



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 16, 2011 at 8:45 A.M.

PRESENT: **STEVEN STIENMETZ, COMMISSIONER**
 RAY H. WILLIAMS, JR., COMMISSIONER
 DEAN BULLOCK, COMMISSIONER
 DAVID MASON, COMMISSIONER
 SADIE SULLIVAN, COUNTY CLERK
 ROGENE HILL, FINANCE DIRECTOR
 CATHY MYERS, DEPUTY CLERK

ABSENT: **BRIAN GARNER, COMMISSIONER**

Vice Chairman, Ray H. Williams, Jr. called the meeting to order.
Let the record reflect the presence of a quorum of four Commissioners.
Commissioner Bullock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA NOTICE

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

There were no bills to be presented.

PAYROLL CHANGE REQUESTS

There were no Payroll Change Requests to be presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Grace Powrie, Treasurer, addressed the Board on issues and concerns on cleaning up the cemetery for Memorial Day and on the surplus sale.



PUBLIC HEARING

1) Public Hearing To Receive Opinions From Members Of The Public On The Proposed Budget & Tax Rates For Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2011 Before Final Action Is Taken:

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, addressed the Board regarding the tentative budget that was turned into the State on April 15, 2011, and explained that now was the time to make any changes or take another look at the budget.

Bill Schaeffer and Jana Moyes, representing the Battle Mountain Family Resource Center, addressed the Board on granting more funds for Kids in Motion. The original request was for \$28,000.00 and they were granted \$3600.00. Ms. Hill reminded the Board of the funds requested by Battle Mountain Resource Center, and the amount of funds that were granted. Commissioner Mason expressed his concerns on the tuition fees paid to Kids in Motion. Ms. Hill explained that the County furnishes the building for Kids in Motion, but the County has not funded anything else for them in the past. Ms. Hill also explained that the \$3,600.00 granted to Kids in Motion is basically to cover their utilities.

Donald Negro, Road and Bridge North, and Jake Edgar, Public Works, addressed the Board on granting funds for a yard expansion. Mr. Negro requested \$225,000.00 for the yard expansion. Mr. Edgar explained how they are running out of room in the yard and how they have materials stacked where trucks need to turn around. Mr. Edgar also stated the yard extension would give the opportunity to put in a fuel station.

Let the record reflect the presence of Louie Lani, Austin Water and Sewer, via teleconference for this item. Mr. Lani addressed the Board on the Arsenic Abatement Project in Austin. He explained the estimated cost at \$6 million dollars. Mr. Lani requested \$500,000.00 to be set aside for future costs on this project. Commissioner Williams explained this is the issue he brought to the Board in the May 12, 2011 Commission meeting. There was discussion if this could be budgeted in next budget for FY 2012-2013. Mr. Lani explained that the funds he was requesting was to show good faith that they were prepared to start the project, for granting of other funds. Ms. Hill explained that funds could be granted out of net proceeds or from other projects funds that would not completely used during the FY 2011-2012.



Commissioner Williams addressed the Board regarding the Austin Clinic. Commissioner Williams requested to reduce the \$15,000.00 request to \$4,500.00.

Commissioner Williams clarified with Mr. Joe Lindsey the inclusion of the replacement of the roof on the Austin Senior Center into his Building Budget and the materials that where to be used.

Commissioner Williams questioned Sheriff Ron Unger on \$25,000.00 in his budget. Sheriff Unger explained that was for locks on the doors for keyless entry at the Austin Sheriff's Office. This was not approved by the Board in a previous meeting.

There was brief discussion of Part-Time help for the Road and Bridge in Austin.

Commissioner Bullock moved to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried. **APPROVED**

2) **Discussion & Possible Action Regarding Proposed Changes To The Final FY 2011-2012**

Budget: Gene Etcheverry, Executive Director, readdressed the Board on the six items discussed. The funds requested by Kids in Motion were for the amount of \$28,000.00. The request of Road and Bridge North and Public Works in the amount of \$225,000.00 for the expansion of the Battle Mountain yard. Austin Sewer and Water's request for \$500,000.00. Austin Clinic received \$15,000.00, and it was suggested by Commissioner Williams to reduce those funds back to \$4,500.00. The reroofing project for the Austin Senior Center.

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, addressed the Board on suggestions on the requested grants from the public. Ms. Hill suggested the Board could grant money to Kids in Motion from the Battle Mountain Town fund. Ms. Hill stated that Kids in Motion has been granted \$3,600.00 to help with utilities and this was the first time they had been granted these funds. Ms. Hill asked if the Board wanted to raise this grant amount and if so where did they want to pull it from. Commissioner Bullock moved to leave the approved amounts for the Battle Mountain Town grants as they are. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried. **APPROVED**

Ms. Hill addressed the \$225,000.00 for the yard expansion for Road and Bridge North and Water and Sewer. There was discussion where these funds could come from. Mr.



Edgar suggested taking funds from his filter budget. Commissioner Bullock moved to approve \$500,000.00 for the filter and yard expansion. The yard expansion at \$150,000.00 and the filter project at \$350,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried. **APPROVED**

Ms. Hill stated Sewer and Water No. 2 in Austin is requesting \$500,000.00 for good faith funds. There was also discussion of where the funds could come from. Commissioner Bullock moved to make the Administrative Complex \$9.5 million and grant the Water and Sewer No. 2 District the \$500,000.00 grant. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried. **APPROVED**

Ms. Hill addressed the Austin Town fund to reduce the funds from \$15,000.00 back to \$4,500.00 for the Austin Town Clinic. Commissioner Bullock moved to reduce the fund from \$15,000.00 to \$4,500.00 for the Austin Medical Center. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried. **APPROVED**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board at this time, Commissioner Bullock moved to adjourn the special session meeting of May 16, 2011. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried. **MEETING ADJOURNED**

**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.

*Lander County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of May 16, 2011*