this is an annual clean up. They waive the fees at the Landfill and have done this for the past two or three year. Mr. Negro stated they put dumpsters out, and during the week they send loaders out to pick up curbside. Mr. Negro asked that a red X be marked on items for pick up.

Commissioner Bullock moved for the Commission to accept the proposal and authorize the waiver of the landfill fees at the Battle Mountain landfill during the town clean-up event scheduled June 10-19, 2011. Seconded by Commissioner Williams the motion was voted and carried. **APPROVED**

**10:57 A.M.**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

- 10) **Discussion, Update & Possible Action Regarding The Battle Mountain Arsenic Project & Other Matters Properly Relating Thereto:** Steve Brigman, Project Engineer Shaw Engineering, and Jake Edgar, Public Works Foreman, updated the Board on the water project. Mr. Brigman stated the tanks had been coated inside and out, the thickness tests have passed with some recoating. The paint need to cure for a couple weeks before water can be put into them, but should be around June 6th, and the waterlines are being pressure tested on the tank site. The entire site work, such as grading and fencing, should be finished this week. The tank guys will be back on June 7<sup>th</sup> to finalize the tanks, with screens, level sensors, and to clean and disinfect the tanks before filling them on the June 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Brigman stated that the water would need to sit in the tanks for a few days and then it would be tested for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) which would take seven days, and if they pass those tests the tanks could then start operation. The Well site pumps have been running, they have been doing some flushing and everything looks good. They will be getting the disinfection system certified, and cleared by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) and then the pumps can be turned on. Then there will be quarterly water chemistry samples and that information will be sent to the State. The control system is operational. Mr. Brigman said they are still waiting on the BLM to authorize the looping pipe in. Commissioner Mason questioned what would be done with the old water tank. Mr. Brigman stated it could be sold or used as non-potable water. Mr. Edgar updated the Board on issues with the card reader on the old tank and how the issue was resolved. Mr. Brigman stated that the new



water tanks will be more the sufficient for many years of growth in the Community. **NO ACTION-UPDATE ONLY**

**11:12 A.M.**

- 11) **Discuss & Approve/Disapprove Change Order No. 1 For The Battle Mountain Water & Sewer, Wilson Avenue Water & Sewer Replacement Project; And Authorize Payment In The Amount Of \$8,942.71:** Steve Brigman, Project Engineer Shaw Engineering, and Jake Edgar, Public Works Foreman, updated the Board on the change order issues. Mr. Brigman stated there were two underground utility conflicts with the sewer lines. There were a few days of production lost to fix the crossing conflicts. Mr. Brigman stated that there should not be any more conflicts, but they would have at least one more change order on this project because there was two water services that weren't located originally. In the Gold Creek neighborhoods, the new sewer is going to be placed in the same spot as the existing sewer. Mr. Edgar stated that they would be able to put the hydrants on the same side as the new waterline to better avoid any possible conflicts. Commissioner Williams shared his concern on the change of bidding for the pipe. Mr. Brigman explained this change, and explained that the material coming out of the trench is high quality bedding sand. Mr. Edgar and Mr. Brigman explained the poor condition of the sewer lines. Commissioner Bullock asked Rogene Hill, Finance Director, where the funds would come from to pay this change order. Ms. Hill said out of the Cashman Project's fund.

Commissioner Bullock moved to approve Change Order No. 1 for Battle Mountain Water and Sewer Replacement Project, and authorize for payment in the amount of \$8,942.71. Seconded by Commissioner Mason, the motion was voted and carried. **APPROVED**

**11:30 A.M.**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

- 12) **Status Update With Discussion & Possible Action Regarding Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) Between Lander County Board Of Commissioners & Lander County Hospital District Board Of Trustees For The Emergency Medical Services Reorganization Project & Other Matters Properly Relating Thereto:** Commissioner Mason informed the Board that he had contacted Phil Hannah to address some questions because the first draft of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) came from his (Mr. Hannah) side. Commissioner Mason said he went over this and could not find any problems with it. Phil Hannah addressed the Board and said he had discussed



the draft with the Hospital Board, and they felt comfortable with what was outlined. Mr. Hannah stated he wanted to outline topics to be discussed as two organizations, and for the Hospital to assume responsibility. Commissioner Mason asked Mr. Hannah if he had taken charge, or if he was involved with any of the operation of the Ambulance. Mr. Hannah said the only action taken so far has been on the issue of supplies that was discussed in the May 12, 2011 meeting. Mr. Hannah stated the purpose of his draft was to outline items to be discussed and to see if there were other issues the Board felt needed to be discussed. Mr. Hannah also stated that there would be a very strong reporting relationship as far as the budget and reporting back to the Commissioners about progress. Mr. Donnie Negro asked if the County would still be paying all the bills, but the Hospital would be looking over the Ambulance. Mr. Hannah explained that the Hospital would pay for all they could then the County would be responsible for the balance. Commissioner Mason said they have until the beginning of this FY 2011-2012 (July 1, 2011) to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and then they have a year to make any adjustments if needed. Mr. Hannah stated there are dollars out there for equipment, and Lander County puts itself in a stronger position if they have affiliation agreements with other EMS programs, as a Rural Community, to compete for those types of Grants. Commissioner Bullock shared his concerns with the Board and Mr. Hannah on if the Hospital would be making money from the Ambulances that the County purchased. Commissioner Stienmetz stated that if they did some of that money would come back to the County. Ms. Rogene Hill explained the financial aspect of the revenue and expenditures of operating the Ambulance Service. Mr. Hannah stated that with the Hospital running the Ambulance there is more access to certain programs that would not be assessable to the County alone. Commissioner Bullock asked Mr. Hannah if Doctor Peters was aware of this project and on board. Mr. Hannah replied yes and stated that Dr. Peters felt the same as Board in regards to there needing to be improvements made with the Ambulance service and someone need to assume the leadership to do that. There was discussion of the improvements that needed to be made and the forming of the Committee. Mr. Etcheverry shared his concerns with the MOU, the Committee, the drivers and the relicensing of the Ambulances. Mr. Negro stated that the Ambulance is running and despite what is being said and heard, the Ambulance does answer calls. There was discussion on the involvement of State EMS. Mr. Etcheverry said at the next Board meeting (June 9, 2011) they could appoint the members for the Ambulance Board from the Commissioner's Board, and be ready for the Hospital to appoint their members at their next Board meeting. Commissioner Williams stated he had attended a briefing involving the Winnemucca Hospital (Humboldt General Hospital), and said most Hospitals run the Ambulance Services. Mr.



Hannah stated that the Winnemucca Hospital was very supportive and willing to assist Lander County anyway possible. James Barnes, Deputy District Attorney, said it this was a great resource, and would like to get copies of all their agreements, policies, contracts and anything else they may have that would be helpful for Lander County. **NO ACTION-DISCUSSION ONLY**

**12:06 P.M.**

- 13) **Presentation By Lew Lott, J-U-B Engineers, Inc. On The Airport Projects:** Lew Lott, J-U-B Engineer, Inc. addressed the Board and presented plans for the Austin Airport Airfield Pavement Rehabilitation, the Battle Mountain Airport Apron Rehabilitation, the Austin Airport Fueling System and the Austin Airport Apron.

Mr. Lott stated the FFA cannot write a Grant on an estimate they have to have a bid, and stated the Austin Airport Pavement Rehabilitation was scheduled to be bid on July 7, 2011. The plans will be put in plan houses in Reno, Salt Lake, Boise and Las Vegas. Commissioner Williams asked if there was a length or total distance on the amount of cracks they can seal. Mr. Lott said yes and gave some discussion on this issue.

Mr. Lott stated the bid opening for the Battle Mountain Airport Apron Rehabilitation was also scheduled for July 7, 2011. Mr. Lott said the pavement was not the biggest issue at the Battle Mountain Airport, it was the area lighting. Mr. Lott said the lighting is very old and only shines straight down; the fixtures are 1000 watt light bulbs that use a lot of power. The plan is to reuse the existing poles plus add in two more and use a three fixture, more efficient, and better coverage light. Mr. Lott said they are going to make the Apron safer. Mr. Lott said he looked at the FFA budget of 1.4 million and then looked at the cost for electrical and drainage issue. This gave him a quick estimate of what funds would be available for the pavement of the Apron. Mr. Lott wants to look at the cost difference between concrete and asphalt. Mr. Lott said they are looking to have the preliminary set to the Board the week June 8<sup>th</sup>, they will then advertise June 15<sup>th</sup> for three weeks and have the Bid opening on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lott stated that Able Tapia, of the FFA, is on board to fund the 1.4 million realizing that there would be additional costs. Commissioner Mason asked how deep the concrete would be if it was bid in concrete. Mr. Lott stated it was pretty thick, but had not brought the numbers with him, but gave an approximate of 38 to 40 inches full section. He also stated he was looking at the long term and maintenance.

Mr. Lott discussed the fuel system for the Austin Airport. He explained the electrical, the phone lines for the card reader, and the positioning of the fuel tank to prevent someone



running into it, and the ease of access to the tank by the fuel truck. Mr. Lott explained there was an old access road that could be used by the fuel truck for easier access to the fuel tank, it just needed to be re-graveled. There was discussion if there was money left in the budget from the Austin Road and Bridge fund to do this. Mr. Lott stated that though there had been discussion to go to a smaller tank to save money, he found that the cost difference was so minor that he recommended the Commission to stay with the 5000 gallon tank verses going down to a 3000 gallon tank and just not fill them all the way. Mr. Lott stated that Commissioner Garner had expressed concerns about the taxing and testing on the fuel. Mr. Lott did some checking into it and stated the taxes on the fuel are billed up front to the owner or the County and then the Fuel Distributor will pay the Federal and State Taxes to the proper agencies. He also explained the card reader would keep track of the fuel usage and generate reports based on sale occurrence, how much was sold, how much was charged and generate monthly reports. Mr. Lott stated the FFA prefers to have the fuel tested daily, but it is not required. However it would be good to test it at least once a week and to keep a log. Commissioner Mason asked if the gravel access road was tested for durability for a fuel truck, and Mr. Lott answered yes.

Mr. Lott then explained there was not sufficient room for planes to taxi or turn around after fuelling on the Austin Airport Apron. Mr. Lott also suggested moving the three tie downs to a different area that would be created for the BLM to use. This project is estimated for three phases. Mr. Lott stated the Apron needs to be extended and there will need to be an environmental assessment. Mr. Lott stated they needed approval from the FFA and suggested this be something Lander County start to work on right away. Mr. Lott also suggested doing all three phases and the environmental assessment at once instead of one piece at a time. Commissioner Mason asked for an estimate of what the environmental assessment would cost, and Mr. Lott answered by saying approximately \$60,000 to \$75,000 with 95% of that being Federally Funded. Commissioner Bullock stated he could not see spending this kind of money for only a few planes a year, and asked if these improvements for the taxi lane were required or if it was preferred. It was stated that it is required. Mr. Lott explained that the fueling system would be a big thing for Austin. It would provide growth for Austin, and easier access for planes in medical emergencies.

Commissioner Williams noted there had not been any reimbursement from the FFA on the costs of the Airport Projects. Mr. Lott explained that 95% of that will come back to Lander County in July. Mr. Etcheverry stated it was required to request and sign for those reimbursements prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lott addressed this issue. Mr. Etcheverry



stated this was a violation of State Law because they have already contracted to over extend the budget. Mr. Etcheverry said they could do an augmentation to the budget, but they had until the next Commission Meeting to do it. **NO ACTION-UPDATE ONLY**

**1:23 P.M.**

**COMMISSIONERS**

14) **Update On The Following Departments/Services:**

**Airports:** Nothing further to report.

**Ambulance Services:** Nothing further to report.

**Economic Development:** Executive Director, Gene P. Etcheverry, stated he hoped the application for LEDA was received by the Commission on Economic Development and that Lander County will be receiving their funding, if not LEDA will be operated on the carryover. Commissioner Williams stated there was an announcement that the Shoshone OHV Trail Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting is at 10:00 A.M. on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Lands:** Nothing to report.

**Road & Bridge Departments:** Donnie Negro, Road and Bridge Foreman/North updated the Board that Mote Road was washed out due to the flooding of Humboldt River. Hilltop it washing out again and when the water recedes they will be fixed. Mr. Negro updated on the Eastgate property behind the Road and Bridge yard for the yard expansion and stated it was still a work in progress. He stated that the appraisal came in low at \$60,000 but the seller was not interested in selling for that price, and the square footage was off.

**Water & Sewer Department:** Jake Edgar, Public Works Foreman updated the Board that the computer at the sewer plant had gone out and they are running the plant on a computer that belongs to George T. Hall. He stated he received a quote to get a new computer and program, which was budgeted for last year at \$15,000.

Grace Powrie took a moment to give acknowledgments to the Public Works Director, the Road and Bridge Foreman, and those on their crews for the help they have given in the cemetery.





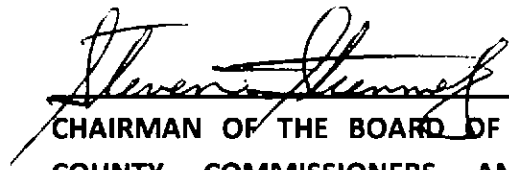
Commissioner Williams asked who takes charge when Battle Mountain begins to flood and who brings out the sand bags. Mr. Etcheverry stated the Sheriff would take charge. Mr. Negro stated the bridges where being closely monitored.

**Culture & Recreation:** Jake Edgar, Public Works Foreman updated the Board on the pool and stated that there were some cracks in the pool. Mr. Edgar was instructed by Mr. Etcheverry who did the pool plaster a few years ago and who he needed to contact. Mr. Edgar update on the Rodeo being cancelled due to Equine Herpes. Mr. Edgar also updated on the septic tank out at the Race Track.

**Contracts:** Nothing to report on

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board at this time, Commissioner Bullock moved to adjourn the meeting of May 26, 2011. Seconded by Commissioner Mason, the motion was voted and carried. **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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

ATTEST:   
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**LANDER COUNTY CLERK**

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