

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CHURCHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406

February 23, 2022

Call to Order:

The special budget meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 8:00 AM on February 23, 2022.

PRESENT:

Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr., Chairman
Commissioner Gregory Koenig, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Justin Heath
County Manager Jim R. Barbee
Comptroller Sherry Wideman
Chief Deputy DA Benjamin Shawcroft
Human Resources Director Geof Stark
Deputy Clerk to the Board Pamela D. Moore
N/A

ABSENT:

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the board and public.

Public Comment:

Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Verification of the Posting of the Agenda:

It was verified by Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 16th day of February, 2022, between the hours of 8:00 and 11:00 AM at all of the locations listed on the Agenda, in accordance with NRS 241.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Agenda as submitted or revised:

**Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted.
Commissioner Gregory Koenig seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

Appointments:

- Departmental Budget Hearings will be presented for informational purposes only and no action will be taken. Appointments may run ahead or behind and these times are just estimated appointment times. Departmental presentations may be moved around to accommodate schedules, if necessary. Departments should watch the live webcasting to determine how the hearings are proceeding to be present when their department is up.

Departmental Budget Hearings:

Our Planning and Budgeting Environment

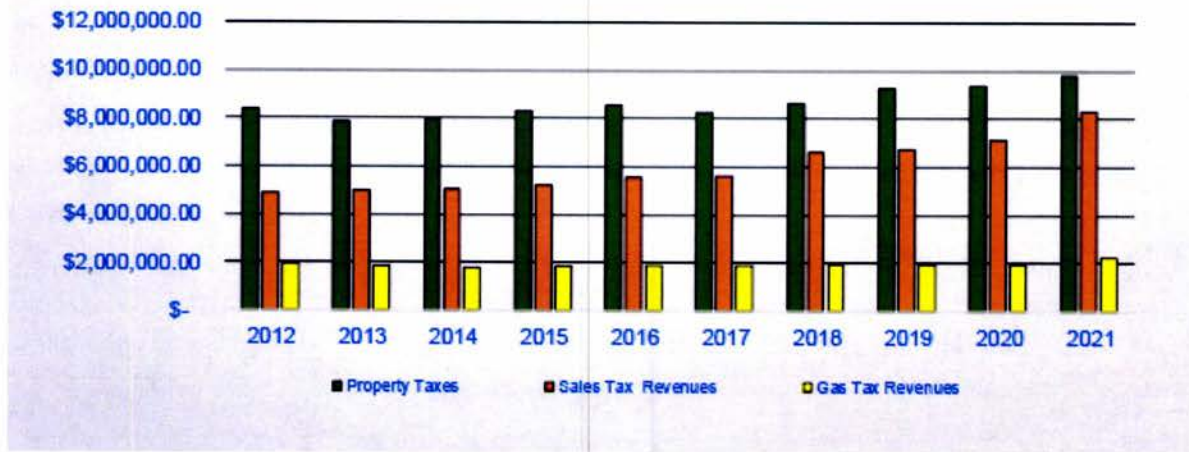


Historical Governmental Fund Balances

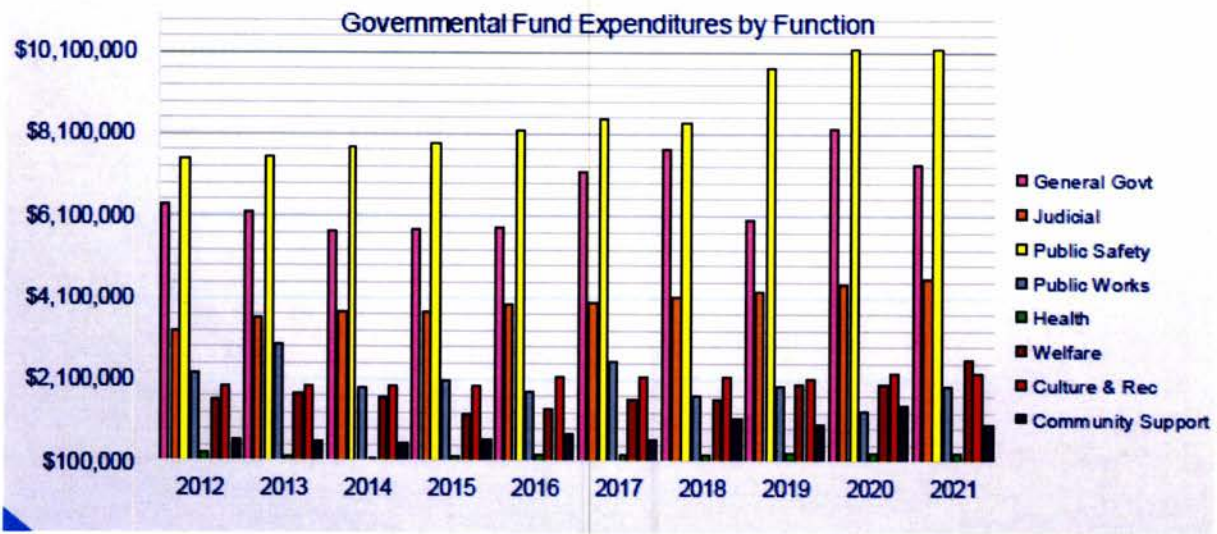
Governmental Fund Balance Summary



Historic Revenues: Property Taxes, CTX, Gas Taxes



Historical Expenditures by Function (excluding capital purchases) FY 12 to FY 21 Actuals





Fund Balance Policy

Adopted 6-15-2011

General Fund:

- Target minimum fund balances:
The county intends to use two months of regular general fund operating expenditures as a benchmark level. *(using FY 2021, \$3.6 million)*

Special Revenue, Capital Project Funds and Proprietary Funds:

- Target minimum fund balances:
Operations - 25% of operating expenditures
Capital Expenditures- 1 year of a 3 year average of depreciation

Debt Service Fund:

- Target minimum fund balances:
One year's payment of principal and interest. *(\$1.3 million)*

Churchill County
Wage & Benefit Data
Fiscal Years 2015-2023

Table of Variables	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
PERS	29.75%	29.75%	29.25%	29.25%	28.00%	28.00%	28.00%	28.00%	25.75%
Social Security	6.20%	6.20%	6.20%	6.20%	6.20%	6.20%	6.20%	6.20%	6.20%
Worker's Comp	5.00%	5.00%	2.15%	2.15%	2.15%	2.85%	2.85%	2.85%	2.85%
Medicare	1.45%	1.45%	1.45%	1.45%	1.45%	1.45%	1.45%	1.45%	1.45%
Health Insurance	\$11,729	\$12,000	\$11,300	\$10,129	\$9,300	\$9,100	\$9,100	\$8,286	\$8,698
Compensated Absence	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.25%	1.25%	1.25%	1.25%
General Adjustment	3.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.625%	2.50%	0.00%	1.00%	1.00%	0.00%
Employee PERS Increase match	0	-.25%	0%	-.625%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1.125%

BUDGET COMPARISON

	2020-2021 Total Budget	2020-2021 Total Activity	2021-2022 Total Budget	2022-2023 Dept Request
TOTAL DIRECT SALARY EXPENSE	13,525,497	12,921,237	14,769,054	17,429,340
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	7,556,608	7,145,371	8,599,678	9,760,109
TOTAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES	16,135,632	32,614,471	19,710,655	20,170,620
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	14,540,066	6,385,030	10,752,722	7,808,719
TOTAL	51,757,803	59,066,109	53,832,109	55,168,788
EXCLUDES TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS				

Fund	2020-2021 Total Budget	2020-2021 Total Activity	2021-2022 Total Budget	2022-2023 Dept Request
100 - GENERAL FUND	28,599,470	26,458,476	30,788,751	27,954,589
201 - FORFEITURES-SEIZED ASSET	48,360	868	52,000	52,000
210 - ROAD FUND	2,112,708	1,874,841	2,468,814	2,683,866
211 - ROAD IMPACT FUND	279,000	-	800,000	300,000
220 - SOCIAL SERVICES	3,262,414	2,911,571	5,276,923	3,998,237
230 - COOPERATIVE EXTENSION	102,229	85,085	210,052	162,559
240 - PUBLIC LIBRARY	738,293	640,185	698,882	901,932
245 - PARKS AND RECREATION	1,445,679	1,295,027	1,873,797	1,932,080
246 - RESIDENT CONST TAX-PARKS	190,650	29,123	255,000	105,000
250 - CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION	2,575	2,393	-	-
260 - INDIGENT DONATIONS/GIFTS	11,160	4,788	16,530	13,750
265 - AB 65 COURT FEE FUND	90,210	8,179	90,210	90,210
270 - LAW LIBRARY	15,810	6,833	15,810	50,000
280 - REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION	872,000	1,531,702	872,000	2,200,000
310 - TECHNOLOGY FEE	175,584	151,585	223,426	218,784
311 - E-911 SYSTEM FUND	130,200	27,246	140,000	153,000
320 - LIBRARY GIFT FUND	37,200	4,690	35,000	40,000
330 - RISK MANAGEMENT	325,500	20,755	350,000	350,000
340 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES	481,740	299,241	518,000	518,000
350 - UNEMPLOYMNT COMPENSATION	28,830	0	31,000	31,000
365 - RESTITUTION/GRAFFITI FND	109,740	46,139	118,000	118,000
367 - DISTRICT COURT SECURITY	62,900	56,640	27,900	9,000
370 - ADMIN ASSESSMENT FUND	50,000	50,000	50,000	30,000
380 - WATER RESOURCE FUND	5,736,988	1,286,473	1,896,686	2,245,536
385 - INFRASTRUCTURE TAX FUND	323,200	189,894	340,000	340,000
390 - RECREATION DONATIONS	23,250	4,022	25,500	25,500
391 - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	9,300	7,245	10,000	-
393 - INDIG HOSPITAL CARE-MVA	144,150	118,725	155,000	155,000
394 - INDIGENT SERVICES	878,547	744,947	863,973	863,973
395 - PUBLIC TRANSIT	725,000	725,000	725,000	1,700,000
396 - SR CIT AD VALOREM LEVY	381,300	315,025	410,000	1,558,182
397 - ONE CENT FUEL EXCISE TAX	79,050	70,311	85,000	85,000
398 - FAIRGROUNDS SALE PROCEED	227,521	127,521	-	-
400 - COUNTY DEBT SERVICE	706,810	706,804	1,276,943	1,286,000
510 - BUILDING RESERVE	611,000	509,891	225,000	225,000
515 - CAPITAL PROJECTS TX LEVY	277,140	89,667	298,000	1,798,000
520 - EXTRA ORDINARY REPAIR	156,240	12,456	168,000	168,000
525 - FIRE EQUIPMENT APPARATUS	1,600,000	-	1,600,000	2,068,000
530 - ROAD EQUIPT REPLACEMENT	325,500	1,500	350,000	500,000
760 - WATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE	699,041	623,886	781,336	817,730
770 - WASTE WATER FUND	1,375,535	1,083,953	1,243,576	1,314,860
780 - CHURCHILL CO GOLF COURSE	113,500	82,539	135,000	135,000
Total	53,565,324	42,205,226	55,501,109	57,197,788

As Always... Revenue Challenges



- **Property Taxes:**
Residential capped at a 3% increase each year on existing properties.
Property tax abatements
- **Intergovernmental:**
Federal PILT
Local PILT : CC Communications NRS 354.613
Grant resources
- **CTX: Sales Tax, GST, RPTT, Cig & Liquor**
Need continued improvement in local/state economy

Fire Department

Alex Haffner, Supervisor of Paid Personnel, Fallon Fire Department, said our first request will be to increase retirement from \$215,000 to \$254,000. The reason for the increase is to get back up to 48 volunteers. We are in the middle of a recruitment class and it should bring us to 43 volunteers. We want to try to do one more this year and then we would be completely staffed. The next increase would be group insurance and it would be to get back up to 48 volunteers. That would be the same with Medicare. We want to increase Contracted Services. We had to go to a new firehouse software. The old software was only \$1,500 a year and the new software is \$10,000. The old software company sold, so we have to use the new system. They were able to take all of our data and put it into the new system, so we have not lost any of our training records or anything like that. Chairman Olsen said you said \$10,000 but you have \$34,000 on there. Alex Haffner said we also do our ladder testing with the NDF Contract that we have with you guys. We also get 1/3 of that back from the city, as well. The price of the NDF Contract has gone down a little bit, so I figured that would be enough to cover it. The increase of gasoline went from \$15,000 to \$20,000 because of the current cost of gas and we have been running about 400 calls.

We also have copier and maintenance usage. The price just went up and, with the payback from the city, we figured the \$200 would be enough to cover it. The next big increase is Operating Supplies, which went up \$10,000. What we did this year was we called all of our main vendors

for price increases. We had from 7.5% to 15% increases, so we went a little more than 10% and we figured that should be enough to get us through this year. The next big increase would be buildings from \$30,000 to \$35,000, which would be to replace a couple of water heaters that need replacing and just general maintenance. We have \$95,000 to \$104,500, which would be for the cost of filters, tires for the new engines, and just the price of inflation. We raised the telephone bill up from \$8,500 to \$11,000. We did get the mechanics a cell phone so we could call them in. They were using their own cell phones. We also put a Hot Spot in the Fire Marshal's truck so he is able to do inspections from his vehicle. With the new software, it is web-based, so he can log in and print it out while he is on scene or email, which ever they prefer. Regarding utilities, we had to go up in each one of them just because of the cost of goods. It is the same with gas, it has been going up and we have been going over. The price of propane is going up and Station #3 runs on propane. We took an increase in tools and guns. We have a new mechanic named Brandon, so now we have 2 mechanics and we are trying to outfit their maintenance trucks so they can repair stuff at the other stations instead of the main station all the time. It is a little more efficient. We have been getting a lot more work done. We have an increase in other non-capital assets, which is \$95,000 to \$104,500 and that was to pay for turnouts for the new volunteers and all their equipment. We are trying to get more wildland gear so the guys aren't fighting fires with the old wildland gear. We are working on getting brush pants and boots, which will take a lot of exhaustion out of them.

The big thing we are asking the county for are the air packs that you approved earlier and that will be the last payment for the packs that we will be receiving next month. The big thing we are asking for is the Chief's truck.

Jared Dooley, Fire Chief, said the way the Fire Department usually does this is the duty rig and then the truck that I drive, it kind of starts up top and then those trucks filter down to the supervisors and paid personnel and the mechanics. My truck has around 80,000 miles, which is quite a bit for that truck and we would like to stay ahead of it. We would pass that truck down.

Alex Haffner said the next thing we are asking for is the sheet metal brake because we have been fabricating a lot in-house. One of the things we made is a hose-roller, so the guys can just attach it to the machine and it rolls it up so they are not bending over. It will speed up a lot of the things we do. Currently, we have to cut all the metal by hand and it takes a long time. It would be a substantial cost savings to do it in-house. We want to replace the bed on unit 328 and do it ourselves. Jared Dooley said I think this is something for the future. A lot of the stuff on the trucks is fabricated and it so my vision for this is just to outfit our mechanics with more of the tools they need to keep us operating. We have found recently that these older trucks require parts that aren't made anymore, so they fabricate parts that no longer exist. With the supply chain issues we are all facing, everything is so far out and when a fire truck goes down, we will do anything to get it up and running, so for us to have those kinds of tools would be the vision for us. Looking forward, we would like to have a little bit bigger shop for them to work out of. We would like to get different welders and other equipment they need. Chairman Olsen said \$70,000 for a brake to use a few times a year is a lot when there are plenty of people in town, like at the Road Department where you could just pay somebody to do that. I saw this and all the expensive equipment beyond this to create a full fabrication shop, why would we do this. It does not make

sense. You can buy a lot cheaper welder to do the job or pay Ott's or somebody else to bend metal up for you if we don't have it at the Road Department. You can spend thousands a year getting metal bent and still not equal the cost of the brake. I am not in favor of that. Jared Dooley said I understand your point there. I am just reaching towards a vision for the Fire Department doing that kind of work in-house. I don't imagine that we will be doing that any less. Chairman Olsen said, so what is next, a machine shop? I don't want to be cranky right now but I feel cranky, so don't take that the wrong way but that was not the right response, the machine shop comment. We have to draw a line somewhere. I just don't think we need to branch off into a full-blown fab shop at the Fire Department. That is a waste of assets for the community if we are just buying a lot of equipment that is going to get a lot of dust when you can get what you need for a fraction of the money that you are showing here. There are only a couple of fab shops in town with this kind of equipment so I am dubious about heading this direction, so I think I would keep it tighter is what I would say because you are talking about laying out hundreds of thousands of dollars here, so not to be cranky. Jared Dooley said to be clear I don't think you are being cranky, I think it is your job to do right by the taxpayers, as I am one of them, this is more of a vision type thing. We do a lot at the Fire Department, as far as building our own trucks and saving a lot of money that way and this would go towards that end. I understand your concerns. My job is to fight for the Fire Department and kind of look into the future and I can see it being an asset. We have a guy down there right now that is really talented with that sort of thing. The 2 Type 6s right now have beds on them but we would like to make those better and more efficient and stronger. Chairman Olsen said I don't have any argument with that; I just think you can get there cheaper. County Manager Barbee said I did just confirm with Gary Fowkes that they have a full fabrication shop, so we can get an appointment set up for you to get over there and take a look at it. I know that the Road Department is not using that shop daily. If it is sitting there and you guys can schedule time to use it, then that is also less shop space because it is already established in another shop already, separate from that front shop where they drive in. Jared Dooley said we can check their stuff out and take our guy over there.

Alex Haffner said that would be everything for the budget for 100-202. We want to go to 525. County Manager Barbee asked if the fire trucks will be delivered in 2022. Mr. Haffner said they will rollover but should be here in 2022. I know we are 2 months behind right now. I know when the chassis arrives at Darley, we will be getting a bill for a portion of it. I am just not sure exactly when but I think it is \$750,000 for that bill. The reason we went to \$2,068,000 is we knew the trucks, although we got them quoted right away, it was \$1,990,000 but there have been some change orders. I called Linda and that is the amount we have in 525 right now, so I just put it at that amount in case there any other change orders. I don't believe there will be very many. We have cut some things out and changed things, so it has changed a little. Jared Dooley said the first engine showed up at Darley and the next is expected soon, so they were giving us an initial date of July of this year and I think we are like 2-3 months past that. We are thinking this fall. We have our fingers crossed.

Emergency Management

County Manager Barbee said this budget is basically flat and is offset by grants. Comptroller Wideman said he added \$500 for his printer and scanner and I put in \$10,000 just in case there

was any FEMA/COVID that rolls into that year, just as a placeholder.

Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Hickox said our biggest request is for personnel. One of the leading things throughout the whole time that I have been here is personnel. We need people to do the job. This year, there were some changes at the legislature, which will change it from 72 to 48-hour court rule. Historically, we have had lighter staffing on the weekends with the Detention Center because we don't have courts. During the week, we have 3 courts going and those are the District, Justice, and the Municipal Courts and Drug Court. While we are not in Municipal Court, we still have to move personnel around to get them ready to go to court. We also have FFAST, meals, meds, and a number of other things that we have to do. We also do transports to mental health facilities. We have tried to maximize technology as best we can and, during our walk-throughs, we showed you where we turned rooms into Zoom rooms so we can try to maximize that technology without moving people around. We have recently turned to tablets but we are still running short on people. That is our big request this year. We need a couple more Deputies and an Undersheriff. We have been blessed. I think the county has really benefitted from having the volunteer services of Bill Lawry for the last few years. He brought with him a massive amount of experience as the former Sheriff and the Judge and has helped guide us through some stuff and has helped seek out grants for us but I would like to have a paid Undersheriff position. It would give us extra people to bounce ideas off of and help out with grants. That is our big push.

County Manager Barbee said when you see the volume of bookings that happen Friday and Saturday, by the largest extent, it seems to be on the weekends. Are you going from 3 folks in the jail to 2 or how does that work as far as staffing, because it seems to me you would be in some ways busier on the weekends, excluding the 48-hour thing we are dealing with right now. Sheriff Hickox said bookings are not necessarily increased on the weekends all the time. Sometimes we are getting slammed in the middle of the week. When we go from the 3 to the 2, we do that because we traditionally do not have court or FFAST and so, if we have something going on, we can put them in a holding cell while we take care of other things. With court happening now, we won't have that option. We will have to have one person stay with that person. They will have to transport them. If that is all we have on shift, we have nobody to do the 15–30-minute watches that are required by law. If we have somebody that is in mental health for somebody in a holding cell, we are required by law to do that check on them. If they are all tied up with taking people back and forth to court or trying to do meals, it is not possible. County Manager Barbee said but you don't have to take them back and forth to court, you just take them to court. Sheriff Hickox said but you still have to transport them. Take them out of their cell and handcuff them up, search them and move them down to the courtroom and then sit with them while they sit through court. Depending on how many we have, we have received notices of anywhere from 7-16 inmates. We have a couple people with 16 inmates and that is like on a Thursday. That is too many for 2 people to try and keep separate. When you have co-defendants in a case, you don't want them sitting next to each other. That room is pretty small so they are limited on the space there, so it will affect our staff. County Manager Barbee said so, like in-house transport? Sheriff Hickox said yes. We are really hoping that we can stick with Zoom for court because it is a huge benefit for staffing and also for safety reasons.

County Manager Barbee said I know that we had a Bailiff position in the budget last year that was never filled. What is your plan on that position? Sheriff Hickox said the plan was to see if we can get that converted to a Deputy position. County Manager Barbee said so, that would be another Deputy above these 2 requests? Sheriff Hickox said yes. We have 2 openings right now that we are trying to fill. We have testing set in March. County Manager Barbee said have you been fully staffed during the year? Sheriff Hickox said never. The Bailiff position that we have had, we actually took a deputy from our current staff and put that in there so we could meet the requirements of the court. I don't want to speak for the court but the feedback we have gotten from them has been positive. County Manager Barbee said so that position has been sitting there open and they are going to come back separately and ask that it be reclassified as a deputy and they have been using a deputy in that position and then you have had one or 2 positions away from being fully staffed and could use 2 more folks because of retiring ones and that means 2 more positions on top of that. Sheriff Hickox said part of the reason we are asking for that is when we have somebody go to the hospital, that leaves our staff with one person at the jail. That person would be unable to go back and do the Detention Center checks that are required. We still have the guy that likes to jam food particles in places and I don't think we need to go into detail on that, so we have him in there and a couple of other people who are on that Lakes Crossing visit and they are required for the 15–30-minute check. It just puts us in a liability issue. I came in at 4:30 AM and I have come in a couple of times and helped with checks and stuff. I am not saying I am above that; it would be nice if we had the staff for that. It makes for a long day. Chairman Olsen said you get cranky. Sheriff Hickox said I will admit to that.

We have priced some computers for the office and they went up \$300 in a week. we don't know where they are going, so we put in a medium price there. There are costs in fuel that we will incur this year. We drive 5,000 square miles and we never know where our calls are going to come from or how often we have to go there. Chairman Olsen said going back to the labor thing, for me, the undersheriff thing, I want to say thank you to Bill Lawry for the work that he has done. He has a career that is unbelievable that stretches back. It was so kind of him to offer to do that job for free. It goes above and beyond. To get you a true Undersheriff, I don't have a problem with that position. With regard to the Deputies, the conversation I remember having with you was because of you not being able to keep all the slots filled. Through no fault of yours, you are always going to be running light, so do you really need 4 positions in order to be where you want to be, staffing wise, and you said no, at that time. Sheriff Hickox said we were hoping, at that point, we would get staffed and we have not at all. Chairman Olsen said so you are saying you have no expectation that you will ever get all those positions filled, you will always be 2 short and this will help you hit the mark. Past practice tells you not. Sheriff Hickox said speaking with other departments around the state, they have had openings for a year or more that they cannot fill. Pershing County Sheriff said he ran his ad for so long with no applicants that he finally pulled the ad. Some of them are actively recruiting from the NHP ranks and then they complain about NHP not responding to calls, which seems counterintuitive to me. We are hoping to but I don't know that we will ever achieve that. Chairman Olsen said I remember when we originally sold the system, the Crow's Nest and all that jazz, there was talk of it would not work for court because you have to be with somebody else but if a prisoner just had to go down there and speak to his attorney through the glass, the Crow's Nest guy could send them down there and

they could go back and forth on their own. They told us that but I have never seen you guys do that. Sheriff Hickox said I don't doubt that they told you that but that is a system that we are not comfortable with. When you take people who, by nature, don't follow rules and turn them loose in your facility and tell them to go from point A to point B. Chairman Olsen said the Crow's Nest guy can follow them by camera. Sheriff Hickox said the problem is they don't receive any law enforcement experience. I struggle with that one. If they do something wrong in the hallway, we are safer if we get that person ourselves.

County Manager Barbee said, on your supplemental services, it looks like there are significant increases that you are asking for and I went back and looked at previous years expenditures and what you are asking for now, I am having a hard time following why you need that big of an increase. I am totally cool with a buffer, I get it. That is what the point of a budget is but like gas and oil, obviously, we are going to see an increase there. Last year, you had an ending balance of \$20,000 that had not been expended and then you are adding another \$20,000 into it to get to \$85,000 when, on February 1st, your expenditures were \$34,000 total. Sheriff Hickox said the day that we were filling this out, we watched a news article that said gas would be going up over \$1 a gallon and so we thought we would put that in there just so we wouldn't have to tell people that we could not respond because we don't have any gas. County Manager Barbee said I am not suggesting that you should not have a buffer. I am just saying that it seems a little high. Chairman Olsen said we will find gas for you, Sheriff. County Manager Barbee said, I don't want to make it so you have to come back or anything but, when I went through there, I saw easily \$100,000 that we could, and if we want to get you the personnel positions, I mean, can we be more efficient here to be able to offset things? Maybe I can work with you afterwards and we can lighten a few of these up. Sheriff Hickox said I would be willing to sit down with you, sir.

Another thing that I would like to bring up and have in the back of our heads is, we are in absolute need of a new tow yard. The old shop has a small yard and we are running out of space very fast. I would like that to be in the back of everyone's head and if there is ever a conversation about moving all of us into one building, I would like to have that conversation also.

District Court

Judge Tom Stockard said I think we have had a very successful year and been able to make a lot of improvements in the District Court. Our budget actually went down about 4%, even with all the cost of living increases and different things. A lot of that has to do with the transition we are going to go through. In the last year, most of the improvements that we have made have been funded through grants and are not reflected in the budget. While our budget increased by about \$114,000, \$90,000 of that is not reflected. We replaced our audio-visual system and upgraded it to allow better appearances by remote access and Zoom in both courtrooms. We tried to make sure that anything we do will last but will also be movable. All of the equipment could stay when we move or could be moved with us. We have tried to be wise stewards of the resources that have been given to us.

We are all caught up with cases. We are one of the few courts in the state that are not behind. Some of that is us but a lot of that has to do with our Public Defenders and our District

Attorney's Office because of the responsible way that they handle situations.

Chairman Olsen said I want to thank you for being very patient for dealing with a substandard facility. You are getting a lot out of it, especially through COVID. I don't know what you had to do to make all of that work. I appreciate the work you guys do over there. County Manager Barbee said I know I keep saying it but it is true. It is coming out within the month, all the planning and design for a RFP. Judge Stockard said we are excited to go forward and we will make do with what we have.

Juvenile Probation / Detention

Motulalo Otuafi said, when I first became Chief, I tried to make it my goal not to ask for any money. The past 2 years I have actually done that but this year is different. The change that I am asking for is in our Contracted Services. That is due to an increase in mental health. There are certain areas of mental health with our sex offender reports that we have been getting. We pulled up a number and it doesn't seem like it is a big number but I believe that any increase in that area is a big number. In 2020, we had 4 sex offender reports that we dealt with. In 2021, we had 6. Just in these last 2 months of 2022, we have had 4. What we are seeing is not so much that we have 6 of them that are still on our caseload, but at least half of them from 2020 we are still working on through counseling and other things. In 2021 it was 6 and we just sent 2 of them to a residential treatment facility. Prior to them going to that treatment, we worked with them here and, unfortunately, I don't see that trend going away. With mental health in general, we currently have one that we have been working with for about a year and they ended up going to a residential facility. In that year, we had to pay for that. That is why I wanted to increase that line item. I have spoken with the County Manager about this just so I don't have a crazy number to throw at you. The providers that we work with have been great to us. If the kids are not on any type of insurance, they work with us and help get them on Medicaid and that makes it easier. There are still some of those that we have to pay for. That is why I have asked for the increase in that line item. Commissioner Heath said is this for facility costs or for like a counselor? Motulalo Otuafi said this is for counseling. We do have a counselor we try to get over Zoom. I believe in the next few years, with the trend we are seeing, and with West Hills closing, it is going to cause us to have to do more here. We used to be able to send them there. I believe in the next few years we will have to have a counselor onsite just because of the increase in the mental health cases. We try to get local counselors but sometimes it is not possible. Chairman Olsen said is there a trend for the Tele-doc thing where it is all done, especially when the technology has gotten a lot better? Motulalo Otuafi said yes, it is, especially with COVID everyone has been trying to use Zoom and that is something that they the state is looking to do. In speaking with the different chiefs around the state, there is just a difference when you work with certain kids face-to-face. Chairman Olsen said so you do have technology in the building to put a child in a room and they could do the one-on-one counseling? Motulalo Otuafi said we do have a room by itself that has a monitor for that. Chairman Olsen said it's hard to get folks that do that who want to live in a place like Fallon and so we struggle and we have to find an alternative. Motulalo Otuafi said we do have a local person that is someone we can work with, so we are hoping that we can use her. She was born and raised in Fallon so we are hopeful for that.

County Manager Barbee said we don't know where China Springs is going to land, so are you looking at, once they figure that out, they can come back? Motulalo Otuafi said yes, that is something that they are still working on. They are still trying to figure out how they are going come up with that figure. We currently pay about \$73,000, I believe, is where we are at. The last figure that they gave us was about a year ago, which was an increase of about \$40,000. I looked over the past 5 years with the number of kids that we sent there, it comes out to about \$340 per child per day and it is a 6-month program. A few years ago, I looked at if we were to find a ROP and send them there, it was \$100 cheaper than it is to just send kids individually to those type of programs.

Public Defender

Jacob Summer said our budget requests have gone down because of some imminent changes of the horizon in terms of Public Defenders versus alternate Public Defenders, so the budget numbers you see are only for the Public Defender's Office. That essentially takes out the deputy in the office, so with the budget, I would just like to point out the reduction. There are no serious requests. We are still trying to get a handle on what it is going to look like when we are done. County Manager Barbee said this continues to be driven by Indigent Defense out of Carson City. We are trying to get a reduction in conflicts by having a Public Defender's Office and an alternate Public Defender's Office. That will give us the capability to separate those folks and if one of them conflicted out, then the other would have to conflict out, the way it is set up now. This, hopefully, in the long run, is going to reduce that amount of conflict attorney fees that we are paying now. The idea is that Jacob Summer would be Tier 1 and the alternate Public Defender would be Tier 2 and then we would have a conflict contract, which would be Tier 3. Secondly, we will be able to, which will be included in the budget, a contract position for a Program Coordinator. We will contract under approval by the state and, if we went beyond that 3rd tier of conflict, then they would assign counsel on that case. We don't believe we would see that very often. Secondly, that individual would review the bills and be able to give us a thumbs up that this is a reasonable expense or not. They would basically be able to review that stuff for us at \$50, which is a pretty good rate. That is more independence that we have with our Public Defender's Office separate from Carson City and meeting the guidance requirements of Indigent Defense but still having the independence. This person is currently being used by Pershing and Humboldt County and this model would really reflect the model that exists in Humboldt County. There would be an increase in staffing because each one of our Public Defender's would need secretaries. We have one legal secretary and would need to hire another one. We would then split them into different office locations. One will be in this room, which I have another proposal for you. The other office position would be on the second floor of the old Post Office. Jacob Summer said it is complicated because there a lot of moving parts and because of the Indigent Defense Commission, there are a lot of things that we are trying to figure out. We are trying to be as flexible as we can while we meet the expectations of the Indigent Defense Commission. Primarily our clients are who we are concerned about and then the courts and working with the present counsel. There are concerns on the horizon that you are familiar with about the hearings issue. With caseload standards, I was speaking with someone at Indigent Defense and they feel like there are going to be some caseload standards released. They are going to be saying here are the caseload standards that we need to make sure that all offices are falling within. I have no idea

what those are going to be or how they are going to calculate those, so just be aware, that is a concern of ours. My caseload right now is 151 cases that are open and my deputy has 95 cases. Whether they measure them on open cases or yearly cases, which is kind of the standard in the industry, I don't know. Chairman Olsen said didn't the raw data come out for all the counties? I thought I saw that. I tried looking at it and thought, I have better things to do. Jacob Summer said they mandated all Indigent Defense providers to do a caseload study in late 2020. I was on the committee to discuss whether we should do it or not because of COVID and there were a lot of concerns raised about the fact that COVID was going to skew numbers. The place they had contracted with said no, they were fine. By the time the numbers were gathered, they then said we can't do this because of COVID, which was frustrating because for 6 weeks we tracked every minute of our representation of clients and then they could not use the data. It was frustrating. Nothing could be taken from that data. Chairman Olsen said it is like walking into a dark closet with the lights out. Jacob Summer said I just don't know what to say, I just don't have any sense of it.

I also wanted to mention grants. I am aware that there are grants out there that we could be getting into. I want to make sure you all know that I have my hands full with 151 cases and I don't have time to research and write grants but I do want to mention that there are funding sources for the county. If there was ever a time that the county wanted us to pursue those, we could talk about it. There has also been some talk about a courthouse. One of the big concerns that we all have is making sure we have the facilities to serve our clients. I think one good option is to consider the possibility of adding some room in the facility for Indigent Defense. I know some places will add a floor for those kinds of things. I realize there is an expense for that but it is an idea.

Justice Court

Judge Ben Trotter said we asked for about \$13,000 to help cover the audit. You have all heard about the 48-hour hearing mandate and we are asking to be able to cover that. Some was for overtime for clerks, which essentially calculated the number of weekends by the highest paid clerk and also some holiday dates to come up with that number. The jury trial situation has not added up to what we once thought it was and now the law has changed to allow plea bargains, so potentially, it won't be as big a thing as we originally thought it would be. I was able to reduce that substantially. I think our total increase is about \$19,000 this year. The vast majority of that is the audit. They audit our accounting system. We are not adding staff or anything like that. We are going to find a way to do the 48-hour hearings remotely. We purchased a laptop in the current budget and updated our Zoom, which will cost about \$200 a year, so it will record and it transcribes the hearing as you are going and gives the hard of hearing closed caption. It will be a good little upgrade. We did have to add to our repairs and maintenance and that was for the bridge we put in last year to allow Zoom to work with Javas supporting systems.

District Attorney / Child Support

District Attorney Art Mallory said it has been 13 years since we have had to add any personnel. I think that is outstanding. Our people have adapted to computer expertise and, even though

certain things have increased, we have been able to deal with it. There are no major increases in the budget except for one thing. We have had to allow for unfunded mandates like the 48-hour hearing mandate imposed upon us by the state. There is no upswing of crime in Churchill County. In 2021, we had no unprosecuted homicides and I don't think Los Angeles can say that. With the 48-hour rule and other mandates, the 48-hour rule is the tip of the iceberg. They keep on adding things that we, as prosecutors, have to do such as notifying individuals at every single hearing and other disclosures to the defendants. It is almost as if they are making us an arm of the Public Defender's Office, which we can comply with in the interest of justice. We are not going to go the social justice route of New York and places like that. We are going to continue to prosecute people for shoplifting and anything else that they do that we think is appropriate because that is how you stop people from becoming major criminals is to prosecute them when they do minor things. What we have asked for, in a worst-case scenario, is an additional legal secretary and an additional attorney because of the weekend workload that would be imposed. We are willing to try a compromise on that. We will certainly go that route and see if we can make that work but we would like to reserve the right to come back to you later on if it doesn't work. We have discussed it with our other attorneys and they are willing to give it a try to see if they can cover on the weekends without the burnout factor taking over too much. Everything that the court and the legislature does affects us and the Sheriff's Office first. Then it goes down to the Public Defender's Office. It is really a situation where we are having to do things and provide them with information, so the work is coming through our office and the Sheriff's Office. We are not fond of this. We know that the increases we are asking for is no fault of anybody here but it is the state mandate, which we think is unrealistic but, at the same time, we don't have a choice.

Having a good Public Defender makes the District Attorney's job a lot easier because we don't have as many appeals and problems in court. I want to compliment you and the Public Defender's Office for doing a good and efficient job. I think we are fortunate to have the people that we do and it does make our job somewhat easier. When we have to write a brief to the Supreme Court and possibly an answering brief in a criminal case, you never see that because it is not in our courtrooms here. It is a tremendous amount of work we have to engage in when we have problems with a lower court trial. A good Public Defender's Office can prevent that, so we appreciate that. Right now, we think we could make it with one legal secretary and then working with the attorneys on some type of compensation. They are a salaried position, so we would have to figure out some type of on-call compensation. County Manager Barbee said an on-call stipend where, each weekend, you would have to figure out how to rotate who is on-call and then that individual would get a stipend of like \$400 for being on call, whether they get called in or not. DA Mallory said we are willing to try something like that and, if it works, that is fine. We won't have to go any further. If it doesn't work and it is too much of a burden, we would like to come back and discuss further what other options are available. We will keep in touch with Jim and let him know how that is working. I don't want to take away from the Sheriff's Office because they are going to have a lot more work also.

County Manager Barbee said there is one last final impact to the budget that we are reviewing for Court Services. She is putting a lot of the reports and stuff together that is goes to these guys. DA Mallory said that is certainly the case. Court Services didn't exist 15 years ago and they have a big workload they have to engage in with every single defendant. The Public Defender doesn't

always have every single defendant. Some hire their own attorneys or they might like to represent themselves but we still have to be there and Court Services has to be available for every single defendant. That is another burden the legislature has put on us. They will also have a burden because of the 48-hour rule.

Chairman Olsen said I want to compliment you and I should have done this when the judges and Brenda came up. You are drawing this out right now and that is a very good thing. Jim and I got a meeting together and everybody sat around and with other counties, people don't speak to each other because of animosities or whatever and everybody sat in this room and ground on this problem and tried to come up with the most efficient way to deal with this. I want to thank you guys and everybody else involved for getting there. I think our folks are going to take a real good stab at this and not break the budgets while we do it and get the job done. It is going to be a hardship on a lot of people. It won't work exactly like we think it will but we are going to be close, I think, because of everybody working so decently together to come up with a solution. DA Mallory said I wanted to add a quote from Mark Twain, "There are lies, damned lies, and statistics" and I think any statistics we get from the state should be looked at with a very close scrutiny. We appreciate your support and working so well together and that includes a lot of places where the Public Defender and the prosecutors don't even speak to each other. Here we both communicate very well together. Chairman Olsen said I think there is a level of respect that goes around the room with everybody so, compliments to you guys on that and the work that everybody put together.

Commissioner Koenig said, about the weekend coverage thing, are you thinking of trying that out for a year and then coming back a year from now, or are you going to come back in 3 months and say this doesn't work? DA Mallory said we don't know what is going to happen. If, at the 6-month point, we are at the breaking point, we will come and talk to Jim about it and ask what we can do to deal with this. I don't want to make any promises that I cannot keep. It would be unfair to my staff to put the extra burden on them. Even though it doesn't look like the caseloads increase, the mandates are increasing, so we have more work but would rather not add more personnel but it might come to where we don't have a choice. That is something we will discuss in the future. We would like to reserve the right to discuss that with you. Chairman Olsen said it is like this thing where the Justice Court was going to have to do trials and, once they got into it, it was not near as bad as they thought it would be. Commissioner Koenig said how many people will be taking a rotation in 52 weeks? How many are there and how many times per year would they be on-call? DA Mallory said they would be on-call at least twice a year, 2 months a year. Commissioner Koenig said, so that would be 8 weeks a year per attorney. Chief Deputy DA Mills Lane said, including Christmas and Thanksgiving, including the Public Defender's Office and so, realistically, when you are talking about them, one of them will always have to be on call. Chairman Olsen said we will say some prayers that people act nice Christmas Eve so you guys don't have to. DA Mallory said it is sad enough when the Christmas holiday season is armed robbery season and domestic violence season, in many places, so we have to do that. Chief Deputy DA Mills Lane said, to touch on something Art said, we are spending more time in court per case, so now we have a bail hearing and then we have an arraignment and sometimes, on a misdemeanor case, you only have one hearing and now they have doubled it. They also made it so the District Court can't just flat out revoke people on probation anymore. They get 3

strikes before they can finally do it, so now the defendant has gone from Justice Court to District Court, an arraignment hearing, sentencing and then 3 more appearances after that before they are arraigned. We are talking about more court appearances per case when we could be in the office actually working on other cases. I am having to file through 300 pages of text messages between 2 people that just makes me want to rip my eyeballs out. The more time I am in court is less time that I am able to do actual work. DA Mallory said in all cases we try to monitor all jail telephone cases. We are allowed to do that legally. When inmates are calling, we can listen and they know we are listening and they still say things that are helpful to us. It is not like our criminals are the most brilliant in our society or they would not be criminals. That is additional work for us and it does help us with our cases but, at the same time, it is additional work for us. County Manager Barbee said you are still saying that another legal secretary is more preferable to an investigator? DA Mallory said yes, it is. We appreciate it. Chief Deputy DA Mills Lane said right now the Sheriff's Office runs all of our criminal histories for us and when we have jury trials and while there have been some changes in the laws, we run entire criminal histories on every member of the jury pool. The legislature has now changed it so that, if you are convicted felon, you can still be on a jury. The last couple of juries we have had, we had people convicted of multiple felonies selected for our jury pools. We don't even know who they are because that is not something we necessarily want on our jury. That is 120 people that we have to send over to the Sheriff's Office to run histories on. The dispatchers work hard all day and they have asked us if we can get our own terminal and we said if we can get this position to take that burden off of them, we can do that in-house and, in addition, help with the 48-hour problem and other problems.

Social Services

Shannon Ernst said I do not have a formal presentation. I will just go through each of the departments and I will give you an overview of what we are looking at. We are not asking for any large requests this year. When we look at Department 420, this is overall our grants assistance. It is our projection of the grants that will be received. This year is very different on how we prepare these. We are reducing our grants by the salary amounts, so this amount looks a lot less in the final totals. If you look at Fund For Healthy Nevada, that should be around \$140,000 but only \$30,000 of that is direct services. The remainder goes towards those salaries. That happens across the board as you go down. Within Social Services, we do a mixed funding, as you know, for all of our salaries. We do that because we look for multiple sources to fund each position in case we did have a reduction, so that we don't lose that staffing for that program.

The next one is the 421, which is our cash and goods. This is where we are taking Indigent funds and providing for services such as indigent burials. Our mental health services is one of the projects we have in the School District ensuring that there are counselors for the youth. Our Grants to Needy has been an important piece to use for our matching. It allows for us to pay for individuals that we don't have grants funds that are considered indigent under our definition but also, anything we expend we are able to use it under categories for our matching of grants. It reduces the cash that we are looking for to provide for a direct cash match. We have our Assault Expenditures, which we are required to pay for victims of crime. If somebody is assaulted in our community, we pay for their exams and counseling up to \$1,000 and then we work with them to access state programs for ongoing support. This is also where the Board of Health R9217

Marijuana Tax Revenue comes in. We are taking that and allocating it to support programs that are found to be a mission of the Board of Health.

The next one is the 422, which is required to increase by 4.5% each year, per statutes. We are moving that from our 394 account. This is for those indigent services that they require that we have. The largest amount is jail prescriptions and medicine. In talking with the Sheriff, they are feeling that they need more doctor representation within the jail but how does that get funded? We are being very cautious in the fact that 100% of inmates are not indigent. We pay for all medical costs and prescriptions there but we need to find that balance. We are one of the only counties left that pays from the Social Services Indigent Funds to the jail. Those are ongoing discussions. The Sheriff, I believe, is also having that discussion with you about what that could look like in the jail in the future. I went through a couple of presentations of providers to come and provide those services but it comes down to determine how that is paid. County Manager Barbee said how do you engage and determine whether they are indigent or not? Shannon Ernst said, to determine whether they are indigent or not, you look at their income for the prior 30 days before they came to jail. County Manager Barbee said is it a questionnaire? Shannon Ernst said yes, it is. It is questions in meeting with our FFAST team. County Manager Barbee said is that something that could be added to the inmate interviews as part of the Court Services? Shannon Ernst said Court Services are our FFAST Program. We have a Resource Liaison that is there every week and it could be a questionnaire to determine. County Manager Barbee said Court Services is daily. It is really looking at that income and also insurance. There is still the federal argument at looking at Medicaid. If somebody is booked and has Medicaid, Medicaid will not pay those fees but they are not yet convicted, so this has been an ongoing thing for about 17 years arguing that Medicaid should still be paying for them until they are convicted. Private insurance is one that we find that does pay, so we are looking when they go to the doctor or get prescriptions, all the pharmacies are running their name to see if there is any insurance because inmates don't always give you that information. We still have that agreement with the hospital that they pay for the indigent costs, so, if they go into the ER, we are not being charged for that but, if they need a specialty service, we are being charged for that. Commissioner Heath said so, if there is prescription and it has a co-pay and they don't have any money, do we pay for that? Shannon Ernst said that is correct. The Sheriff has implemented kind of a co-payment program in the jail, so, if they have funds that come in on their books, they want to see the doctor, then a certain amount is charged to them and we are getting reimbursed. Commissioner Heath said how do the other counties pay for it if they don't use Social Services? Shannon Ernst said they have a line item in their budget that is funded by the General Fund. If they are found to be indigent, then we pick up those costs. If they qualify as indigent by statutes, then Social Services pays. If not, it comes from the General Fund.

With our Operations Fund 424, it is the largest in the budget because this is where the majority of the Social Services staff are held. You see the total representation of the cost but they are being broken down from different grants. When you look at the salaries, you are looking at it only being about 40% of this is truly at the county cost. I went through, and I do have a huge spreadsheet, developing this budget and how those percentages apply to each grant in their projections. We would actually have a reduction if all those grants come in as they are predicted at about \$100,000 in salaries. That is always been our goal is to make sure to find those costs for all those

programs. Anybody that is hired under a grant program is notified that if the grant is gone, this position would go away also. When you look at the bottom line, overall, where it is reduced to 761, we have asked for a little bit more just moving money around for copiers and supplies because we have a lot more staff in our department. We also have the Life Center, which is costing us more in those areas.

The next department is 425, which is overall our Health Department. The only thing in here that is not grant funded is our Community Health Nurse. This is set by the legislature and what those would be. They do still provide our family planning, infectious disease testing and treatment, that would be maintained until we are approved for the Health District and then that contract would go away and it would fall directly under the Health District. One of the big pieces is, this last year, we have all these funds to really provide the COVID response. There are a few items that we have not been able to pay for, such as some of the utilities over at Miners Road and things like that. We do keep a miscellaneous line item so that we can put anything that was COVID related, even from other departments, those are coded in there so we can keep track of those and report exactly what it is costing above the grants. All the grants have come in and are all executed for all the health staff. With the contract with UNR, we are pending another \$180,000 for the lab, which will help us do the lab software and also some other equipment that is needed there. Our goal is to have the certification of the lab completed by April 1 and start collecting samples there. We had an inspection last week for one of our hoods and the filtering system failed. They are sending someone out to replace that because that is one of our biggest hiccups.

When we go into 428, this is our housing, which is funded 100% by grants. We have our homeless services and stabilization for those that, potentially, could become homeless. One of the biggest concerns with this is we have a lot of funds that are unexpended because we can't find housing. We try to build those agreements and relationships with the landlords. They continue to raise the rents. When you look at fair market rent, it is about 50% of the open market, so we can pay \$900 for a 3 bedroom and people are charging \$1,800 or more. We have people with vouchers but we cannot get them placed. We still only have on Pathroom for those that were taken from the street for placement. This is going to be an ongoing conversation in the future to develop strong programs and look at alternatives so that we can get them placed. That is one of our biggest complaints every week with people calling in every week saying why aren't you doing anything with the homeless. Some of them do not want to be housed but we go out and wrap services around them where they are at and then we can get them a voucher but we have no placement. It is looking at getting their income and getting them stabilized and that is the goal. All of our housing and homeless programs are not to place somebody unless we know that they can maintain it after we are done after 2 years.

Commissioner Koenig said I have been getting calls and complaints about people buying those sheds and living in them. We can just house them there. Shannon Ernst said there are lots of models. I received a call asking if we would be open to doing the Conex housing models. It is very big in Las Vegas and Reno is putting up some but there are a lot of different models. One of the ideas has been doing a transitional living environment but we will be mapping that out and will have that conversation in the future.

Regarding Department 429 for Guardianship, the salaries for the Deputy Public Guardian are under Operations. This is a change we made about 3 years ago so that it was not limited to guardianship activities. We wanted it to be supported by more of the indigent budget and other grant funds that come in. We are evaluating if maybe there is a rent-paid program that the Guardianship Office could work with the Life Center on. We found with individuals that it is where they are vulnerable is their financials. They start being exploited and then they end up on the streets or in a facility when it is not necessary. Guardianship is one of the things that is 24-7. I laugh when I hear the DA talk about there always being a call on Christmas. That is when they seem to fall ill, so I have standby time put into it. It used to be in this budget. We split on-call now 50% of the time, so we both have a break with that.

Within this budget is the Public Administrator. The stipend that is paid is also included under Contracted Services. The Public Administrator is requesting an additional \$10,500 for that Contract. That is the increased costs for doing business for the number of people he has. We will maintain our agreement with him that, if they are indigent or have less than \$2,000 in assets, the Guardianship Office will maintain that administration but anything over the time that it takes and the requirements from the court, it is found to be better to go to Mr. Getto and then he can claim on those assets. There is a lot more he is not able to be reimbursed for. There was a little more added into the travel and subsistence and training. The goal is for the Deputy Public Guardian to obtain the guardianship certification in the next 2 years. When our office changes, when the time comes that I leave, where do the roles stand and who has the expertise to maintain that office without a change in the flow.

The next department is 430, which is our Child Protective Services (CPS). We are mandated to provide CPS on reports of child neglect and abuse. We have entered into an assessment with the state to provide those services on their behalf. This is one that will be interesting to watch over the next year. We are meeting bi-weekly with the state. This went up significantly 4 years ago. It was an increase of \$180,000 a year and one of the things is they are looking at is the intake process of this agreement. We were charged for a new intake program that they put in place. Over this time, we have urged that they evaluate if they are truly abused and neglected, because then you also have sex trafficking intake and a lot of different pieces that do not fall under our obligation. That has come back with amounts that have opened the eyes of the state and now we are evaluating how to reduce these so it is truly our cost. We are also asking them to look at the counties with the number of reports that are coming in and look at historical data. We are charged based off of the number of youth we have in the community, not the number of cases that are investigated. That is how it has always been. There is new administration in DCFS and they are open to looking at this. That is why we are meeting. A lot of communities such as ours participate in the Pinwheels for Prevention and are doing activities every day to build awareness about child abuse and have safe living environments. Hopefully, over the next budget, which they are supposed to have preliminary numbers out to us in September, we will start seeing some changes with this. Commissioner Heath said why are you decreasing the budget by \$4,700? Shannon Ernst said that was reduced in the contract. Commissioner Heath said, so we will still have the money to do the Pinwheels? Shannon Ernst said yes and we do all those activities from grants. This is just the contract with the state, the assessment. That is all that is in this budget.

When we go into 671, this is just a donations account. It is money that is coming in. There is still a line item for Project Food Expenses. We have not had Project Food Expenses for a long time so there is no money that is anticipated to come from that program but we do have our Family Vehicle Safety Program, which is a program that is brought forth from the courts. If somebody gets pulled over and their kid is not properly belted in, they are court ordered to attend the class. We are working, not only in Churchill County, but with our other partnering health communities, to get new instructors certified. We want to make sure the people do attend so they don't have to pay the fines. We also give them a safety seat and help them install it. It is a great effort in the community for outreach and education. You get to open up the door to talk about other things, such as child abuse and health needs and so on. Then you have the miscellaneous line item when somebody makes a donation, it is earmarked and then we expend it from this account.

The next one is Indigent Services. This is the required amount we have to come in and pay payments to the state. We have the Indigent Accident Fund (IAF) and medical care within the county. It does feed into our 422, which has the mandated increase of 4.5%. Once we expend the smaller account, then it goes to this account. This is the one that concerns me the most. When you look at payments for medical care, which is our Medicaid Match, per statutes and per all agreements, this can be up to \$.08. It is based off of actuals and we have not hit that yet. We are watching it as it does continue to increase. In talking with the Comptroller and the County Manager about the need to bring some of those taxes back into this fund to make sure we have an adequate amount to pay. We had an Indigent Accident Fund and, when the Affordable Care Act took place, those went away. We do not pay for indigent care because they are Medicaid eligible but we still pay those payments to the state. NACO was amazing in fighting this with the state and coming to the agreement that we do get reimbursed a portion of those costs. This year, we are receiving \$280,000 back. One of the caveats with that is you have to use those funds to pay directly to your Medicaid Match bill but with the funds that are available that you are not paying to the Medicaid Match, you have to use for programming such as the Resource Liaison. Some of those they found a priority in making a significant difference within our community. Each year, we provide an application to NACO and the Hospital Board and Medicaid and the people that sit on those boards review our applications and agree to those reimbursements. Those come in quarterly, so that has been very nice over the last 3 years.

The last one is the Senior Center. This is something that we had mapped out but, when we started this in July, we truly did not have a budget to go off of. We have gone off with the last 6 months of expenses. We understand these are higher based on how we came into the Life Center. There was not a lot of maintenance done on equipment. We had to replace some equipment and increase services; we had a freezer go down and we have renewed those. We are bringing forward some maintenance agreements so that we can prolong the life of the equipment. If you look at the bottom, I broke it down as to what the county and revenue is going to pay from the services we provide and the grants. The grants are projected to be \$528,000 with just over \$1M coming from revenue and the county. We have increased the amount of people eating lunch there every day. We have about 95-100 each day. Our activities start at 7:00 AM and we have people there throughout the day. We have a slight fee for everything based on what is allowable from ADSD and other funders. The more we allow people in there, the more we are seeing more revenue coming in. When you look at the replacement of the Meals on Wheels (MOW) vehicles,

we have been able to work with ADSD to provide that but there is a required match and, by the time you get the vehicle, there is an increased 5% on them. ADSD is looking a providing the match for these vehicles and also that 5%, so the county would not incur those impacts. That is the biggest goal is always trying to find what grants will work together and it has been very exciting to have a partnership with the USDA. We are submitting for several vehicles with them and we will be bringing those forward when we receive those funds.

Chairman Olsen said, on the Life Center, what are we taking out in tax revenue, Sherry?

Comptroller Wideman said \$460,000 a year. Shannon Ernst said there is about \$200,000 between revenue and also fees, which is why we are working with USDA and others to bring more funds forward. Chairman Olsen said I am just trying to get my head wrapped around about where we were and where we are on expenses the county was budgeting. Comptroller Wideman said about \$400,000 was budgeted and they get about \$480,000 from the tax revenue. There were grants there previously, right? Comptroller Wideman said the Coalition for Senior Citizens have grants that they managed. Chairman Olsen said then we brought other services in there too. Shannon Ernst said, correct, so now you have Resource Liaison Services, you have Medicaid Outreach Services, Medicare Outreach, Social Security is on the phone, we have the Wellness Center going at least 3 days a week based on the need. We are bringing in the Shingles vaccine when we get it this spring and doing blood pressure checks and education. It is busy. That is one of the biggest things. I run into people and they are like we are doing yoga this morning. It is not just 60 and older that are utilizing the center. The administrator of ADSD is coming in from Vegas next week because he is so excited what has happened there and wants to talk about additional funding and models that can be used. Previously, there was a reimbursement rate when the Coalition had it of \$15 per service unit for homemaker services. That has been increased based on the contract we presented to them for \$25, so they did give us the additional funding to support that. We saw a slight increase with our meal service. Truly, \$3.65 does not pay for MOW to go out but it is looking for the extra donations that are coming in to support that. We will continue to evaluate those. USDA will be a new partner with them there. We are looking at ADSD, there is a new resource that came out last week and we are looking at getting close to \$200,000 but one of the things is it is just not for the Life Center. It is Social Services working with the Life Center to wrap the services around them. Part of the grant is going to be looking at a Resource Liaisons to support that program. We just keep opening more doors. If you see other funding, please let us know. I am excited because Jill Manha is attending a grant course so we can get help writing these. We are at about 32 grants a year that we are writing. They are all due over the next 3-4 months. The 2 grants that we have for the new vehicles are the USDA and CSBG grants but they are also for Social Services. We are paying our staff to use their personal vehicles at this time. We are presenting the first part of the USDA grant for those next week at the Commissioner's meeting, which has to be brought forward for public comment before you even apply.

Museum

Teri Hedgpeth said we are requesting just a few changes in our budget. The Churchill County Museum Association went over the telephone/utility and we are requesting the county to resume paying for that and the internet service at \$2,700 per year and also requesting \$10,000 in

Contracted Services for the next budget cycle to build a concrete pad in front of our shop, which is gravel and it makes moving rather difficult, so it would be a huge help to my staff. We also have a refurbished printer that was purchased in 2014 and we are requesting a new one. We do a lot of printing and that is our only printer and that would be about \$5,000. We also want an increase in our repairs from \$2,000 to \$5,000 to do repairs that have been neglected. We are not asking for any additional employees. Most of the services that we provide are interpreted services. All of our exhibit and programming fees are paid through the Churchill County Board of Trustees and that is something that facilitates the county greatly in not having to request any additional items there.

Library

Carol Lloyd said this budget kind of circles back to the Strategic Plan that we just finished, which goes back to the Needs Assessment in the fall of 2019. Some of the things that perhaps you might want to consider, for Fiscal Year 2021, the supplies and services expenditures included over \$100,000 in grants. In Fiscal Year 2022, the grants today are over \$40,000. The only way I can control salaries and benefits is not to fill positions that have been approved, which is what we did during COVID. The Library really got slammed during COVID. We had 2 positions go vacant and we left them vacant until things started to crank up again. The other thing I can do is not request positions that I need, which I am clearly not doing now. The Library handles its own IP. We don't use the county for any of that. We maintain the website and take care of our own social media and have been doing that for a very long time. We have to make sure that we are operational 24-7. It is not unusual to go by the Library and see cars sitting outside using our Wi-Fi. We partner with over 25 organizations to deliver services and one of the ones is the CARES Program that we have done really well with. We are really happy with the staff over there. They work well with us. The Fallon Youth Club does, as well. We have a good relationship with the UNR Desert Research Institute to provide educational and science projects. We are working with ENEL for drone projects. We started doing programming on Friday afternoon and that was in response to what I call the Party on the Porch, which happens after school is out on Fridays and Oasis does not have school. We started doing a lot of programming on Fridays in order to have a positive experience with those kids and we have worked hard to build that and have been successful. We are anticipating the impact of the School District not having school on Friday afternoons beginning next year. That will have huge impact on us and what we are asking for is a reflection of all of that rolled into a ball. If you come in on Fridays now, there is no place to sit. We are pretty maxed out.

County Manager Barbee said would you be able to operate the van with existing staff? Carol Lloyd said no. County Manager Barbee said, so no staff, no van. Carol Lloyd said I can't figure it out. We are pretty strung out. I don't see how; I can't see it. I will say that Berry-Dunn who helped us with our Strategic Plan, is going to do a Resource Assessment Study with the staff. We are going to do what we do and is that what we should be doing. We are going to run that right into the Strategic Plan and also look at our Marketing and Outreach and determine whether what we are doing is what we should be doing. That could impact your question. With the way things are going now, it can't happen. Commissioner Heath said what is the van for? Is it to travel to other places? Carol Lloyd said it is like a Book Mobile, only it will be Library Services but more

importantly it will be for technology. We will be able to take Hot Spots into the community. Even though a lot of places in town have internet, once they leave their houses, it does not work so well. It will allow us to take our services to the schools and other places and make us more visible. It is kind of a bridge between what we have now and what we would like to see with the expansion of the building. Commissioner Heath said will it be operated daily, is that the plan? Carol Lloyd said I would hope so, yes. We are already looking at the possibilities and who we can serve with that. We just have to have somebody to drive it. We work with so many organizations in this community, I can see it being used pretty regularly. The reason we want a van is it doesn't require a CDL to drive it. Chairman Olsen said is there grant funding for the van or the position? Carol Lloyd said I am in the middle of a grant for the vehicle and I think we have a good shot at it but not for the position. There is more money on the table that came through last week but it needs to be expended by the end of September and I can't see that will work for that position. It may work for a lot of our downloadable stuff, which is where I will go with that one.

Court Services

Brenda Ingram said my request does not include any addition to services and supplies. I secured a grant, using COVID money, for \$36,000, which I used to stock up. As long as my line items stay the same, I will be fine. What COVID did do to us though is double our caseload. More inmates were getting released and put into supervision. We had a lot of COVID positive people but we still had to see them. They all got out of jail to try to keep from spreading it there. That has not let up. The numbers have stayed up there. That grant also included a part-time person, which allowed us to keep up with the caseload. I am asking to continue that position because our numbers have not decreased at all. I also requested another part-time person because of the Supreme Court orders that have been placed on us to do Risk Assessments and the Valdez-Jimenez decision and also AB 424, which mandates that the inmate be seen within 48 hours instead of 72 hours. It will require that we work 7 days a week. Some of the other departments are going to be able to schedule just working Sundays but we are going to work every day in order for us to get our reports done and go to all of those hearings. We currently do drug testing on the weekends but we are in and out. It only takes an hour to test them. The last 3 or 4 days we have had 7-8 new arrests each day. That takes so much time to do those interviews. The jail has to find time to accommodate us and the inmate has to call us and we have to compile their criminal history and put it all into a report with the information that the inmate has provided us. We then have to call their families and their references and verify all of that. It takes a lot of time. It can take several days to get some of those things done. We are really under the gun.

I am kind of conservative when spending county money. I don't think we are at the point where we need a full time person working on the weekends. I think we will need at least 4 hours a day to do drug testing and catch up with the weekend bookings. I included a request to keep the current position that is already in our numbers. That person is already in my budget numbers. I also asked for an additional part-time person. What is not included in the request is the possibility of adding a few hours to that position. If we added a few hours per weekend to make up for those 4 hours per day to her hours, it would bring her from 19 hours to 25 hours per week. It would require that we pay her PERS but not insurance. That would be about a \$5,000 savings over hiring another part-time person for 19 hours per week. I asked for the part-time person so

we would not have to pay PERS. I think we can make it with just adding 5 hours to the person we already have. County Manager Barbee said although her position would no longer be funded by grants but by the county, you would have one part-time increased to 25 hours versus 19 hours, correct? Commissioner Koenig said is that person willing to work weekends? Brenda Ingram said yes, she is. I had that discussion with her and we will also rotate with her. I have the one other that is grant funded and they will be sharing the weekend duties, as well. Geof provided me with an estimate for some overtime in case the other full-time person had to go in on the weekend and help. It is our plan that the part-time people will handle this but sometimes people need time off, so I think we can figure it out. We might go over sometimes if we don't add anybody but in the whole scheme of things it will even out.

Cooperative Extension

Holly Gatzke said we have a budget that is a decrease from last year. I am happy to say that we found state funding for the Extension Educator. We have just reposted for that position and spent a lot of money advertising for that. We put into the budget for Karen's position to be full-time like Linda's position but part of her salary is paid by one small fund and also by charging back for the building the other time that Linda works on that. We have her working full-time there and then we will have a full-time Extension Educator. Linda scoured the budget to trim out things, like fax lines and things that are not necessary. We want to get programming up and going and need this new person.

Road Department

Gary Fowkes said I changed a couple of the funding sources. The Road Impact 211 Fund, which is for every permit issued, we get \$2,300 and the balance is \$801,000 and I am asking for \$300,000. The Regional Transportation Fund has \$680,000 in it and I am asking for \$700,000. The Public Transit Fund has a balance of \$1,200,000 and I am asking for \$700,000. Those 2 funds I increased by \$200,000. The 280 Fund is the fund that gets the diesel tax. I increased the 395 because it is pretty open. The One-Cent fund has \$185,000 in it and I am asking for \$85,000, which is what I have asked for in each of the last 5 years. The Equipment Replacement Fund is \$741,000 and I am asking for \$500,000. The Road Fund balance is \$1,600,000, which is our checking account. I increased the Contracted Services by \$5,000 for the buildings that I want to demo, which I showed you during the tours and I increased the line item by \$19,000 to haul that building to the dump. The utilities I increased by \$2,000 because we have been behind on that line item for a couple of years now. The big-ticket item I am asking for is \$80,000 to replace a late model service truck to replace the 32-year-old one we have. It is not really even a service truck. The phone company had it, then the Fire Department had it, and now we have it. Richie Brothers had a 2017 Ford with 100,000 miles on it for \$80,000. If you bought a new one, they are about \$150,000. This has a hydraulic frame and air compressor; everything. We still have not received the trucks we ordered in July. We don't know when they will be here. The \$305,000 is just for ordinary repairs.

Assessor

Denise Felton said we are fortunate to be fully staffed and most of our Appraisers are up to date on their education hours for their certifications, so we would like to use part of our travel budget this year to purchase chairs for our meeting training area. Since the remodel we have a little bit more room so we are doing more meeting and classes online, so we set up a little area in the office to allow them to do the education in the office. It will allow for interactive collaboration, as well. We want to replace the 2 counter computers. We would also like to get a training and meeting laptop with our Technology Fund. We would like to replace the aging blinds in the office and replace the exterior door. It was damaged during the remodel. Facilities suggested the door be replaced after the last time they had to work on it. I did not include it in this budget. I would like facilities to replace it since it is part of the building.

Clerk/Treasurer

Linda Rothery said we are a dual-elected office and are statutorily regulated for everything we do in our office. I have been conducting an internal wage and duty study for my office. Kelly Helton was the Clerk/Treasurer from 2007-2018. I was office supervisor from 2007-2015. As a result of the study that was done in 2015, I was changed to a Chief Deputy from 2015-2018. I was elected in January 2019. In the original Pontifex Comp Study done in 2015 the positions used were not based on similar duties and responsibilities in the Clerk Treasurer's Office and the job descriptions were lacking statutory technical details. I started compiling data for my study in January 2021. The county comp study was done last year. The study was updating Pontifex numbers. At the time of the meeting, I met with County Manager Barbee and Human Resources Director Stark and presented my preliminary findings and was informed that the study was already completed and that anything that I did was not in his scope of work. I decided to do the work and present it during my budget hearing. I spoke with Clerks and Treasurers throughout the state. Chairman Olsen said are you saying Geof did not do a comp study on your department? Linda Rothery said he updated numbers from the 2015 study but the study was based on the position and the job descriptions that were in place. My study updated the job descriptions. Chairman Olsen said nobody asked you to do a comp study, you did that on your own? Linda Rothery said this has been in discussions for a few years but I was not in a position to do it until now. I did speak with others throughout the state so that I could compare the duties their staff does to what my staff does. The Clerk/Treasurer's Office is clerical but it also does accounting functions. We do trust property tax sales, conduct elections, and we do board functions. We have increased to 10 boards and conduct all the training to staff in other departments. Statutorily Regulated Duties is what our office is all about.

For comparison, the 2015 study was basically updated in 2020 and, as you can see, that study was based on clerical duties only. The study I did was based on the technical statutory duties in our office. With this study, I submitted a new Senior Deputy Clerk to the Board job description and I updated the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer job description. The 2 new job descriptions tie into the study I did. I provided all of that study back up to the board for their review. The request is to have the job descriptions to become effective in July 2022.

My budget request is to promote my Deputy Clerk to the Board to the Senior Deputy Clerk to the Board. The budgeted increase request is about \$1,500 for salaries and \$500 for benefits. I would like to reclassify 3 of my Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's to grade 46. Inclusive of all 3 to increase

salaries about \$9,200 and about \$2,900 in benefits. There will be no other increases in services and supplies. I will just use the numbers from last year.

My election budget will have no changes in it. There has been a lot of inflation that has hit our supplies and printing vendors and I am aware of that, although I did not increase any of the services and supplies knowing that the 2021-22 budget numbers that I am rolling into this year will suffice in conjunction with all the unbudgeted revenues my office brings in.

The unbudgeted revenues my office brings in is the Trust Property Tax Sale, which brought in over \$276,000 last year, which is money that goes back into the county and then can offset the budgets. For the election side of the budget, we have grants that we apply for every election year. You can see what we brought in for 2020 and that was during COVID. We got a lot of grant money reimbursing us.

In 2019, it was an off-election year but it was to upgrade all the securities on the county's servers. My main concern is what I will add before you guys can ask me more questions. I don't want to lose anyone else in my office and I would like to pay staff a competitive market rate that is compared to the specific technical duties of Clerks and Treasurers throughout the state. Two thirds of my staff have been in my office for over 15 years and I work hard for them and, even at a recent Department Head meeting, Jim commended the Department Head for taking care of their employees. Doing this study is exactly what I was doing. The amount of work in my office has been increasing due to legislative changes over the past few years. I am not going to request to add an additional employee, although that may change down the road but I am able to shift duties around to help the workload that is required.

Commissioner Heath said I don't know how the process completely works but, typically, who comes up with job descriptions and classifications? If each person comes and said this is what we should be, is that Geof's job? County Manager Barbee said there are 2 different things happening here. We did not do job classification evaluations in this comp study. It was just a comp study which basically is comparing agreed upon job classifications to like positions as we did across the counties and the comparables we brought to you. To do reclassifications is another process that has not been done since 2015 when that was done. We have an internal Title 3 process for an employee to bring forward, in other words saying I feel like my job duties have changed since the last time we had a reclassification and so I am requesting an audit. What is a part of that is that it is done by someone outside that department and we have not traditionally had Department Heads or elected officials bringing these things forward, unless they are making a significant change to a position, unless they are making a reclassification, which would still be the process normally is how that would be handled. They would say all these positions have changed job duties and this is their new duties and I would like to forward a reclassification. Again, that all goes normally through Human Resources. The only thing I would add to this is that we are a little bit apples and oranges on the comp study comparisons, we are not following the same process that we did for the comp study for the entirety of the county. The thing that I would say in this is, I think that if we start having individual Department Heads and or elected officials do their own stuff like that then I think there is less impartial objectivity and it reduces the workload on Geof. There is an upside here. It needs to be one or the other. We need to have consistency across the agency on how that is done.

Commissioner Koenig said it makes sense to me if Linda really feels that there is a discrepancy, then I don't know the time process but she should be able to bring that to Geof and he should come up with that. All the Department Heads are going to think their people work more than they are but if Geof is doing that I like the impartiality of that saying you are not just trying to increase your people more than they should be and maybe Geof will come up with that same thing and that is where you go. County Manager Barbee said per Title 3, these positions could be brought back and run through that process. Commissioner Koenig said how long does that process take? Are we talking 6 months or 3 weeks, I have no idea. Director Stark said I wouldn't say 6 months or 3 weeks. It would probably be a couple of months depending on the assessment and that sort of thing. When we did this in 2015, we had Pontifex do that externally across the board for all positions. At the time, the way they did it is not by looking at other counties, it was by talking to employees and having them fill out a questionnaire, which is what we would do internally, as well. Based on the information they got from the employee, they drafted job descriptions, which were then sent back to the employee to ask for any changes, which on these positions, there were no changes proposed and they were all approved by Linda at the time. We would look to see if there have been changes to the duties since then, but I would say it would be probably a couple of months, 2-3 months based on my other duties, as well. County Manager Barbee said, as for the process through Title 3, you could see that some duties have been reduced and, as you do that comparison, it could result in also, which is always out there, a reduction in the qualifying pay or the rate of pay based on the actual duties as compared to other positions. That is always out there too, just to be totally honest.

Linda Rothery said, when I started getting everything together, my whole intent was to get ahold of Geof before I got to that point, although he called me and said that him and Jim would like to meet with me for the comp study and maybe we could get this adjusted at that time. That is when I found out that the study was done and it was ready to be approved by the board. That's how it was kind of thrown back at me, so I did everything that Geof would technically have done for any position, whether it was a reclassification or bumping people up, so that is why I provided everything for the board to review. I didn't know that Geof was doing a comp study until I sat down in that office. When I brought it to them, they said it was too late for me to have a part in the comp study. In 2015, I do know it was like another department found some discrepancies with that and they actually got that to change before the board approved it. My timing was off, I will say that but I did everything that I should have done or that would have been done for what I am requesting. Waiting until the Budget Hearing, I assumed, would have been the proper process. I could have brought this to the board previous to this, with Geof's help, and say this is what our findings are on the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer position and then requesting board approval at that time. I still don't want anything to be backdated. I just wanted to bring everything so it was trueing it up from that original study and that way it will be part of my budget for 22/23 and then going forward it would be in line with whatever other offices are getting paid.

Chairman Olsen said I think there are 2 things getting mixed up here: comp and class. So, class is what you are pushing and class is what didn't get studied. We can study class and take a look at that, if that is your request. We would go through the normal process for that and see where we land, is what I would propose we do. Commissioner Heath said have you already reviewed it Geof? Director Stark nodded his head no. Commissioner Heath said I think that is where we start

is what I think Pete is saying now.

Recorder

Tasha Hessey said I am asking to increase the Recorder budget #130 by \$414, which is \$144 in notary fees that went up and then an increase of \$270 in training. I am also asking for an increase of \$370 in budget #135 because we do all the shredding for the departments and the volume has gone up, so the fee has gone up.

RATPAC

Denise Felton said the primary revenue source of the Technology Fund is the 2% collection fee from the Assessor's unsecured tax roll. It also consists of technology fees collected from other sources such as the Recorder's technology fee, map fees and technology fees from the Clerk's services. The fiscal policy of this fund has been to plan necessary technology enhancements and projects. This fund financed the software contracts and computer upgrading for several departments including the initial 5-year Devnet Contract, which will be up for renewal in July 2022. Expenses for 22/23 include a Pictometry aerial photography flight of an 80 square mile block of the of the county and a Sanborn aerial photography flight of the eastern side of the county which coincides with the reappraisal area for 23/24. Proposed projects for the fund also include a laptop for training and 2 motion measuring tools for the Assessor's Office and the replacement for the holder inserter machine, which is used by multiple departments.

Public Works, Planning & Zoning / Water & Wastewater

Chris Spross said I have 3 budgets to talk about today. Regarding the Planning budget, I have a few highlights to talk about. The original Planning budget for last year included \$4,500,000 for the Civic Center. What is showing on the screen right now is basically salary expenses, employee benefits and Services and Supplies. In the next Fiscal Year, the Civic Center will be completed, so we are not going to be looking at any funding for that. Our total budget increase over this year is about \$56,000, which is about 8.6%. Approximately 70% of that is attributed to direct salary expenses. Of that 70%, about 80% of that is associated with cost of living increases and step increases and things of that nature. The Planning Department is requesting a part-time minimum wage intern for a period of up to 12 months because we are in dire need of moving over to the Devnet system this year. We have a lot of spread sheets that we have been calculating and that is all data that will have to be put into the system and we just don't have the manpower to do that. We also are looking at taking many of the documents that we have on paper and scanning those to the computer system. That is another task we need an intern for. We will only use the intern as needed. The cost of the intern would be about \$10,500. The employee benefits is an increase of \$11,000 and the bulk of that is associated with the pro-rated cost of the increase in the salary expense. The part-time intern impact is about \$1,300. The thing that we have a lot of real control over is Services and Supplies and we are looking at an increase of about \$5,300, which is about 15%. The Contracted Services is typically map reviews. We are asking for \$7,900 over the \$6,700 we had this year because when you guys did the tour, you saw that every year we are doing more maps. The benefit of that is when we have a map, we get to charge for that so, as the cost goes up, we generate revenue. It is just not a direct cost to the department. For Printing and

Publishing we are looking at a decrease because last year we had to print out the Master Plan, which was a considerable cost but we don't have to do that this year. It is the same thing with the Telephone Expense. I kind of overestimated how much we were going to spend. The \$2,000 that I am asking for is for my phone and a phone for Code Compliance. A big number that we have is vehicle repairs. We are going from \$2,500 to \$5,000. The newest vehicle we have is 8 years old and some are upwards of 20 years old. We are not looking at buying any more this year. We want to have enough for some repairs. We are asking for a \$2,500 increase to purchase a network printer. We have been having problems with ours for as long as I can remember. For Furniture and Fixtures, I have moved my office around and I am in a bigger office and I want to put a conference room table in there, plus a television so that when we have meetings, we can put plans on the screen. For Capital Outlay, there is a big savings there. We had money in there for vehicles and money for the Civic Center, which in the next year, we are not asking for vehicles and we will be done with construction. All in all, we are asking for \$5.4M less than last year.

For Water & Wastewater, our water department doesn't have any employees, so we don't have salary costs and benefits. The 21/22 budget was \$767,000 and we are asking for an increase to about \$803,000. The biggest number there is Contracted Services. The EPA came out with a study called the Copper and Lead Law, which requires, by 2024, that we identify not only transmission mains but also services and will I anticipate needing assistance from SPD to do that investigation. They have not asked for an increase this year but I anticipate that we will be spending a little more manpower to get that done. Chairman Olsen said is most of our physical be built with PVC? Chris Spross said our infrastructure is relatively new after galvanized but we still have to go through the process and prove that. Chairman Olsen said in Fallon most people know that you don't put metal in the dirt because the dirt likes it. Chris Spross said we have as-builts on all of our transmission mains and the EPA will accept that but, with all these individual services, we will have to investigate them. For Operating Supplies, we are asking for an additional \$6,000 because, over the last few years, we have seen a substantial cost in freight to get things here. For Professional Fees, we are doing some work this year with the water plant. There will be some things that will be outside of that Preliminary Engineering report when it comes to doing studies of where we want to bring in our infrastructure, so I am asking for a little bit more money for that. In terms of Repairs and Maintenance on the infrastructure and equipment that is just a cost increase we are seeing on materials and freight. Our plant is getting older and we are needing to do more repairs. For Utilities, Electrical Water and Sewer, I have added to that in anticipation of cost increases. For Computers and Printers, we are good at the Water Treatment Plant, so we are asking for a little less. As far as software, last year we needed to get the meter reading software so we don't have to do that this year, so we reduced that amount. We don't need anything for Capital Outlay.

The next one is Wastewater at the Sewer Treatment Plant and it is in the same boat as the Water Treatment Plant. There are no employees or benefits, it is all Services and Supplies. We are asking for a 5% increase. Contracted Services is a big part of that. We are looking at having to replace the membranes this year, which will take some additional manpower to do that. They did not ask for an increase this year. With Operating Supplies, it is the same thing with an increase for freight and materials. For Professional Fees, when we do the membrane change, we are anticipating that we will have to have Suez down here and go through that, which would be over

and above what we would be doing for our Professional Fees. For infrastructure and equipment repairs, our plant is getting older and we are starting to see some equipment failure. By putting the membranes into bays 3 and 4, we kind of have robbed Peter to pay Paul, so there are parts that need to be replaced. With Utilities, I anticipate running more sewer and the cost is going to go up. Last year I took a shot at what gas would be and that \$3,600 is more realistic to what we are spending now. The big number for the Sewer Treatment Plant this year is the membrane. They are 13 years old and still functioning adequately but part of our budget is to bring Suez down and do an inspection of them to see what they think. They have said that we will need to replace those this Fiscal Year. Our idea is that we install those into bays 3 and 4 and we keep the existing one in bays 1 and 2 as a backup with the anticipated sewage that we are going to have to treat over the next few years with some of these subdivisions coming online. I wanted to see if it is possibility that, moving forward, we set up an accrual account where we can put a certain amount of money away every year so that we don't have to have a considerable amount of money that we have to spend in 10 years. If we know it costs us \$300,000 in the last 10 years, then can we set up a fund for that. We are going to have to start doing some rate analysis and having these lows and then these peak years where we have to spend all that money, it makes it difficult for doing a break-even analysis. I wanted to talk to Sherry if that is even possible. Chairman Olsen said so the membranes that absolutely had to be changed 8 years ago are now getting to the point where maybe they really do? Chris Spross said yes. We have money in this year's account to have Suez come down and give us an analysis. We are going to do that around April then we will have good information. They have been telling us for the last few years that it will be time. Some of the numbers we are seeing are indicators that they will have to be replaced. Chairman Olsen said I like the idea of saving them before they are dead so we do have a backup.

Building

Marie Henson said we are not looking for a huge increase in our budget. We are busier and are doing more inspections and more time out in the field. I am only asking for a couple items. Manufactured Housing contacted me and is really pushing about us taking over inspections for all manufactured housing, which would mean more time out of the office for more inspections. I have to talk to them and see what they are doing. The last time, they wanted us to take it over but did not want to pay us for it. This time, I am explaining to them that I won't be permitting for them, it will be for us and we will get the money if we are doing the work. We will see what happens. The other work that will be coming in is, if these subdivisions do start and we have 20 apartment buildings going in at the same in 2 different spots, my people are going to be stretched and we may have to go into the private sector to get plan reviews done for them. They will be extensive and take a lot of time. We just don't have the time for it and, rather than ask for more personnel that may only be used for a year or so and then we don't need them anymore, I would rather contract it out. That is why I asked for an increase in Contracted Services. Typically, since gas and oil are going up, we are going to need more money in that budget. I am also going to be asking for a new vehicle, which will have more costs. Computer Software has an \$800 increase for purchasing a subscription to Drop Box to be able to send and receive larger plan files from contractors and things. You can't just email a set of plans; you need something that accepts the larger files. When Jera goes out into the field to do the inspections, unless Ray or I am not in the field already, she has to use her own vehicle to go out. I don't believe that is an efficient use or

correct use. Vehicles can be damaged and she has to worry about tires going flat because we get a lot of them when guys don't pick up nails. I would prefer to see it on a county vehicle. We are looking at going to maybe a Highway Patrol vehicle or something under \$10,000, not a new one. We are asking for just under 5%. Chairman Olsen said how much more money are you bringing to us in Building Permits? Marie Henson said it depends on how many things I get. If I am going to get money from Manufactured Housing, we would probably bring in about \$89,000 or something. They charge a lot more for their permits than we do.

Facilities, Parks, Recreation, Cemetery and CIP

Jorge Guerrero said we have 2 boards that we work with. The Park and Recreation Commission and also the newly appointed Cemetery Board.

Our Administration Budget manages clerical support for all of the departments and, of course, we are growing with the Rafter 3C. In this budget, we have Capital Outlay for \$5,000 to use for purchasing vehicles and replacing vehicles. We still have hand me downs. Usually that amount is enough to get us a nice Highway Patrol vehicle.

For Public Parks, we have a list of parks that we take care of and we serve about 12,000 youth with our sports fields. The only increase we want is for gas and oil. For Capital Outlay, we are asking for funds for doing a quasi-municipal well at the fairgrounds. A lot of our irrigation happens through the canal and it is not as ideal during drought years. They shut the water off early and what tends to happen is we end up having to switch over to city water and the pressure is not equal to regular irrigation, so that is an issue. When you are irrigating those trees with water it doesn't yield as good as growth for the sod. This way we would have our own water to irrigate all the fields if necessary. For Recreation we serve about 10,000 folks a year for programs and events. The CARE and SumFun Program, since COVID, has really been popular. Last year, the school year was kind of abbreviated, so that really brought our program to the forefront where folks needed our program and, through that, they started seeing how good of a program we had and we still have a waiting list for the CARE Program of about 20 kids. We are servicing 65 kids and we will probably be moving over to the Cottage Schools in about a month or so. County Manager Barbee said we authorized funding to remodel one of the buildings, which is the one you will be moving into. I was under the impression that you would be proposing to pick up one of those a year and I didn't see anything in 2023 budget. Jorge Guerrero said I didn't put anything in the budget here because I was not too sure where we were going to be. We are hoping we will be able to service 100 kids in the one building, so it wasn't something that I brought forward. It is something we want to talk about. That remodel will probably be less than the current building we are working on now. There is less to do there so the lift will be lighter. County Manager Barbee said do you think that is something that can be picked up at the current funding levels? I am looking at the School District changing their schedule. Jorge Guerrero said no, not at this time. And the school schedules changing just last week is a situation where we will have to come back to the board. Basically, they will not be having school every other Friday. They said like 12 Fridays. Commissioner Heath said how are you going to budget for that? Jorge Guerrero said that is very hard to do and I have turned my budget in already. I look at that as an item we will have to come back for. Commissioner Heath said, so you will

need somebody and then you don't. Jorge Guerrero said we are already doing Fridays because of Oasis as a lot of our kids are from Oasis but, because of this with the school, it will affect all of our kids now, facility wise and staffing wise. I never thought they were going to go that route. I knew it was an option but I thought they would stick with the old schedule. It is going to push us to a position where we will need more services. We may have to come back and talk to the board. We are also anticipating having higher utility bills with the larger area at Cottage School. We are also asking to purchase an enclosed trailer and wrap that. What we normally do with a lot of our offsite events like our 5ks and tournaments and things is, we usually have a van to carry all of our timing equipment and moving supplies and that gets used sometimes quite a bit and sometimes not. The issue we have with that is the van has maintenance issues so, we thought, by having an enclosed trailer, we could keep all that stuff in there and then we would have a way to get the stuff to where we need it. We would just tow it and that would be a lot easier than having to worry about batteries and the gas and all those other fun things. We thought it would be a good opportunity to wrap that with the county logo and pictures of the Rafter 3C and it would be a good advertisement for events. The trailer we are looking for costs about \$3,000 and then about \$3,000 for the wrap. For the fairgrounds, we host events and we usually have about 75,000 participants and contestants. With the Rafter 3C, we will have events expanding. We are rebuilding the entire fairgrounds as it works with the new facility and hoping to attract large events, so we are hoping to increase our Contracted Services because that is how we pay for events and cleaning stalls and increasing our fuel. We are looking at a little bit more money in our infrastructure budget. It tends to be used for broken panels and those types of things. We are looking to increase our equipment for maintenance because we are going to be doing even more work with them. We are asking for \$60,000 for Capital Outlay, which would be for more equipment like tractors, arena drags, and if we were to end up hosting finals roping, then all 3 arenas would be going and we will need equipment for all those. We only have enough for one arena and then we have an older tractor, which would be our backup.

We just had our first function in the Rafter 3C and we had 120 people show up for that. It was the Chamber Dinner, which usually attracts 15-20 business folks for lunch but, this year, we had 120. They really wanted to come out and see the building. One of the things we need to take into consideration is, we would be hosting large dinners and possibly concerts, so we need enough seating for those with tables. The Rafter 3C arena budget we put together last year so that, as we opened up, we would actually be able to capture true data but, of course, we got pushed back a little bit and so we will be opening up in June, so it is not really a true snapshot but we are trying to move forward with that budget and capture data for the next fiscal year. We did ask for a few increases because we know we are going to need to have some operating dollars so, in Operating Supplies, we are increasing that to \$12,000 for supplies in the facility like paper products and whatnot. We put together a computer software program for managing the scheduling of the building and then putting together a separate website just for the Rafter 3C, which will tie back into our other software that is doing all the scheduling. For Capital Outlay, we are asking for \$60,000 as we keep moving forward on Miners Road. We will be doing some extra development over there like holding pens, covered stalls, water and power infrastructure, as we set up another arena over there and also more camping amenities and stall amenities. We kind of figure that we are always going to need arena amendments as we keep moving forward with the dirt and also parking lot improvements, which will either be gravel or fencing as needed.

Regarding the aquatic center, it tends to have about 30,000 users in 19 groups and 20 different programs. We are asking for an increase in the amount for chemicals as those prices keep going up also. We are asking for a Capital Outlay of \$6,500 for the entrance. It is not very functional, so we want to change it and bring it a little bit more up to date. With our new software, we are able to check people in and out through the door. If you come into the swimming pool, unless somebody is there physically, they can just walk right into the pool and so we want to change the whole dynamics of this and make it more inviting too.

For the Cemetery, this last year has been really busy. We have doubled our services. We had 99 services and we tend to have 45-50 services. This year, we are going to be asking for some additional help out there. We have 2 full-time staff and usually have 2 seasonal staff, so we are asking to upgrade one of the seasonal positions to a full-time position. The fees associated with that would normally be \$62,000, with benefits, but by subtracting the part-time maintenance aide, the total increase would be \$43,000. With the pandemic, we got really far behind and also with staff wanting to take time off, it has been a huge issue so, as we come into the end of the season, we have guys that are having to take 3-4 weeks off so they are not losing their leave. It makes it difficult. In the past, I have been able to take staff from other departments to help, including myself, but now, with the other buildings being open and other things happening, I am not able to do that as much. Claude is actually on medical light duty because he had his shoulder worked on, so that only left Aaron out there, so we had a service the other day and I had to go out there and help with that, in-between trying to do all my work. We are looking to create a position that not only would help out at the Cemetery but can also help out in other areas. We may need another body for other projects, so we could use this person as a floater throughout the entire department. It would be dedicated to the Cemetery but, over the winter, when the maintenance is not as high, I could use that person at the fairgrounds or to facilities to help out where we have a shortage of staff to keep some of these projects moving forward.

We continue to put together our expansion area. This is an area that is east of the Cemetery. It is cleared off and, over the years, due to the drought and the pandemic, it has actually kind of slowed down. Our whole idea was to have water coming in for like shrubs and for people to be able to get water and then we were going to do a 100 x 100 area in DG, so we are at a point now where we just need to install the water lines. We are going to need some funds for our engineer to come back in, set all the corners for all the grave sites and set those markers and then we are going to buy DG and then we will spread it and then get some shrubbery and some trees, as we move forward with that. Chairman Olsen said what about fixing some of that road with some of this cheap material that we have been getting from that pit up north. Jorge Guerrero said yes, that is definitely part of the plan down the road, but yes. Chairman Olsen said that bottom road is destroyed all the time and then the last one on the end is not good either. Jorge Guerrero said we chip-sealed the main road a while back and, of course, it has come apart. Definitely down by the canal, is that what you are talking about, that road? Chairman Olsen said my vote would be, I don't know how many trains it would take, but I am sure in the morning you could have more material than you could handle with those trains and then fix that bottom road and that last road. You can't keep the irrigation water off of the dirt roads and that is the problem. If they were gravel, they are going to hold up a lot better than the natural soil down there on the bottom and it

is all alkalied because it is up against the canal and irrigation water hits that. I would be in favor of doing something like that as it needs it badly. Jorge Guerrero said we can look into that, too.

For Facilities and Grounds, with all the buildings that we take care of and the prices keep going up, the Contracted Services keeps going up. Our Fire and Security Contracts, those all keep going up and then, of course, with the addition of the new buildings, those need to be adjusted. Our safety materials continue to go over and a lot of that is AD batteries. We are constantly changing those out and it is just an ongoing maintenance factor and we have those in all the buildings. We cover all the telephones for the entire county and so that has also kind of gone over, so we are looking to catch up with that. As far as Capital, it is the same thing, just some money for if we need to buy vehicles. Those guys are running with trucks that are pretty old. I still have a 99 that they are running. Looking into the Maintenance Repair Plan, this is a project that is attached to the Building Reserve Fund. Since we started it in 2014, we have had 44 major projects come out of this plan. This year, for our major repair, we had the child support HVAC unit, which is in really bad shape and needs to be replaced, so we have been limping along and, in July, we would like to replace that.

We are always dealing with fire suppression. Every year, we get reports and inspections and we have certain buildings that we need to target to replace those. Another placeholder is funds for some flooring for the Dodge House. We always keep money in there because we have to replace flooring through all of our buildings, as well as parking lot maintenance.

Human Resources

Geof Stark said my budget is pretty straight forward this year. I do appreciate the board and also Shannon getting money for me to have a full-time person for right now. She started last week. She is now working but that was included in the budget for this year, which was already approved. There are only 3 small things I am requesting. One of them is probably the bigger one of the 3, which is onboarding software. Currently, most of our onboarding processes are manual where we sit down with people. This would allow us to automate a lot of it and be able to send that out and have a lot of it done before they even come onboard. The cost will be about \$6,800 to implement and then I believe the follow-up years are somewhere around \$4,500. That is my first request. I am requesting a new computer for myself just because mine is now 5 years old, so it is kind of into that computer replacement time. I am not having any difficulties with it at this point. I upgraded the memory a couple of years ago. It is going fine but I would like to have that budgeted. Then I would like just one more printer for the HR Office over here. I would like to have one with some Bluetooth and networking capabilities. The old printer that is in there is probably about 10 years old. I can't really use it through Bluetooth and network and we would like to be able to because we have a Chromebook that we could utilize with the new hires. That is pretty much all I have.

Comptroller

Sherry Wideman said we just have the reduction in our part-time accounting Specialist, which you gave me and the position is over as of July or probably sooner. That is the only thing. I don't

have any requests for the Comptroller's Office.

For the Commissioner's budget there are no changes there.

For the Data Processing, Julie Guerrero is going to touch on this a bit when she does the County Manager's budget because they are going to put the IT Professional within the Data Processing budget.

Data Processing

There is really nothing in this budget I am asking for. I am going to, I did not put it on here, but I need to increase our budget for Tyler Software. That has been inching up and I am going to need to put another \$5,000 in there.

General Government

Our liability insurance is going up. I increased that by about \$30,000. On this budget, I had decreased Celebrate Us a little but too much, so I am going to increase that back up for expenditures that go through the County Manager's Office. I increased the lobbying expenses for the lobbyist that is working on the expansion of the Navy Base.

Regarding Yucca Mountain, I always put some money in there as kind of a placeholder but we have not spent anything out of there for quite some time, so I left that budget the same. Chairman Olsen said \$84,000? Sherry Wideman said yes, it just sits there. It gets moved like when we have budget augmentations and we need more money or for unbudgeted items. Chairman Olsen said it is a fishing hole. Sherry Wideman said, with the Indigent Defense budget, the Presentencing Investigation production costs are going up so I increased that from \$65,000 to \$90,000. Court ordered attorneys have been going up so I put that at \$65,000 from \$10,000. The Public Guardian attorney's fees were increased another \$5,000 because they are going up, as well. I didn't put it on here but I think I want to put \$100,000 for the Public Defender, which is zero, because that was actually for the Public Defender fees that were moved out of Jacob's budget and it should go here for the attorneys that we hire outside of contract for the conflict-of-interest cases. It was taken out of his budget and it needs to go somewhere. When I was reviewing, I noticed that I didn't put it in there so I want to add it just as a placeholder.

Regarding Contingency, this is just a placeholder. We put it there just in case.

Health Services, Health Inspectors, that is the same; nothing has changed there. That is where the Health Inspectors go around and do the inspections for restaurants and stuff like that. We get billed from the state and we don't have any control over what they bill. They allocate it per county.

The Transfers fund, that is the same transfers we have been doing out of the General Fund to the Building Reserve and to the Golf Course.

With Intergovernmental, this one has China Springs on there and Western Nevada Regional Youth Center and I increased that one about \$45,000. We have had some increased out of Lyon County for that and I looked at what we have been paying for China Springs and we don't know what they are going to do yet. It is in the General Fund, so we should be okay.

For Forfeitures and Seizures, it is just a placeholder that goes in and out so when somebody gets arrested, it goes out to department.

The E-911 budget, that is fees that come in off of the phone bills and the Sheriff's Office would like to use this fund for the 911 servers, so it was increased for that.

For Risk Management, we keep a placeholder in there for any kind losses that we might have, so they get run through that fund.

Compensated Absences are when people leave or when we do the buyouts for annual leave and convert it to PERS or Deferred Comp, that comes out of this fund. Each department gets 1% of their salaries into this fund to cover for when their employees leave.

Unemployment Compensation, we haven't had any activity, which is really scary. I am not sure. We have had lots of claims but there has been some COVID issues with that and I think they got COVID money so they are not billing us. I am keeping my fingers crossed.

Restitution is an in and out thing where people pay money and then we pay it out but we still have to have an expense to account for the payouts.

The Administrative Assessment Fund is an account where we get fees from the Justice Court and were transferring money to the Extraordinary Repairs that has been paying for the remodel of the courthouse, which was around \$1M.

The Indigent Hospital Fund is just in and out when we do tax revenue for this and then we send it to the state.

The Infrastructure Tax Fund, again this is a placeholder. Jorge uses this and then we also use this to transfer money out of to help fund the water and utilities.

The County Debt Service Fund is our true debt, which is a little bit up from last year because last year was an estimate because we were right in the middle of getting a loan, so I just tried this one up this year.

The Building Reserve Fund is a placeholder we use for various projects.

The Capital Project Fund is where I increased \$1.5M for the possible building of the District Court. It is a placeholder that we have budgeted for as we move forward on that project.

Extraordinary Repairs is the same budget and is a placeholder for a lot of Jorge's projects like the

parking lot.

The Golf Course Fund, the city gives them \$25,000 and we fund them \$50,000 and we pay for Capital Projects or they ask us for funding to help pay for projects, otherwise they have the non-profit that runs it. Last year, when we did the audit, this was the scholarship fund where they have the golf tournament and then they give scholarships to the kids. Because we have control over this fund, it has to be brought into our funds, so this year it needs a budget. Before, it used to just be a trust fund and we did not need one.

County Manager

Julie Guerrero said I have the printout in front of me for the Alternate Public Defender in case anybody had any specific questions for Jim or I on that. Chairman Olsen said we set that one up originally that a person is kind of a Department Head and now we are in creation of a second position. That position looks like you had to boost the salary because they self-supervise under your direction. County Manager Barbee said they stand alone by their requirements for how we had to set it up so it is a Public Defender, an Alternate Public Defender, which will be a duplicative budget, for the most part. There is an add-on of a secretary. Chairman Olsen said I made the assumption that the increase was due to the fact of the change in supervision of that person. The Supreme Court sent us some money to pay for that, which was acknowledged by Mr. Barbee. Ms. Guerrero said so, as Sherry mentioned, she had touched on a couple of different ones and keeping on that same thing with the Indigent Defense, as Sherry was mentioning, she was going to go in there and boost that. Basically, there were funds in the Public Defender budget that were covering a conflict attorney and then, as Jim has explained to you the new structure of the new Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender, but the county will still need to have a contract with an attorney. We are working out that contract, which will be brought before the board once it is completed and that person would, essentially, be like the 3rd line of defense with like, you know, one person conflicts, the next one conflicts, then it would wind up with that contracted person before it goes to the Department of Indigent Defense Services and then it is sort of out of our hands once it goes to them. That is why that money is going in there. County Manager Barbee said, then again, it won't go to Indigent Defense, it will go the person we contract with at \$50 an hour, just to clarify. Julie Guerrero said that is the reason for the extra money in Indigent Defense. It is essentially being moved from one budget to another for that.

On the General Government 190 budget that Sherry went through, really the only item in there that we are working out of is the Celebrate Us Project, which just for background, what we fund out of there is county logo swag items, general county advertising, the county's annual report, which we did our first one this current fiscal year for last fiscal year and then events, so it was a larger amount this current fiscal year that we are in because we hosted NACO this last fall so we did drop that down but we still have plenty of events out in front of us now that we are able to do things again, post-COVID, so that is what that fund is for. It is used for various events and different items in the realm.

As far as the County Manager's Office budget goes, there is really not any change requested at all in that budget. Just an increase of \$200 for some books and periodicals for services and

supplies just for rising subscription costs and things for subscriptions like to different news media like the *Lahontan Valley News* and others that our Public Information Officer and the Manager's Office subscribe to. Other than that, there were not changes other than just the cost of living, should the board approve that.

The Water Resources Fund 38380 contains various different line items for consulting services, water right purchases, a bunch of different water study projects that we do, Conservation Easements, things like that, surveys. Within these budget forms, I included detailed descriptions if anybody needs to be put to sleep at night and you want to read about what the projects I did include for each line item, a description for what that particular is and what agreements are attached to that project. There are various different fluctuations within this budget every single year, so I will kind of spare you the details of going through every single one. I will just point out that many of the items in here do have a revenue offset attached to them and I did put asterisk next to each of those line items and made notes in the Tyler system whenever there was something that had a revenue offset like, for example, the Lahontan Water Level Monitoring Program, it is an ongoing program that the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) funds the majority of. The county has to budget upfront the entire amount, the annual amount, which, in this case, is around \$17,500 and then we get the majority of those funds back on the revenue side from CWSD of \$14,500 and then only \$3,000 of that comes from the county. It is a little deceiving sometimes when you are looking at that particular budget because there are revenue offsets attached with almost every project that is listed in the budget. Unless somebody has any questions, I mean, we receive revenues and Wild Goose expenditures come out of here whenever we have maintenance going on at the ranch, that is something, I mean I didn't ask for anything particular except for kind of like a standard ask in our Capital Outlay in case there are repairs and things and that was \$75,000, which is the same amount that was budgeted for this last year, however, that larger conversation as to when the board or if the board is going to plan to do some of the more major things that Chris Mahannah has discussed. We kind of kicked the can down the road with some of that stuff and tried to rehabilitate the wells and keep everything running out there for our lessee but you know those presentations have been made previously so, I know you are all aware that there are some bigger things in the future with regard to that. If there are any questions about Water Resource projects, I am happy to answer those.

The next budget is the Community Support budget 401 and, on that one, there were not any changes except for a \$2,000 increase being sought for our miscellaneous grants. The miscellaneous grants line-item funds groups that come in and fill out the county funding application and make presentations aside from those that the board has already made kind of longer-term commitments to. All the long-term groups have their own line item, such as the Churchill Arts Council, CAPS, the Lahontan Valley Environmental Alliance, and things like that. Those all have their own line item and are funded at the same amount each year. In prior years, you will recall that these groups come in like in January/February time frame and make their presentations but then the motion from the board was just that we will basically take that into consideration during the budget and then we will notify you come budget time. This year, I went ahead and telephoned everyone to verify like, hey are you seeking a change or are you keeping it the same and if the answer was I am going to keep it the same, then I said alright then I prefer to schedule you to come in around May or June so that we can actually, by that time,

already have the budget and you can actually take the motion and we can do the photo with the check and all of that kind of stuff instead of having them come in quite so early. The only time I will schedule somebody early from this point forward, unless you give me other direction, would be if they are seeking a change and then I will schedule them prior to budget hearings to come in like at a board meeting and basically say oh, we are seeking a \$5,500 increase or whatever it is so that I know what to put in to this budget and then for you guys to discuss and take that under consideration. We don't have any of those requests for increases this go-round, however, just yesterday the Fallon Youth Club reached out and they have requested a, well their president has requested a meeting with Jim, which will be later this week and he just wants to discuss some various different things, so, although their Executive Director originally told me last month, they were not seeking an increase, there could potentially be some request that comes out of that later. At the present time, we just ask for the standard \$10,000 that we have been giving them each year. That was all on community support unless you have questions on this budget.

The last one, which Sherry touched on somewhat, is the Data Processing. Although this employee is an employee of the County Manager's Office, we did request that the position actually be housed within this budget, so the position for the IT Professional is being housed under this budget so that the county has a more clear picture of its overall IT costs by incorporating the cost of that position, contracts and all overarching things under here, then the only technology related pieces that are outside of that are department specific type things but any infrastructure things, contracts that service the county, are all housed with the 185 budget. There were, aside from the one position that the board had already approved, which understand we have some applications and will be interviewing for that position fairly soon, there were just some fluctuating changes that were noted with various different notes. We don't know yet what the contract will look like once we bring this person on, I mean, certainly the intention is to renegotiate a contract with someone that is going to be able to meet the needs but we want to bring our IT Professional on so that they can, basically, take stock of what we have going on county wise and make the best advice as to what additional services that we need to contract for. For example, you've got vendors and you have subscription costs to Cyber Security Programs, things like that, which would be ongoing but yet, this person might be able to do that backside management and oversight of those things, so there will be a lot of advantages to having that in-house person. There were some requests in there but nothing that sticks out huge, no major infrastructure things were requested with this budget for the upcoming fiscal year, however, as things change once we get this person onboard, you know those things would come, obviously before the Commission.

I will make a side note by saying that the Capital Improvement Plan does have a section on technology and pages 7-9 were rewritten because the county has, over the last few years, completed some of the major technology related projects that were outlined in the Capital Improvement Plan. Those items that were in there have now all been replaced with new items that you guys have heard me talk about in reference before but those, and I am not going to spend a lot of time on this unless you have questions, but the new projects that were added to the Capital Improvement Plan include the Office 365 email transition. This impacts almost everyone except for the District Attorney and District Court who are already running on Office 365, but, for the rest of us, we do need to migrate away from Microsoft Exchange, which is a physical

service that the county purchased in 2015 and, again, Microsoft and every other software developer is going more to subscription-based services. This would mean that our email would be hosted virtually instead of on a physical machine. The Exchange has been subject to a lot of different threats and Cyber Security attacks worldwide, not just Churchill County but worldwide, so we are trying to get away from that and go with Office 365 for our email component, as well. Many of us already have it for our office programs but we are looking and making that change for email. The other thing on the Capital Improvement Plan would be the dark fiber connections and network reconfiguration, again, having all of our buildings interconnected through fiber allows us to centralize services like internet, phones, things like that. We save money on one hand but costs go up when you increase your internet speed, for sure, but you get a lot of benefit on the management side of things by centralizing services and being able to have our IT Professional and/or contractor do things that are not possible right now because of the way that we are structured. For example, the School District and the City of Fallon both have dark fiber connections between their buildings, so the county would like the same with all of our facilities interconnected, as well. Chairman Olsen said, when you say all of our buildings, which buildings in particular, because that could be like over a dozen or it could be 4 or 5 main ones? Julie Guerrero said any facilities that are like feasible. CC Communications fiber runs basically in all of the areas of our current buildings, so as many of our facilities that we could feasibly link up where there is already infrastructure available and we would look to CC Communications for that. We have had conversations with them in the past and requested that they sort of provide us with a list of what are the easiest ones to take off. For example, we have this building, the Dodge House across the street, which currently houses our Public Defender's Office, if we were interconnected by dark fiber or even V-land but dark fiber being the top choice, then they just are automatically are internetworked, they are connected to us; they receive their internet from us, they are part of our phones, like all of those things, you know, from looking at it like virtually, it is as if we are in the same building. The Sheriff's Office, District Attorney, we are all like fairly close by one another but even things like Facilities, Parks and Rec, I mean, they recently ran fiber out in that area and they were able to do some significant upgrades for our fairgrounds with the WiFi and all of those things when CC Communications put that fiber in place, so we would consult with them and look to them for advice on what makes the most sense but, certainly, all of our facilities that are in town like the Library, Museum, like you know, anywhere where that makes sense to do. Chairman Olsen said the downside would be the frontloading of the infrastructure cost of the dark fiber. The backside is you have one central bill. Julie Guerrero said right, so basically, you would have one internet bill instead of internet bills for all of our different buildings. You would have one phone bill instead of phone bills for all of our buildings. Plus, being connected in that manner and we have, let's just say, it is like one county phone system, then I can pick up the phone and dial somebody at JPO by a 4-digit extension instead of having to dial them on an outside line like we have to right now. We can also achieve that via a voice system. Our phone system is also on the Capital Improvement Plan because we do need a new phone system for the headquarters. Chairman Olsen said what is the cost on dark fiber? Julie Guerrero said, well I just made that up, so we haven't talked with CC Communications in terms of actual costs of doing this. The building that I really want to connect back to us as soon as possible because, I know that it can be done relatively easily, is the Life Center. We had to go out and start building some, you know, getting them some IT infrastructure for their building when the county took on the Life Center and CC Communications had indicated that it would be

one of the easier ones to connect to us and, of course, they are right by the Museum and Library, so, as much centralization that we could do, there would be a savings on one side and then a cost on another. how that all ends up washing out when we actually get hard quotes, we can certainly make a presentation to the board on all of that so you can take that under consideration. Sorry, at this juncture I don't have anything more than my best guess on that and I just put down dark fiber connections and network reconfiguration, which we also need, is \$75,000, most of which is, you know, labor and obviously, some materials cost there. Once we do any kind of larger connecting and growth of the infrastructure by bringing in other components, we would need to get a master firewall, but again, that is a cost and a savings thing where we would eliminate all of these individual firewalls that we are having to maintain at all of the county buildings and we get one central firewall that has a failsafe like a backup to it and it would be located at CC Communications and all of the county's stuff, once we are all connected, runs through one central firewall, again, easier management, you know, better overall for the county than having, we have a firewall at Roads and we have one here, we have one at Parks, you know, we have them all over the place, so these are things I would really like to see happen. There are things that I am very hopeful that this new position is able to shepherd through and really get down to the planning phases on and then, of course, the phone system upgrade. The county last installed our current ESI Phone System in 2011, in the fall of 2011, so it is now more than 10 years old and we are super limited on parts and equipment for installs and there are only like 1.5 people at CC Communications that know, really, how to work on this ESI system because it is old, so that is something that we really need to start looking at very soon. Then, of course, the upgrade network wiring at the Admin Building, which is not urgent but we just keep that on there to keep eyes on. We have old cat five wiring that was original to the hospital that is associated with this building, some of which has been replaced, some of which has not and, in the future, and although this one is not an urgent one, we may need to replace some of that wiring. Those were some of the technology related capital things that are listed on that plan. Does anybody else have any other questions related to the Data Processing?

Chairman Olsen said we are on to review. We have listed here in our packet, the personnel requests, supplemental requests for Capital Outlay. I think for staff, in order to prepare the Final Budget, for us, is to do what we have done in the past and just sit here and discuss and go through these line-by-line and come up with a yea or nay or whatever. We will start with the personnel requests and Jim, as we go through these, I think I am going to maybe call out some, as we go, not to the default, would be to approve, I guess. Then, if there is some that you have questions about or concerns or you want to say if there is room in the budget, things like that or not, that way we can trudge through this fairly quickly and give the staff the guidance that they need from us, so, are there any questions or any difficulty with what I am proposing?

I think with the Clerk/Treasurer reclassification, we have a different process that we have agreed to go through with Geof giving advice and then we will give a consent at a later date and figure out where we land. Is that square with everybody?

With the Deputy DA, I know what we are agreeing to is a placeholder. Jim, correct me if I am wrong. County Manager Barbee said what we would be doing because they had already had their budget submitted, what I would propose is that we approve the legal secretary position, delete the

Deputy DA position, but then add back in \$20,800. That is the number \$400 X 52 weeks, which is \$20,800 in Deputy DA on-call stipend. So, you would remove the \$127,000 and replace that with \$20,800. Chairman Olsen said when Art was speaking, I understood him to say we would try it for 6 months. County Manager Barbee said and then if it doesn't work and have big issues with it, then we will bring it back forward during a regular commission meeting and make a request for a change. Commissioner Koenig said so we don't approve a position now, we will have to come back for that. Comptroller Wideman said my understanding is that we are only approving the legal secretary in training. County Manager Barbee said yes. Commissioner Heath said do we need to approve the \$400 per day? County Manager Barbee said yes, you would add that back in there because that would be salary-ish stipend for \$20,800. Comptroller Wideman said there is a line item in miscellaneous where there is a dollar amount.

Chairman Olsen said so, as we drift down this list, the other one that jumps out at me is a full-time librarian and I wanted to have a discussion about that. I was not clear about the need. Is this because we are going to buy a van or because of needs at the Library or what? County Manager Barbee said I can give you my impression and you all can do what you want with it. How does that work? Commissioner Heath said I thought it was a van driver, not a librarian. County Manager Barbee said it is a librarian position that would be in charge of driving the van. When I had met with Carol, that is one of the things I really pushed back on is that, and I did this with everyone that we met with, how vital are these positions because of the recognition of the 3.5% increase of cost of living across the board that affects all current employees, as well as 2 different negotiations that we are still in the midst of that have not been finalized that are going to have impacts on salaries, as well. That is why I asked her in the interview and I must have misunderstood her in the meeting, but she thought she could get by with the van and not with a person and rotate folks through it and then she came on the record here and that was not the case. If the van is a technology van that's running around and providing web connection internet service, I mean, we put a lot of infrastructure within the community since the COVID deal, specifically to address those issues in multitudes of areas and I know Cottage School is one that she identified but it is our intent to have Wi-Fi there. We are not going to have a van parked on the curb providing that. That would be part of the stuff we are fixing up because they will need that to operate and run within the facility because they stream educational TV stuff and everything else, so I am not sure. That one confused me a little bit, I mean, I feel like the bigger lift is the broader cost of living and so, to me, out of the rank of things, that is not as vital in my mind. Chairman Olsen said I am thinking that some of the need is contingent on her getting the van. I can kind of see the concept. I don't think she sold it as well as she could have. Commissioner Koenig said I would like a whole presentation on what exactly the van does. Is it just a Hot Spot driving around or is it going to elderly people that don't know how to hook up theirs. I don't know what that van is for. Chairman Olsen said I can see it as being public awareness of the Library and what it does and what it can do, I think that is what she wants it for. Commissioner Koenig said I would like a whole presentation on what exactly the van does. The 3 of us have 3 different ideas of what it is going to do. Chairman Olsen said, at the end of the day, I don't see that van taking a full-time person. Commissioner Heath said that is why I asked if you were going to use it every day because why would you have a full-time person otherwise. Chairman Olsen said I would rank it low. For me, scrolling down, most of these like the Public Defender, we discussed that and where we are going to land there and with the Sheriff. He has

been running without an Undersheriff. He had one but he was unpaid, and the previous Sheriff ran without one and I think what the Undersheriff does is take some of the load off of the Sheriff and also maybe provide some of the work that Bill was doing, as far as the grants and just help with supervision so you are not living at the shop 24-7. In a place like that, there is always going to be issues to deal with, so I don't have a lot of heartburn over the Undersheriff. Commissioner Koenig said he needs 2 deputies now, so that would be 4 more than he has right now. Chairman Olsen said but he will never get them. County Manager Barbee said I think he is looking at bringing back the Bailiff position, which tips into 5 if he brings that back to have it reclassified. My suggestion is to skinny off to 1 Deputy position and 1 Undersheriff. Then I can work with them to see if we can massage some of the supply increases, not drastically. Commissioner Koenig said that will give him 3 more than he has now. Chairman Olsen said what Jim is suggesting I am totally fine with but the bigger picture is, in today's world, you know, I have a particular job out there that has 15 people for but we try to keep 16-17 around because of the churn. You just can't keep all the seats filled. He has the same problem. You cast the net on the waters and you don't get anything back, so he struggles. This is like every budget cycle we have had with Richard; it has been the same story. You just can keep all the seats filled. Comptroller Wideman said maybe, if he could get candidates where he has like 3 really good ones but only has 2 open positions, if he had that extra position, he could get the 3 good ones. Chairman Olsen said that, so far, has not happened yet. Commissioner Heath said I think that what he is trying to do. If he gets more positions, he can get more candidates and have them. Comptroller Wideman said, if there are good ones that come in all at one time in the application process, he could get them. HR Director Stark said he has two open now. County Manager Barbee said then he is going to have 2 more open up because of retirement and then he has the Bailiff position also sitting out there that he is going to bring forward for reclassification before you approve any new Deputy position. You are actually looking at, if the snapshot is today with this request, he has 1 Bailiff position and 2 Deputy positions open, and he is asking for 2 more Deputies, so that is going to be 5 positions open, one way or another. Chairman Olsen said I am okay with, as you suggested, going back and talking to him about the Bailiff. Commissioner Heath said so am I. If you have those 2 leave you would like to get one on to train before they leave. I agree with the Undersheriff and the one Deputy. Chairman Olsen said those are the ones that stood out to me. If you have any others, let's talk about them.

Commissioner Heath said on the Cemetery maintenance worker, it would not just be for the Cemetery, it would be for Parks and Recreation, as a whole? County Manager Barbee said it would be a roving position. Chairman Olsen said I see that person being able to fill in when somebody takes a couple weeks off. Commissioner Heath said so we would just remove that part-time and just make it a rover? County Manager Barbee said it would be a full-time rover. Comptroller Wideman said I need to go down the list and have you say yes or no because we have jumped all over. Chairman Olsen said, no, I went right down the list, Sherry. I told you yes on anything and now Justin pulled the Cemetery up and we agreed. Comptroller Wideman said Cemetery is yes, Court Services is yes. Chairman Olsen said well, sort of, yes. County Manager Barbee said this is the one position that has been upgraded. Comptroller Wideman said she has a part-time that she wants to add to. Commissioner Heath said she is adding like 5 hours to her schedule. Are we going to do the 25 hours instead of a position? County Manager Barbee said that is correct. It is good we are walking through each one of them. So, it will be the existing

position, with an increase of 5 hours, so this position on the list would be a no. HR Director Stark said I believe it was going to increase by 6 hours to get to 25 hours. Chairman Olsen said Clerk/Treasurer is subject to review. Comptroller Wideman said the Clerk/Treasurer is being put on the table until Geof completes the job study. County Manager Barbee said it would be a no and we would go through the regular process. With regard to data processing, we already have that approved and it was just on there because it wasn't at that time. I have the District Attorney one where we are doing a legal secretary trainee and the stipend. District Court was just record keeping. Justice Court was just overtime. For the librarian, that is a no. With the Parks and Recreation Civic Center has already been approved but it wasn't in the budget, so we have to get it in there. We've already talked about the Public Defender and the legal secretary. With regard to the office intern for Planning, the board agreed to that. Chairman Olsen said the Sheriff is no, yes, yes. Ms. Wideman said we are approving one Deputy.

Comptroller Wideman said, before we get to personnel, do we want to talk about the 3.5% general adjustment? Chairman Olsen said I am good with the 3.5%, which was affirmed by the other Commissioners.

Chairman Olsen said, now, we are on the Supplemental Requests. With the Assessor, is there anything anybody wants to kick out there? With regard to the furniture costs of \$6,000, does it cost that much? Comptroller Wideman said that is not just furniture but also includes blinds and different things for the office. Commissioner Koenig said a door but Commissioner Heath said the door was not included. Comptroller Wideman said she also said that she reduced her travel budget by about \$4,000. Chairman Olsen said she wants more computers too. Commissioner Heath said blinds are expensive. Chairman Olsen said then go to Walmart. Does anybody have any problems with the Assessor? There were no further comments.

With regard to data processing, that is just everything to go with our new person. Comptroller Wideman said our software contract went up and I probably should have increased it a little sooner so that it wasn't up \$5,000 in one year. That is why it is highlighted, as it was not in the budget that you received but I wanted to add it. Chairman Olsen said we expect an offset, eventually, from our bigger contract that we have with Logically. Comptroller Wideman said this is just the Tyler software. County Manager Barbee said, with the larger data support piece, that is kind of outside of this because it is in the contract services component.

With debt service, what was that? Comptroller Wideman said that is for the new debt. Last year, it was an estimate so this is just a true up.

With regard to District Court, we have not spent money in a long time, other than a little bit on the sound system. They have been pretty good and I have a feeling that, eventually, that will continue to be used as a court, so that equipment will all stay there. I would expect it to.

With regard to E-911, what is that? Comptroller Wideman said those just spending the fees that we charge.

FEMA was put in there just in case the COVID goes into this fiscal year. We are paying Ralph

through that account.

Chairman Olsen said, with regard to these items, they are all approved, unless I hear something: Facilities and Grounds, Fire Department. Commissioner Heath said that one does not include that brake? Chairman Olsen said no. They fluffed up everything in their budget but most of this stuff I question if they will spend it. General Government. Comptroller Wideman said the bank fees have been going up over the years, so I just tried that up to actual. Celebrate Us, Julie explained that. It is actually a decrease because NACo was in there last year. Our general liability is going up every year, so it will increase another \$30,000, roughly. I talked to Alan about that and he said to create a cushion just in case because they are having underwriter issues. With the Lobbyist, that is for the air base. Chairman Olsen said, hopefully, we will get somewhere on FRTC this year. That needs to be finished.

With indigent defense, Comptroller Wideman said that \$100,000 was not in the budget but I wanted to put that in there after reviewing the stuff that came out on the Public Defender. Chairman Olsen asked County Manager Barbee to walk him through all of those expenses again. Mr. Barbee said this is the account that sits over with the court that they were pulling fees out when they would make the court assignments of conflict attorneys and stuff. Comptroller Wideman said they would do that but court ordered attorney fees is, typically, with District Court or Justice Court when there is another attorney that is required. The Pre-Sentence Investigation production comes out of District Court. It is a fee that goes to the state. The professional fees would be some of their counselors and such that they use for indigent people. County Manager Barbee said we pay some of the District Attorneys' professional fees and stuff like that, right? That is what that one is. Comptroller Wideman agreed.

County Manager Barbee said Public Defender fees is where there has been some overlap, as of October, the conflict attorneys were supposed to have been assigned by that Court Administrative position that we are going to have to put together. Then that was transferred over to indigent defense, which has been doing that component but it was not coming out of the right contract. Ultimately, we want to see a downturn in all those costs because of the new setup starting in July 1st that will reduce the conflicts. Chairman Olsen said but that is what the state Indigent Commission charging us? County Manager Barbee said, no, we had a couple of the judges that were assigning conflict attorneys outside of the old way versus the new way. Chairman Olsen said, under the new scenario, we should have a big reduction. When we went back and looked and saw what the practice was, there were a lot more conflicts than was anticipated and that is why we are making the change to split with the Public Defender and all that jazz. Maybe we will get some help there, you think? Mr. Barbee said we hope so. Comptroller Wideman said we are hoping this is a little padded and it will help. County Manager Barbee said we are tracking this and sending into Indigent Defense what our expenses are and, once we surpass whatever our baseline expenses were before, then we can request a shore up of funds. I think they had \$1.4M or something like that that they were sitting on there that we can request reimbursement on the difference. The last time we sent in that report, we had not hit that mark yet. Chairman Olsen said when we agreed to put our foot in the trap, they said we would get maxed out at \$425-\$450K a year for Indigent Defense and that we would not have to pay anymore than that. County Manager Barbee said they are also telling us it will be first come first

serve on that, so it is something that Sherry has been keeping an eye on for when we are going to hit that tip over point to then request reimbursement. Chairman Olsen said am I pretty close on that number, Sherry? She replied that this was the first time she had heard that number. County Manager Barbee said they are supposed to tell us when we submit the report. I will confirm with them again on that. Chairman Olsen said, since we ended up with a lot more conflicts, we are going to be more expensive than we thought we were going to be, so we should hit that number faster than we thought.

With regard to China Springs, it is what it is. With Contracted Services for JPO, he was asking for a little bit more money there. With Justice Court, that is just their audit, said Ms. Wideman.

Chairman Olsen said, with the Museum, we kind of fluffed the budget everywhere anticipating increased expenses. County Manager Barbee said when we went into the economic downturn, at that point, the county had pushed the telephone costs from the county to the Museum Association or whatever, so you would be picking that back up. Chairman Olsen said does anybody have any heartburn over at the Museum or Library. Comptroller Wideman said, for your information, the Library tax rate does not cover expenses anymore, so we will have to find another revenue source. I am hoping that the federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes comes in really good to true up that fund. Chairman Olsen said how much is it short? Ms. Wideman replied that it is about \$250,000. She had that extra position there. Chairman Olsen said, if you peel that away, is she still short? Sherry said yes. She gets about \$525,000 in tax rate and her budget was \$900,000 with the new position and van. Chairman Olsen said what does she have in grants coming in? Ms. Wideman said she has maybe \$50,000 but I don't know that she actually budgeted for grants in the current fiscal year. Chairman Olsen said did we play around with her tax rate? Comptroller Wideman said we did and then we wound it back up, so now she is back up where she used to be or a little bit higher. She's at .065. I don't think we can make it there by giving her more tax rate. We are going to have to give her money from another source, which has been done in the past because I have all of those revenue accounts there already. We have put money from other sources into the Library in the past. I just wanted to give you a heads up. Commissioner Heath she will have to apply for more grants. Chairman Olsen said it sounded like, in rough numbers, she is about \$300,000 short, with the new position or without? Comptroller Wideman said she was at \$900,000 in the budget, including the new position. The new position was maybe like \$100,000, so that would leave it at \$800,000. I am thinking that, when we get the federal PILT money, we can true up her account better. However, going forward, the tax rate does not cover her budget. Chairman Olsen said it would be nice to find some grant money. Is there grant money for libraries? Ms. Wideman said she does get some grant money from the state library. Chairman Olsen said I was thinking about foundations. Are there people out there who give to libraries? Commissioner Heath said I think you just have to apply; that is the issue. That is what it sounded like. She just has to do it. Ms. Wideman said she has been. They did the Hidden Cave virtual tour with grant funding. There are other things she has done with grant funding. Chairman Olsen said I am just trying to think of other funding sources. Commissioner Heath said maybe somebody could help her with grants, some other grant writer. Chairman Olsen said yes if we could hire one. I don't know how we feel about that. County Manager Barbee said I was waiting, basically, until we got this FRTC stuff figured out because, basically, we have the M & M contract, which really the purpose of that was grant writing. They were good at getting the grants

put together and submitting them but I don't know that they had the political wag to get some of the stuff done that we were hoping to get done. That was costing us \$7,500 a month and so, when we allowed that contract to die, with what we are paying for the FRTC, I figured we would wait until we got past that need but this keeps coming up. Then we could try to go either after a contracted grant writer at a heck of a lot less or even a full-time position that would be a lot less than that who could basically pull information like M & M did from each one of those programs that they are chasing, whether that is in the infrastructure for the water system or the librarian or whatever that is and then put those federal grants together for us. That is all that position would kind of do. I didn't bring it forward in this budget because, just like I told everybody else, with the 3.5% cost adjustment, I didn't want to add another position. I think that is an ongoing issue that, once we see where we settle in budget, that is something we can come back to maybe this next year. Chairman Olsen said do kids go to school for that? Grant writing. County Manager Barbee said, well, there are trainings. Basically, you are looking at an administrative position that has a heavy background in grant development, grant writing. It is a thing. Chairman Olsen said you just hear about people that are good at it. They could freelance. County Manager Barbee said it used to be a big part of that you know, probably 15-20 years ago before they had the insight to know where money was but that has kind of all changed now. Knowing where the money is is not the heavy lift; it is the ability to write for a specific grant that is out there. It is almost like when you apply for a job, you know, if you know what you are doing, the first thing you do is you write to the job description and find people that have that background or experience. They are out there and there are trainings. Sherry Wideman said I know that the school district they had a grant writer and they still had grants fall through. Right now, we have the grant people within the departments that take care of their departments, so that is how it has been. Chairman Olsen said and I can see for us maybe doing a hybrid model where we get a consultant that helps all of our department. County Manager Barbee said it involves really identifying and targeting those grants that are going to make the biggest impact. An example would be, right now, looking at the infrastructure, we don't have grant writers in Public Works, we don't have grant writers in the Building Department, but probably the biggest influx of federal money that we could chase right now, post COVID, is going to be those infrastructure funds. That is where the focus is going to be versus a \$25,000 grant for the Library Association or something like that. Again, let's see where this budget falls and get all of that added up and, if that is something that you guys want me to investigate what the position would look like, we can have it sitting on the side and then pull the trigger as an amendment to the budget on the last part. Chairman Olsen said that is enough on Library, unless anybody has any more questions.

With Parks and Recreation, I think that is going to be an ongoing swag at trying to figure out what we look like as we grow up.

With the Employee Management Committee, County Manager Barbee said that is reflective of the events and activities that we started putting back together with the Employee Management Committee and the different costs for food to serve the growth we have experienced. They got hit 2-fold and they got hit by the growth of staff that we have in the county and participation in those events. We saw better participation than we have ever seen and then the cost of food, so that is why they put forward a request for the \$6,500, which basically equates to the same event level once a year that we have had.

Chairman Olsen said we discussed the alternate Public Defender.

With Public Transit, those are interfund transfers. Sherry Wideman said, in the Public Transit and lower in the Regional Transportation, I increased the budget for the projects to the city to about what their balance was because, last year, they came at the very end and wanted their money but they had no budget for it, so that is just the city's portion. That is just a placeholder.

Chairman Olsen said, with Public Works, is there anything in there? Recorder, Records and Microfilming. We are back at the Road Department again. These are all yes, Sherry, unless somebody pipes up. County Manager Barbee said the Road Department, just for clarity, is to eliminate those decrepit buildings and haul them off. Chairman Olsen said with the Scholarship Trust Fund, that is just accounting for the good work that the Employee Management Committee does. Sheriff's Office Communications. Commissioner Heath said that one comes down to supplies. County Manager Barbee said, on that one, that is where we had the comment with the Sheriff on wanting to be able to come back and take another bite at all their supplies list that they have for the total of \$180,000. If you would allow me to sit down with him and see if we can skinny that up and bring back a modified request, which is what I asked them to do. Does that work for everybody? Commissioner Heath said yes, I think so because, even with the cost going up, it does not equal. Commissioner Koenig said the safety supplies last time was \$1,000 and now it is \$31,000. Chairman Olsen said we need some heavy skinning.

With Social Services, how much of all that is grant funded? Comptroller Wideman said Shannon says most of it. County Manager Barbee said most of this is supposed to be grant funded and then, once we get to the vehicles and stuff, I think we make those vehicles that are supposed to be grant funded that we, basically, make them contingent on grant funds. That is one thing that, if I understood Carol right, the van would be grant funded and, if we approve the van contingent on the grant, then it is easy. If we get grant funds to buy it, why wouldn't we? Chairman Olsen said are you guys opposed to doing a van that is grant funded? They were not and he said I am not either. We can take it one step at a time. Comptroller Wideman said she is taking another look at her personnel so maybe she will find someone who could be in the van.

Chairman Olsen said with Water Resource at \$339,000, how does that score with what we have spent in the last couple of years, Sherry? Ms. Wideman said that is just the increase. Chairman Olsen said so you increased it? She replied that she increased it by \$340,000. County Manager Barbee said that is contingent on the Conservation Easements that come in, so we have had a couple of years in a row where we had that at \$5M and we had one we thought was going to settle that didn't settle. Commissioner Heath said are we going back to the old way or is the Navy still paying the majority? County Manager Barbee said the Navy is still picking up the majority of it and this is us picking up our part. The whole thing flows through the county, so it looks like this gigantic, inflated number, when the reality is we are paying now 20%. Comptroller Wideman said it depends. It is at 10% now but it is going back up to 20%. Commissioner Heath said we just don't know when but it is supposed to go up.

Chairman Olsen said, with the Water Utility Fund, a bunch of that may not get spent, we just

don't know. The Wastewater Fund is kind of the same. With Contracted Services, those are the folks that are really going to take a look at those membranes for us and score them. There are no complaints, Sherry, we are going through them one-by-one, not jumping around. I don't want to hear about it. Sherry Wideman said, as far as I know, everything was approved except the Sheriff's stuff and it is going back to negotiate a little lower amount. Chairman Olsen said, with Community Support, is there anything anybody wants to pull out? That is the pink sheet. There is pretty much no change. For Capital Outlay, the yellow sheet. County Manager Barbee said, for Building, that is a for Highway Patrol vehicle, a state vehicle for them. Chairman Olsen said so we might not spend that much. County Manager Barbee said it is a pickup. I think they have been running about \$7,500.

For the District Court Building, that is the planning and architectural contract that will go out. Chairman Olsen said, for the Cemetery, that has been kind of a placeholder for that expansion deal. I really do want to spend the money to fix those roads. They have sucked for years. That needs to be done. County Manager Barbee said yes, we will push that. Comptroller said you have to use a 4-wheel drive to get through those roads? Chairman Olsen said I was joking a little bit but you cannot get through there without washing your car afterwards. Every year, the irrigation water runs to the bottom. You guys have all been out there. I know that is not a budget item but it brought it to mind. With the Building Reserve Fund, this is one, after I was on here a year or two guys, we had a huge plan because, if you don't spend a little money, you are going to spend \$300,000 at once. It is just, you know, let's change the floors and paint a wall once in a while. Do all that stuff and keep going every year so it doesn't smash us all at once. I think some of that stuff is replacing floors and that kind of thing. It goes back to Jorge trying to stay on top of things, as we go.

With District Court, we said that somewhere else, didn't we? Sherry Wideman said this is for furniture. I don't understand why they would be buying furniture if we are going to do a new building. Wouldn't you want furniture to fit the new building? That was just my take on that one. County Manager Barbee said he addressed this when we did the walkthrough. I know they had some furniture that had fallen apart, specifically, in the judge's office. Then I think there may have been some in some of the other areas but I don't remember exactly. Commissioner Heath said was it something with the jury box? Chairman Olsen said the jury box chairs stink. County Manager Barbee said I think it was a combination because there was some table, like the conference table, that the leg was falling off of. Chairman Olsen said can you talk to them, Jim, and figure out what is what over there. Are you guys okay with giving Jim the latitude. HR Director Stark said, according to their budget, they are seeking American Recovery Act funding to offset that.

With the Fire Department, that is an easy no. The Road Department has one that they can use. Commissioner Heath said they may use that a few times a year, I think. Chairman Olsen said that \$2M on the trucks is a placeholder. It will probably come in a little under. The Museum wants a copier. For the Law Library, we didn't ask the judge about what they were thinking. County Manager Barbee said there is detail in that and part of that is they have gone digital and then they have expanded the access, I believe, if I am remembering that right. That is what I read. Comptroller Wideman said it will be at District Court, if you slide down. County Manager

Barbee said this has been adjusted to more realistic expenditure numbers based on no longer purchasing books for the Law Library. They are using technology that provides more space and easy access. The court is seeking American Recovery Plan Funds to offset the capital outlay request. The Law Library Revenue account was \$98,000 as of January 11, 2022. The court was not awarded the American Recovery Plan Funds as projected but will still move forward based on current revenue. That is what they have for an explanation. It is the Law Library space so that may be what the desk stuff is for. Chairman Olsen said it is for a couple of stations. HR Director Stark said it is now a big area, so I think they are talking about making private meeting rooms over there. Chairman Olsen said would that cost \$40,000? Can't Facilities do that for a fifth of that price? Two walls and a couple of doors. Our guys are pretty much miracle workers when it comes to that. Ms. Wideman said they have fees that go into that fund, so they have money in that fund that could be utilized. Chairman Olsen said but, as you upgrade that Law Library, you put zero in revenue on that and they just continue to take money out of that fund and pull the \$90,000 down to zero, eventually. Ms. Wideman said they can do that. It is its own fund and that is all that they have. Chairman Olsen said I know but you could always put more money back in if it is short. Just because money is there doesn't mean you have to spend it, is my point. Ms. Wideman said my question is why are we doing that now when we are working on a new building. Chairman Olsen said I have that question too; why would you spend \$40,000 now when you are just a couple of years away from having new digs. I am okay with trying to see if our guys have some time to go over there and do that for them. I know he is going in 5 different directions all the time. County Manager Barbee said there is still going to be cost to it, obviously. They have fluffed that up. Since I have to circle back on the Sheriff's Office, let me circle back with Judge Stockard and then bring a suggestion back to you. Chairman Olsen said maybe there is more there that we don't understand.

Chairman Olsen said let me read through these. Trucks for Facilities and Grounds, we are through the Fire Department, Museum, Law Library, the Library van, which we have agreed that if we get a grant, we are going to take the van, Museum, Parks and Recreation, Public Defender's Office, which will have expenses there, replacement for the Road Department, some of those we are still waiting for and getting a service truck. A folder machine? Comptroller Wideman said that is from technology funds where the machine folds the mailings for taxes etc. The Sheriff's Office had 3 vehicles in the budget last year and didn't buy them, correct? County Manager Barbee said I think he is looking at this being 3 and above, so I don't know if he thinks those are going to come in prior to. I don't believe he has spent the money from this year. Comptroller Wideman said he has not spent the money but everything has been delayed because of chips. Chairman Olsen said I know but did he even order the cars? Commissioner Koenig said I think this is 3 more on top of that. Comptroller Wideman said he had a vehicle replacement plan. County Manager Barbee said it was like 2 and 3 a year type of deal but, again, I don't have the answer to whether he has already ordered them. He is not identifying this as a rollover, so this would be new. Chairman Olsen said can you drill down on that for us, please.

Chairman Olsen said reading aloud, servers, 15 computers, Social Services, the vehicles. County Manager Barbee said yes, make those, if approved, contingent on grant funds. Chairman Olsen said Meals on Wheels truck. Sherry Wideman said they did not have that in the budget and so that is why it is highlighted because I am going to add it to the budget under Capital Outlay.

Chairman Olsen said Wild Goose repairs is a placeholder, the TDRs, there is the bigger number we looked at and were talking about earlier. The Wastewater Fund, replace the membranes.

On to the wish list. Comptroller Wideman said this is just a wish list and it does not mean they are going to get anything. Chairman Olsen said these are for year 2 and 3, so we don't have to worry about those but it is good to know. Okay, we have enough done and have given Jim some homework. How will you report back to us, Jim, by 3 separate emails? Mr. Barbee said he will send three individual emails to get your impressions. Ms. Wideman asked that he report to her. That was the end of budget presentations.

Public Comment:

Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 PM.

Approved:


H. Peter Olsen, Jr., Chairman

Approved:


Greg Koenig, Vice-Chairman

Approved:


Justin Heath, Commissioner

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