

ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING
DANIEL R. SWEENEY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
103 SMOKY VALLEY BLVD.
ROUND MOUNTAIN, NEVADA
TUESDAY, March 29, 2026 – 10:00 A.M.

MINUTES

Members Present: Sara Sweeney, Chair
Janet Jorgensen, Clerk
Jonathan Appiah, Member

Members Not Present: Chris Philips, Vice Chair

Also Present: James E. Swigart, Town Manager
Maci Curiel, Administrative Supervisor
Josh Yost, Maintenance Supervisor
Robert Cromie II, Fire Chief

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1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call.

Called to Order at 10:16 am; Sara Sweeney-Chair; Janet Jorgensen- Clerk; Jonathan Appiah-Member

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Recited

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. (Up to three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be Taken by the Board until specifically included on an Agenda as an action item. (First)

No Comment.

4. (For Possible Action) Approval of the March 29, 2026, Meeting Agenda.

Jorgensen makes Motion to Approve March 29, 2026, Meeting Agenda; Appiah Seconded; Approved 3-0

5. Public Hearing: Discussion and Deliberation to Review the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for Town of Round Mountain. (For Possible Action)

Swigart, "I sent the Revised Tentative Budget to Dan McArthur and I just got it back a couple of hours ago. I did ask him, "How does this look?". This is pretty much identical to what we have done the past two years. I can't see this meeting taking more than an hour. We had a meeting with all the department heads and went over everything last week. This is for your review and approval. First we have Administration." Sweeney, "Did you print it out by chance?" Curiel, "No, Jim just said that we are going to put it up on the screen." Sweeney, "Can we print out four copies?" Please." Curiel, "Yes." Swigart, "We will start off with Admin." Curiel, "Salaries and Wages are roughly \$270,000. \$8,000 for Overtime; \$41,000 is for Housing \$6,000 and Other Payments \$35,000 that's for if people leave and they have leftover time that needs to be paid out; \$3,155.36 for Medicare; \$32,000 for Insurance; \$40,000 for Operating Expenses, that's what it was last year so we just kept the same; \$2,000 for Publications; \$1,000 for Postage, our postage for water bills comes out of that; \$6,500 for Rental & Leases; \$5,000 for Investigations that's for background checks; \$2,000 for Training; \$14,000 for Communications, that's for our telephones, internet, stuff like that; \$10,000 for Utilities for our propane, power and water bill; \$5,000 for Vehicle Maintenance." Jorgensen, "Can I interrupt for a minute?" Curiel, "Yes." Jorgensen, "So, I'm a little concerned with the \$10,000 for Utilities and the price of fuel going up." Curiel, "That would go under fuel." Jorgensen, "No, that would include propane prices." Curiel, "Oh, I get what your saying." Jorgensen, "Is that a sound number considering how the prices are climbing right now?" Curiel, "I would say yes cause we maybe fill up propane two

times a year where other's get filled up more frequently. I would say that we get filled up the least out of everyone." Jorgensen, "Ok." Curiel, "I would say that is a sound number." Appiah, "Can I ask how much was last years?" Curiel, "I would have to look but I would have to say." Appiah, "You have know idea." Curiel, "Roughly I want to say around one or two thousand dollars. If it's bone dry it's probably around \$1,000." Swigart, "I can look and what that is." Curiel, "Our propane is only for the heater that helps out a lot too. So, \$5,000 for Vehicle Maintenance; \$5,000 for Building Maintenance; \$5,000 for Equipment Maintenance; \$34,000 for Professional Services and that is for Dan McArthur and for Afterhours Security. For Afterhours I'm going to split it with Recreation and Fire Department since they have the kits but I'm going to pay for the internet for everyone." Sweeney, "Oh, ok." Curiel, "\$2,500 for subscriptions and dues; \$66,000 for Property Insurance, I feel like this is the only one that is tentative to change cause I don't have the amounts for that; and \$3,500 for Fuel and that's all I have. It did go up a little bit from last year but I don't think there was anything in building and equipment maintenance. Also, with adding Corey cause he was really added last year. Along with Investigations I think that was at \$0 last year. Just those few types of changes." Sweeney, "And your equipment is pretty good. You don't need to replace printers or anything. Curiel, "We just replaced our printer this fiscal year. That's the only thing I can say. We may possible replace the sink in our kitchen because we are going through a lot of batteries." Sweeney, "It is the stupidest thing they have to change the batteries in there faucet all the time." Discussion about replacing the faucet in the kitchen. Curiel, "The only other thing is we will be changing out the flowers in the flower beds but those are the only two things I can see happening." Appiah, "Is the offices furniture and chairs still pretty good." Curiel, "I would say so we just got these chairs about two years ago, and they are comfortable. I want to say that mine, Shelly's and Jim's chairs we got in the past two years. Appiah, "I replace my chair about every year." Curiel, "I have looked at a standing desk." Appiah, "I have one and you would love it. You guys do sit a lot so you need comfort. You need to stand up every so often to get the blood flowing so I would really look into it." Curiel, "I have thought about for a few years. I'll have to ask Shelly if she has thought about it as well." Swigart, "I think the first year we upgraded the conference room and the chairs." Sweeney, "And it looks great." Sweeney, "One thing I was concerned about is I know you guys are scanning in all those old documents. Do you guys have enough storage space?" Curiel, "I'll have to get with Corey and see how much. Yes, cause we are trying to cut down on all the paper storage but I'll have to get with Corey and see what he thinks. I want to say we upgraded very recently on that but I can't remember." Sweeney, "I want to say that to but I'm not sure." Appiah, "I worry about as much as I like paper we need to make sure we have some kind of digital storage. That way if we loose the paper copy we have a digital copy." Curiel, "We make sure we have a digital copy before we shred any paper." Sweeney, "Next we go to Buildings and Grounds." Swigart, "Josh your up." Yost, "So, we have \$300,000.00 for Salaries & Wages we did bump that up a little bit from last year. We did that strictly for retention purposes. I still have one employee within the starting wage bracket but he's on the higher end of that wage bracket so that's the purpose of that higher number. So, we have \$130,000 for Retirement; Medicare \$6,256.64; Social Security \$871; Worker's Compensation \$4,000; Medical Insurance \$25,000; Operating Expenses \$150,000. So, when I first took over we had \$140,000 in Operating Expenses and last year we kind split between some other items. We are at about 80% right now so an extra \$10,000 cause we have a lot of infrastructure stuff to fix this year. So, that's the reason for the bump in that." Swigart, "I just want to let everyone know that for over-time I put a number in there and I don't know where it went but the maximum for overtime should be anywhere from 5 to 10% on the very high end. We may or may not use it. The only time we can use overtime is an emergency situation and a lot of time we don't even cover that number because we aren't fully staffed for the entire year. So, they don't even see that salary number. But I wanted to let you guys know that I put that number in there and I wanted you to know I'm not trying to slide one by on you." Yost, "Fuel \$15,000 that is a pretty solid number for us. We are running 5 to 6 trucks throughout the year. I think we are at 75% right now so that's a pretty good number for us." Jorgensen, "I'm really concerned with fuel prices." Yost, "I'm not opposed to that whatsoever." Jorgensen, "I rather have you guys have to much then this is what we had last year and last year we weren't paying the prices they are now. Yost, "We did look at that and we did look at percentages and what have used this year." Jorgensen, "I'm just concerned because gas prices went up a \$1.00 overnight." Swigart, "I think it's better to aim high then to aim low and have to maneuver some numbers around." Jorgensen, "I rather see that fuel go to \$20,000.00 and if you don't use it great but if you do go into that cause we are going into summer months. Especially once this takes affect no telling where we will be with fuel prices." Yost, "I agree and I didn't think about it like that." Appiah, "With everything going on in the world today we need to be realistic." Jorgensen, "Not only that too but like I said coming into the summer months where this is going to take affect cause we really didn't have a winter this year and we could next year be rolling those bigger trucks more." Yost, "I agree. I didn't think about that." Jorgensen, "I rather be prepared and not use it, then say oh, crap what did we do." Yost, "I agree. I'm glad you brought that up cause that wasn't my mindset. We have \$5,000 in Travel, that's strictly for training. We have \$6,000 in Training that was strictly based off of what we spent last

year on training. I think that is a pretty sound number.” Sweeney, “The water conference this year.” Yost, “That was the water conference and all the training that I put all my guys through. Building Maintenance, we have \$90,000 like I said earlier we have a lot of failing infrastructure and that’s a percentage we did and we were pretty high on our percentage this year. Vehicle Maintenance we have \$20,000; we kind of weeded out some of our old equipment so, we should roughly stay their for the next couple of years. Equipment Maintenance running right around \$40,000.00 a lot of the guys that we partiality we go through they give us a service contract because of where we live. That number is pretty fair for what we are running right now. We are looking at about \$2,000 for a service call for them to just come out and look at it. On, Other Contractual Services we have \$10,000, we have like our electrical guy come out and we split between department’s, recreation covered half and we covered half. I have Capital Outlay at \$90,000.00 that’s where the meters came into play at. I have more products that I would like to buy this year. We are headed in the direction of not needing Larry Grant and these products will help us get there. Sorry I only one flyer per each product if you can pass it around. The first one I want to bring up is the sewage grinder. So, what you do is put a grinder machine at the lift sewer station we have which is at the sewer pond and it chews everything up before it spits it into the pond. So, that’s running about \$15,000 and like I said we only need one. This hits everything that come into the lift station and spits it into the pond. What we are seeing is if it hits the pumps just right it misses the grinders we have now and lot of times we are seeing clumps of toilet paper that the grinder is missing and this will hit everything that comes into the lift station. The next one I’m asking for is this Sky Gold a lot of our water issues or our sewer issues for that matter is we have very little maps. Maps are a huge issue especially in Old Town. We have one map and it hasn’t been right once. So, I don’t know if someone prior deleted what we had. This is a GPS locator and hooks to GIS and app, they have. This thing is accurate down to like 10 cm it comes with a little tripod that you can hook it to or a little head wherever the laser is at. It gives us the ability to make our own maps and transfer it to the GIS and then we can go back and print off the map if we need to. With everything included I think it was around \$20,000 and that was a years’ worth of there app it was like \$3,000.00 a year after that. That was with tech support and everything he was even willing to come out and show us how to use it. It’s pretty user friendly but that was an option. So, this next one here is pretty important to me. We pay right now \$20,000 a year for sampling. I found a company at the conference they sent us a sampler machine to but it’s running at about \$30,000 and that runs a sample for our fresh water and for the sewer ponds. And with that \$30,000 we would be certified testers so if we take our tests and send it directly to them. There are other sample that still need to be run. The nitrate samples out of the wells there is no machine for us yet. I did a rough estimate and we are spending about \$10,000 a year on our day-to-day samples. That’s what this will take care of and like I said we will be certified to do so. We are working on our to not needing Larry.” Appiah, “So, you said this is going to give us the certification so we can do our own sampling.” Yost, “So, what they do is sell us one piece of equipment for our fresh water and another to run our sewer samples. They will come down and teach us. I think they are out of Vegas. We would take our samples and test it and then send it to NDEP. We are skipping the middleman here.” Sweeney, “Do you need refrigerators to go with this.” Yost, “No cause we can sample on the spot with this. So, the 24 hours goes out the window cause we are doing the sampling. So, if we have people thinking that our water is bad we can do a sample and test it. Our big thing is coli which we test bacteria once a month the shop and the recreation center cause they are so spread out. But this takes care of that.” Sweeney, “And you have a spot where you can put that?” Yost, “Yes we have a spot in the shop.” Appiah, “So we will still be doing the end of the year one so we will still be in compliance.” Yost, “The end of the year ones and ones that we pull at wells once a quarter is the nitrate levels that we put back into the ground those will be the ones we send off. We do the sludge at the bottom of the sewer ponds and we do the nitrate once a quarter and we do a chloroform once a year but that will cover the chloroform. So, two of our samples we can’t get away from sending it to the lab to get tested.” Jorgensen, “But we are eliminating the monthly just not the quarterly and end of the year.” Yost, “Correct.” Swigart, “But this is where we want to go to. Larry Grant has been a big help especially when we have issues with the water tanks and NDEP but he isn’t going to be around here forever. He’s retiring from more and more places and he wants to set us up with doing it ourselves.” Yost, “So, this year we will get our D1’s and next year we will get our Wastewater and the year after that our D2’s to technically after that we will not need Larry.” Jorgensen, “So, with that and Larry possibly moving on with bigger personal things. Would this be something that we could actually look at helping our water testing where you guys could be useful to other places.” Yost, “Possibly I was thinking Tonopah.” Jorgensen, “I was thinking Tonopah and maybe even Goldfield because they wouldn’t have to go all the way up to Reno or down to Vegas, Kingston and even Austin.” Yost, “So, the way he explained it to me was that we would be Certified as lab based and I don’t see why we couldn’t reach out and ask if they want to run there samples here.” Swigart, “How long does it take to run the samples do you know?” Yost, “So, the sewer samples take about 6 hours from what he told me and I’ll know more if we decide to go forward with this. This was just a little presentation. But I think our normal samples are within an hour.” Jorgensen, “We can actually reach out and pay for some of that funding and it will pay for itself.” Yost, “Yes,

and within 3 years, \$10,000 a year that was some quick math and should pay itself off in a couple of years.” Swigart, “We pay Larry \$24,000 a year.” Yost, “And we pay \$20,000 a year for just samples. We pay the lab \$20,000. This seems pretty simple to me.” Sweeney, “My only question is, how do we get certified to do this?” Yost, “This company gets us certified.” Sweeney, “So, they teach you guys. Is it the whole maintenance department or just certain people?” Yost, “I don’t have a problem with it being the whole maintenance department at all. It just depends on extra cost right. Cause it was for two us with that \$30,000 that they would certify us.” Swigart, “We will have to check with the state and federal cause, I think you will need your D1 and D2 and well with this company.” Appiah, “Yes, I was going to say if they certify you is there certification recognized by the state.” Yost, “The way he sold it to me was that. They don’t have a lab that can do this. It’s per the equipment they can run. If these guys are recognized by NDEP that’s all that should matter. This machine and class and there certification is recognized by NDEP there shouldn’t be a problem. We shouldn’t have to be a D1 or D2 to test. They aren’t sending all these lab guys to conferences to get there CEU’s.” Sweeney, “That makes sense.” Yost, “Don’t get me wrong we need to look into this more.” Jorgensen, “But it’s worth looking into.” Yost, “The last one I want to talk about I apologize I don’t have a flyer to look at but it’s going to run us about \$10,000.00 we have a lot of problems with our pumps for the chlorine and adjusting. This company comes and brings us there system. I run anywhere from .5 to .9 is where we sit or where we like to sit anyway. Their machine we can test it directly from the source. It’s roughly \$10,000. Just to put that in perspective we are paying \$5,000 to \$6,000 a pump right now. So, it’s not that much of a difference.” Sweeney, “How many pumps do we have right now?” Yost, “We have five pumps, three running and two spares. We tried to upgrade and we couldn’t get the rebuild kits for them anymore. We got these new ones and they run fine. They have two different adjustments. You can adjust the stroke and the power and with the weather that we have here we need to keep our levels consistent. We always stay within speck but this new equipment takes that guessing game out we just punch in a number and that’s where it stays at.” Sweeney, “And we just hire them and have them come out and do the upgrade?” Yost, “Yes.” Sweeney, “Do we more money in the Contractor line?” Yost, “I don’t think so. I put it under capital outlay along with Larry Grant” Appiah, “So, the \$10,000 is it per machine.” Yost, “Yes, it’s going to be per well house to get the pump and the little set up. He did recommend that we go away from our 55-gallon drums. I did look into that. They sell big black tanks that sit on the outside of the well houses and you just fill those with the 55-gallon drums. But that can easily come out of operating expenses.” Appiah, “We need to upgrade all five pumps cause if you only upgrade the three main pumps and not the other two, you want to make sure if one of the main pumps going down you have a replacement.” Yost, “You are absolutely correct. So, we have two spare pumps right now. So, that would just to \$40,000 - \$50,000 to have those spare pumps upgraded and ready if we were to have to use those. What I didn’t think of or why I didn’t think of that was because this comes with a two-year warranty. Granted having one sitting on the shelf saves us a lot of down time having someone to come out. The base line was \$30,000 because whatever I do down here I want to do in Old Town. I would like to keep that upgraded too. We started to upgrade up there last year and we lost our motor. We did upgrade to a VFD up there. I’m very happy with that right now. I just don’t want that to get pushed to the waist side. If you guys want to look into getting some spares that’s great. This was just to get everyone running and happy.” Appiah, “I say that cause I work in a plant and if you want the plant to function properly you want to have your spares to function just as well as the main.” Yost, “I would like that. That would be four then. We have two down here and one up there. We alternate down here. If I had a spare sitting on the shelf that would be great. The whole thing isn’t going to go out; pieces will go out. So, I would like to have a spare set up in case it’s needed. I’m really glad that you were thinking that way. That’s all I have for you guys.” Jorgensen, “I if we show that we are planning and actually, thinking ahead. I think it boost the moral and the confidence that the community has with us.” Appiah, “I like your thinking it’s brilliant. I’m very passionate about things like this. Let’s get ahead of things like this so they don’t sneak up on us.” Yost, “So will you take that Capital Outlay up to \$100,000.” Jorgensen, “So, that is still not accurate.” Yost, “So, I believe one on the shelf will self-vise but if you want two on the shelf I’m happy with that too.” Swigart, “Depends on where it’s coming from. Is it coming from San Jose?” Jorgensen, “Or Australia?” Appiah, “The redone it one is for Old Town and one is for here. I think we need to be prepared for both sites.” Yost, “So, Jim we need to change the Capital Outlay to \$110,000.” Jorgensen, “Can I ask how the water utilities is going?” Swigart, “We had 42 slips sent out and I take full responsibility on that. There was a communication breakdown in there. We had a meeting and we looked at the Ordinance. We talk to Larry Grant and we could shut their water off there was the whole Covid thing. And they have been getting monthly bills. So, 42 door knockers went out and they have until Monday.” Jorgensen, “And they use water every day.” Sweeney, “Has anyone come in to pay it?” Curiel, “I want to say ten so far.” Jorgensen, “In full?” Curiel, “Yes.” Swigart, “We are going to review this on a monthly basis rather than wait ten months to get this out would have come out on a monthly basis anyways.” Sweeney, “Perfect that’s the way it should be running.” Appiah, “My question is if someone does pay their bill one month. Does the system tell you that this person has made a payment? Can you see it in the system that x amount of people haven’t paid their bill?” Curiel, “It will tell us when

the last time someone paid there bill. But we have to manually run that. It doesn't just automatically pop up and just tell us." Swigart, "We are hoping with our new system that we purchase with the new meters is going to communicate with everything." Yost, "The portal should take care of that. They are working with Maci right now. That should be something that we could add in. So, it should flag after 30 days and tell us that." Swigart, "That was there big selling point." Appiah, "That is mind boggling that we don't have a way to catch that." Curiel, "It will flag it after 30 days when you do the penalties and after that you have to manually do it and right now we are doing zero penalties. That's why I would like to go back to how we did it before." Jorgensen, "I appreciate the fact that you have actually recognized this is an issue and you, Maci and Shelly have come together and this is what we need to do to make sure this doesn't happen again." Sweeney, "Can we put this on the agenda Maci? Can we actually see what it cost us in time to have two staff to go to a house and shut off the water, what it cost us? It used to be \$15 and I don't think that's even high enough. Like \$50 or \$65 something like that's really going to be a pain." Curiel, "I know when we get a return check it's \$35 on top of what they wrote the check for." Jorgensen, "So, if \$35 is the fee why were we only charging \$15.00?" Appiah, "There needs to be some kind of penalty but lets not make it to crazy. If it's \$35 why aren't we charging that." Sweeney, "It's \$35 for a return check and \$15 to turn someone's water back on." Jorgensen, "That's why I'm saying if we are charging for a return check \$35 why are we only charging \$15 to turn someone's water back on?" Swigart, "It's all right here in the Ordinance that was approved by the town board if you guys want to review this and after we get our meters in and squared away." Jorgensen, "Since we are going over budget stuff. I just wanted to see if anyone has come in and made payments or made payment arrangements. So, we aren't dealing with this type of thing again." Swigart, "This explains the penalties and shut off." Appiah, "Maci, I ask that this is working for all of us until we get the new system in place and is working you guys have to do this manually." Jorgensen, "This is revenue that we have missed out on." Appiah, "Let's please stay on top of this, please." Curiel, "Yes." Swigart, "Josh are you ready to go over Old Town?" Yost, "So, we have Old Town's Water Budget. We have \$10,000 for Operating Expenses; Utilities \$7,000 that's for propane and heating for the well house; Miscellaneous Refunds \$500; Deposit Refunds \$500; Capital Outlay we have \$20,000 is the one I wanted to go over with you guys. We spent \$20,000 on the VFD last year so I left it in there the well house has been severally been neglected and it's severely substandard to my standards. If we were to have to demolish it, it would cost us \$20,000. That's why I left that in there." Sweeney, "And this is the building itself?" Yost, "Yes the building itself." Appiah, "It's really that disgusting?" Yost, "Yes it is and I said I don't want Old Town to be neglected." Swigart, "So, we want to standardize it like our other pump houses." Appiah, "Just because it's Old Town doesn't mean it needs to be treated like that." Yost, "I don't think so. It's the way it has been treated for years and we are trying to curve that. If you guy's have any questions on that. I think it's pretty straight forward." Sweeney, "It's straight forward to me." Swigart, "Chief Cromie your up." R. Cromie, "So, \$14,876 for Worker's Comp., I'm not sure if that number stays the same or not. Operating Expenses \$10,000 that's not even close to being enough and \$500 for Fire Prevention. Especially if we end up taking over EMS. I had \$75,000.00 down but I know that's not going to happen." Appiah, "In your mind if you are thinking \$75,000 and there is justification for it. So, I had \$35,000 for medical supplies and that number is super low. There is a grant that came out the "Rural EMS Grant" for Nevada it's 179.5 million dollars. What we are trying to do is. We are working with Tonopah and Esmeralda County and we are hoping to get 2 full-time EMT's out here. We the county is acting like they don't want to be a part of it. If the County doesn't want to work with us then what would happen is that Northern Nye County Hospital Board would tell them to pound sand and we are going to do it anyways and we are going to kick you out of here. I don't know how this will work." Sweeney, "Would they take the ambulance." R. Cromie, "Yes and after five years we have to figure out how we are going to sustain having two full-time employees etc. It's something that is over five years and it's something that we have to keep in the back of our mind. And we haven't even been awarded the grant yet. But if we do go that route our medical supplies are going to go up tremendously. There last order for one ambulance staffed as ALS was tremendous." Jorgensen, "Not only that but everything expires." R. Cromie, "So, we are trying to get two Advanced EMT's and we would have to renovate the fire station cause they need somewhere to stay while they are on shift. I'm so trying to get a new command truck and a backup generator for the fire station through this grant. We are pushing for that but whether or not we get it is a different story." Sweeney, "When is the grant due by." R. Cromie, "The end of April. We have a grant team from Great Basin College that is writing the grant for us for free, for at least the first year." Sweeney, "That's nice." Jorgensen, "That's great." R. Cromie, "Esmeralda and Tonopah are going big they talking about opening the clinic back up and doctors and things. I'm hoping that will help us out cause a lot of time we having to go to Fallon and stuff." Jorgensen, "Or when Fallon diverts and you have to go further." R. Cromie, "As of right now our medical is having to cover Tonopah and Hawthorne. So, there is no medical unit in Tonopah or Round Mountain." Appiah, "That really excites me because I know one lady that is having to move out of the valley to be closer to healthcare. I love rural Nevada but things like this is just hard." Jorgensen, "I thought that was something that we weren't doing. That if we were taking away from our own community we weren't going to watch Tonopah." R. Cromie, "They don't have a choice they

are county employees, not town employees.” Sweeney, “Yes, they don’t have a choice. Fire has different rules.” Swigart, “Smoky Valley Ambulance Service is run by the county. In 2011, Smoky Valley Fire Department dissolved and Dan Sweeney took it over the whole area. We are still waiting for checks from the county from that. But it’s the right thing to do.” Jorgensen, “No, I’m not saying that. I get anyone that does what you or the EMT’s do you guys do it for a reason. I get that because we care about our communities and we want them to be whole. I get that but what concerns me as a parent and as a board member if something happens here then we have no one.” R. Cromie, “You have us. We will provide any care that we can until we get an ambulance here either from Goldfield or Austin or wherever.” Swigart, “This is why it’s so critical to get our box ambulance up and back running and get people within the fire department that are at least First Aid basic level so our fire department and the chief could response so when they are in Hawthorne and then there is no one. And that’s why we did all that and we want to continue to do all that.” R. Cromie, “But we can’t transport anyone. We can’t even pick them up and take them to the airport.” Jorgensen, “How are you with your recruiting with fire department and do you know how the EMT’s are with their recruiting?” R. Cromie, “The EMT’s are doing good they are doing better. But us we are stuck with that twelve and it’s hard to get people to join.” Jorgensen, “I’m sorry but when the mine changed everyone’s schedules it became transient.” R. Cromie, “I agree but I’m just going to say it. The mine leadership is just as transient as everyone else and they have no buy into the community.” Sweeney, “Absolutely.” Jorgensen, “They are worse cause they are only here four days out of the week.” Sweeney, “They pay people to not live here.” Appiah, “I know of one person that works at the mine and see them once a week and they work one building over from me. They come in once a week and leave.” R. Cromie, “I have a good solid group right now and I don’t want to lose any of them.” Jorgensen, “So, I’m curious cause on the EMT side there was talk last year about everything they wanted to do. As far as training and getting new people. I haven’t seen anything of that.” R. Cromie, “So, the mine actually, put on an EMT class and from that I am now and EMT, Melissa from the RO Ranch is an EMT her husband Davey is a driver, Brandon Fitch still needs to take the test, Shelby Olsen, EMT etc. They are on the ambulance right now. The county put on an Advanced EMT class and now Taylor Damon is an Advanced EMT.” Jorgensen, “Laura Scrapper.” R. Cromie, “She is an EMT but she is just as the mine. I’m still trying to get her over here.” Appiah, “Is there a way to incentivize them to want to come over here and want to stay.” R. Cromie, “Unless we were to pull the plug and become a paid fire department and not count on the mine. We all know the turnover rate there is high. The group that I have now are going to stay until they leave the mine or the mine closes.” Appiah, “In my mind I’m trying thing of a way to make it attractive to people to lend us their time. It is time that is away from family. I know the mine has a way of compensating to yearly give them something even showing up for trainings.” R. Cromie, “That is gone. So, the mine use to give us \$1,500.00 for being a member of the department and this last year was the last year. They haven’t come out with a new plan. So, I can’t say it’s completely gone but knowing leadership is gone.” Sweeney, “Did you know if you had to be on the mine and town or if you were just part of the town?” R. Cromie, “So, we use to get an ERT bonus for being apart of Emergency Response Team for the mine and then on top of that you would get \$1,500.00 for being apart of fire and then \$1,500.00 for being on the ambulance. So, they would really stack it up. My bonus this year was almost \$6,000.00.” Sweeney, “And you enjoy doing it so it’s a win, win.” R. Cromie, “You can tell the people that love doing it vs just there for the extra money. We are even hurting at the mine for first responders. It’s hard cause there is only one other guy that is on my shift.” Swigart, “The day of volunteering is over with.” R. Cromie, “It’s not just here it’s nationwide. A lot of it is the culture of the kids growing up today.” Jorgensen, “And in a environment like this the leadership doesn’t help.” R. Cromie, “100%.” Appiah, “Yes people like to volunteer but volunteer work is hard cause now there is other stuff that you would like to do. If there is a way to make it attractive to the volunteers.” R. Cromie, “Recently I let them know that they get a free membership to the golf course. But none of them like to golf. They are young kids that like to be on there dirt bikes.” Swigart, “The Chief wants to bring it onto an agenda item that they can get free water.” Sweeney, “I don’t know if we could give them free water cause we can’t even give ourselves free water. But we can talk about it.” R. Cromie, “Actually Jim brought that up as a recruiting tool.” Sweeney, “Can we do that? I don’t know.” Jorgensen, “If we can’t give them free water. Can we offer them a discount?” Swigart, “It’s just going to get more brutal. I told Rob Browning that there’s a difference when people came here they lived here they didn’t go anywhere else and their schedule is seven to seven and I told him if you joined the fire department then you get free water. He was here for three months and he came into a meeting and he told Chief Sweeney hey I got my water shut off and he told him yah did you pay your bill and he said, “no”. He told Sweeney that Swigart said if we join the fire department we get free water. And you believe me?” Sweeney, “I think we could come up with a version of an at a boy where they get money for groceries or something where they get an incentive.” Swigart, “Like the Chief said if your doing it for an incentive your doing it for the wrong reasons. You want to do it for a special reason cause you care about the people or when someone gets hurt that you’ll triggers someone to get involved.” Sweeney, “I’m not saying to incentive them so that’s why they do it but to make them feel like we appreciate that you do this.” Appiah, “An appreciation.” R. Cromie, “100%. It would go along way with them.” Sweeney, “Groceries are high, gas is high. Come up with some sort of a gift card or something.”

R. Cromie, I've been doing this since 1994 or 1995 and my wife asked me the other day, "Why do you do what you do?" I do it to help people. That's why I'm apart of ERT, Airport Manager (for now), Fire Department, Ambulance, and Search and Rescue. I can't say "no". When it comes to this kind of stuff I can't say no." Jorgensen, "And we appreciate that." R. Cromie, "Hopefully they find a replacement for John Burton soon cause I can't continue to take that on to. It's too much on top of my regular job." Appiah, "So, I say this cause every so often. It used to be once a week and then I got told that we can't be doing this every week. What I would do is come to town and go to the grocery store and buy ice cream, buy this or that. And if guys were having to work the weekend we would go buy steaks and barbeque. You would be surprised how much it goes along way. Just a little thank you doing stuff like that." R. Cromie, "They tell me all the time, hey I might go out of town this weekend. And I tell them to go and live your life. I'm the one that doesn't have a life. I don't leave town. I don't go anywhere." Sweeney, "You have to do it to." R. Cromie, "I know. But every time I leave town we get a call of some sort and worry about whether or we have a crew to respond. Unfortunately, the side of the week that I'm off there is only one other person in the department that is off with me. Everyone else is on the other side of the week." Sweeney, "Can we do some kind of budget for incentives or something?" R. Cromie, "So, they do get a \$1,000 stipend every month from you guys. We use that for our monthly business meeting dinners and we haven't really gone over it yet but the whole department is getting uniforms. We are going through a company in Reno. So, each of them goes up there to get sized them we are paying the company. This is something that they came up with and wanted." Sweeney, "And a \$1,000 a month is enough for what you guys want to do." R. Cromie, "Yes. I did tell them the other day that when we do fundraising it's not them to buy t-shirts and stuff like that. We need to be using it for like a part for the Hutz tool that is needed. I feel like when you do a fundraiser it should be for something that is going to benefit the community. Not for themselves. That's just my thinking." Jorgensen, "I don't agree with that. I understand what your saying but I have a hard time justifying you doing a fundraiser to afford a part for your vehicle. Do I agree with the fundraising absolutely. Like things you want to do for the community, like the fireworks. Like lets get that bigger one and let's assist with the payment. But to do a fundraiser because you need parts. I have a hard time with that." Swigart, "For equipment maintenance and vehicle maintenance it should be in the budget." Jorgensen, "That's what I mean." Swigart, "We use to use it for like if someone had a death within the community or a hardship. That's what our incentive was used for when I was with the department for 28 years. If a family member died or someone was in trouble." Jorgensen, "I don't like you fundraising for a part that is super expensive and your not going to be able to run your vehicle because you don't have it. That's something that needs to be provided for you." R. Cromie, "I 100% agree with that. We did donate \$1,000.00 to Trey Pickering right now, that is battling cancer and we voted on that and we do things like that. Like after the Tonopah fire." Jorgensen, "Like something like that you could have done a fundraiser within the community, like a steak dinner. And Trey could have had his steak dinner and eat it to. But not for a part that should be provided to you within your budget." Appiah, "I agree when it comes to equipment and things if you need it to do the job that you do. That shouldn't be a fundraiser that should be something that is provided to you so you have the tools to do the job." Swigart, "So, let's get back to the fire department budget." Jorgensen, "So, you were saying that your Operations budget is \$10,000.00 but that's not nearly enough." R. Cromie, "So, like a lot of our equipment is getting old and some of our equipment doesn't have what it's suppose to have on it, per NFD or ISO regulations. Especially fire supplies things that should be on the equipment that's not there and get's that stuff in stock." Swigart, "I move that we bump that up to \$75,000.00 for the chief." R. Cromie, "Like the \$500.00 for Fire Prevention we don't need that, it can just come out of our Operating Supplies." Jorgensen, "Fire Prevention?" R. Cromie, "Yes." Jorgensen, "Ok." R. Cromie, "Travel, we have \$10,000, that's more than enough. So, this is my idea as an incentive there are a few people that have been on the department for awhile. I want to take them to NFDIC in Indianapolis it's the largest fire convention in the nation. Take them back there and there is a lot of good classes and a lot of new technology that is out there for fire. Training is going to go up quite a bit this year because of the rope rescue classes we need to do to get certified so we can provide service to the town." Jorgensen, "To what?" R. Cromie, "I had down \$50,000 cause the rope rescue class is \$30,000 to \$35,000. I have a guy coming out three days in July and three days in August. The first class will be rope rescue and the second class will be confined space." Swigart, "Is there anyway that the mine would split some of that cost for rope rescue?" Jorgensen, "Or do you have to wait until they replace John Burton?" R. Cromie, "So, I don't know cause it's not in their budget for this year so I don't know." Swigart, "So, when I did mine it was all in Carson City, it was just the officer's that went and then they came back and trained everyone else." R. Cromie, "This way the guy was actually coming out here and he has a big crawl side trailer and it's going to actually sit out here for like a month and the mine rescue guys could come out here and play on it like a jungle gym." Swigart, "So, what number do you want to put in there Chief?" R. Cromie, "If we could do \$40,000 that would be great." Jorgensen, "For Training?" R. Cromie, "Yes. So, the next one I have down there is Utilities \$15,000. I think we are good. I actually added another \$2,500. So, \$17,500 instead of \$15,000 cause we have the new air conditioning systems and they have a tendency to run a lot, just

for our electricity and extra propane, we are using. Vehicle Maintenance I upped that to \$30,000 just because a lot of this equipment hasn't been taken care in a long time and I want to make sure I get it on some kind of PM schedule and be able to get it to places. Like right now our first engine out is a 1994 or 1992 something like that it's like 32 years old. She needs a little help. She shouldn't be running first out but our county engine that we have is in Reno getting worked on. Which I'm not sure it's going to get paid for. That's also something I'm going to have to talk with you about. That's something that Jim and I have talked about and we are going to have a conversation with Bruce Jabour and figure out how we can get the county equipment which is only three pieces of equipment allocated to us. If we are going to have to pay for maintenance we might as well take ownership." Sweeney, "Right." R. Cromie, "The Carver's Station needs to be taken care of but that's a discussion for another day. So, we need to up of Vehicle Maintenance budget a little bit. Too make sure we have enough to keep this stuff running. Equipment Maintenance, I have that at \$25,000 vs \$15,000 the reasoning for that is cause there is a lot of stuff that we don't do that we need to do. Like testing for our SCBA's which is a requirement every year, fit testing, and hurst tool certifications. So, all the stuff that needs to be done every year is \$15,000 and that doesn't include anything else that needs to be maintained as far as equipment goes." Jorgensen, "So, did you up the utilities to \$17,500? Cause that's what I wrote down." R. Cromie, "He just did that." R. Cromie, "And other miscellaneous there is zero there so I just put \$50,000 for unknown expenses. I don't know what the \$50,000 would be for but it would be there if needed." R. Cromie, "One thing that is not listed there is for, Other Contractual Services and that's for Afterhours Security." Curiel, "Do you want to add fireworks into that to?" R. Cromie, "So, that was my next line item down. I was going to put that somewhere but I don't know where to put that though." Jorgensen, "Put that in your operations because you do that every year." R. Cromie, "I was going to make it's own line item so it doesn't get taken out of for something else if that makes sense." Jorgensen, "Yes it does." Swigart, "We can put it right here for fireworks." R. Cromie, "Ok, that works. So, for Other Contractual Services I think that's \$8,750, whatever it is that we are splitting up." Curiel, "So, how much are putting in that?" R. Cromie, "It was like \$8,375 wasn't it." Curiel, "I would have to look so let's just say \$9,000." Jorgensen, "And that includes the fireworks?" R. Cromie, "I have \$8,500 here." Curiel, "OK, then fireworks?" R. Cromie, "I figured \$50,000." Jorgensen, "Does the Other Contractual include the fireworks?" R. Cromie, "No, the Other Contractual was just for Afterhours Security Contract." Curiel, "So, should we add \$70,000 with fireworks lets say?" Jorgensen, "So, your at \$85,000?" R. Cromie, "No, at \$8,500." Jorgensen, "Oh ok. I was going to say. I have an issue now." Appiah, "As far as the Afterhours Security wouldn't we cover that under Administrative?" Sweeney, "She wanted it split up." R. Cromie, "Yes she wanted it split up between us, Recreation and Admin." Appiah, "Oh, ok." Sweeney, "So, for fireworks and Afterhours it's \$70,000?" Curiel, "Yes." R. Cromie, "That way I figured the money can't be touched it has to be used for that and we don't have to have the whole back and forth and wondering who is paying for it. I did want to reiterate I heard that there were some questions at the board meeting I heard. So, that equipment that we are buying that is our equipment that we will have forever. It's a one-time purchase. If we want to add to it we can. So, if we wanted to make the shows bigger we just have to more modulars." Jorgensen, "I think that's what we did at the board meeting is we approved the largest one." Sweeney, "We said we were going to but we waited." Jorgensen, "Oh, yeah. We wanted to see about the fundraising as well. Are goal is to do the largest one so you have the maximum amount of equipment and then next year we would already have that amount of equipment even if we stepped down we still would have enough." R. Cromie, "If you guys can let me know as soon as possible so I can get everything ordered from Atlas. I'm guessing at the next board meeting." Sweeney, "I believe we have it for the next board meeting." Swigart, "We had \$60,000 in this years budget." Sweeney, "Oh, we did." Appiah, "We did say at the last board meeting that we were going to talk about it today." Curiel, "I don't think we can make a decision today but we can talk about it and it will be on the Agenda at the next board meeting." R. Cromie, "As far as the fundraising goes I don't have the manpower to put together something that quick." Sweeney, "Can we run it through the town? Can they come to the front desk? If we advertise it they can just come in and buy a firework." Curiel, "Yes, we can have one at our office and recreation." Sweeney, "That might be a great way to do it because they already have our business hours." Curiel, "It's just going to have to be cash or check." Sweeney, "They can use a card at recreation." Curiel, "So, it wouldn't tie into recreation. So, like there would be no way to take it off recreation. So, if they pay cash or check we can just keep it separate." Sweeney, "Ok." Jorgensen, "And then you don't have to worry about doing anything on such short notice. Anything else." R. Cromie, "I know Mr. Town Manager had money in there for a vehicle but I told him to take that out. I'm trying to get that taken care of through the grant. I'm really hope that we can get some funding through this grant." Sweeney, "That would be awesome." Jorgensen, "Do you have a backup plan just in case of?" R. Cromie, "Yes, I have a truck." Swigart, "We would have two full-time EMT's here and in Tonopah." Sweeney, "That would be amazing." R. Cromie, "There is a whole lot that goes along with that." Discussion goes on about staffing and the EMT's. R. Cromie, "The biggest thing is how we would sustain this after five years. I know the county has to provide a service. But the whole part of the grant is, they don't want to give you \$179.5 million dollars and then after five years we say, "we are done" that's it. We

have to be able to sustain this.” Appiah, “We need to have that in the back of our head.” R. Cromie, “That’s why I kind of wanted to talk to you guys about this. The other side of that is that there is a lot of different stuff that can happen with this money. The other part is not this year but maybe the next grant cycle I want to talk with the mine and see if we can get the airport upgraded with this grant money. I don’t know if they want to sign it over to the town or what.” Sweeney, “They talked about that.” R. Cromie, “So, however that looks. I would like to get the runway all redone with radio-controlled lighting. So, we land medical fixed wing out here at nighttime as it is they don’t want to land out here during the daytime they always want to go to Tonopah and 45 minutes is 45 minutes.” Swigart, “Can we bring this up at the next board meeting and put it on the Agenda and discuss it.” R. Cromie, “Absolutely 100%.” Jorgensen, “That would also benefit our surrounding areas.” Appiah, “Janet had asked what is your plan B for the vehicle cause you know it’s due for an upgrade. We told the Chief at the time to set it aside and that was last year. So, what is your plan B?” R. Cromie, “Is to continue to drive what I’m driving now. We put a little bit of money into her this last year probably more than I wanted to. She’s running good now and she does need some new tires. I want to keep that truck as a support vehicle to pull trailers and things. Eventually I’m hoping to use PTSSD money for that. If this grant falls through and we need to purchase a vehicle then I’ll come before the board and ask to use some of the PSST money. As far as PSST money goes I know we aren’t there yet but was additional equipment for Rope Rescue gear. I’m just trying to make sure we have everything that we need, and personal gear the rescuer wears. That’s the only thing that I do have allocated towards PSST money at this time. I do want to look at replacing some engines. A lot of what I want to do is relies on help for if NDEF wanted to donate an engine to us. They talked about helping us getting our guys certified in wildland and hopefully if we get at least one engine we can use that as our first out for everything. We do need to start looking at replacing some of these engines we have so we can make our community safe. Our nicest engine is sitting at the mine and that’s scary.”

Swigart, “Let’s moved on to Recreation. The big thing that we have here is the HVAC system and we want to purchase a new van, a 15-seat van. The old van we could possibly use as a shuttle van for the golf course for Saturday and Sunday’s to bring golfer’s from Tonopah. That van is a 2011. It’s old. We have that in the Capital Outlay if you guys are good with that.” Appiah, “As far as the HVAC system and I don’t see anything for new equipment.” Swigart, “It’s in the Operating Expenses.” Jorgensen, “Are you going to split the cost of the fireworks?” Curiel, “That’s what we did the last year.” R. Cromie, “I was always under the impression that recreation did it. Then I was told we split it. So, I just decided that we would take care it so there’s no more discuss and confusion about it.” Sweeney, “So, do we need to take \$60,000.00 out of hers?” R. Cromie, “I would say so. That way there is only one person responsible for it.” Sweeney, “It makes sense to me that it comes out of fires. She does not have underneath there youth sports cause that is a huge cost for the town. So, I feel like when she is talking about Operating Expenses I feel like that needs its own line item.” Curiel, “We have to talk with the county and get them to enter one like we did with the fireworks one.” Sweeney, “Just add a row so we know that we allocating for that.” Jorgensen, “Under Operating Supplies just put in parenthesis just put youth sports and put the dollar amount.” Sweeney, “Yes cause helmets are going to expire from YMLA.” Swigart, “Why don’t we just leave it the same number.” R. Cromie, “Do parents pay anything for their kids to play sports?” Sweeney, “Yes they do. If just every sport the fees vary.” Discussion continues about the fees, equipment etc. Jorgensen, “I feel like if I’m asking the fire department to fundraise then the recreational center should too.” Appiah, “Let’s make sure the equipment gets upgraded.” Sweeney, “I’m sorry but we did talk about your PSST and radios can be used on that. R u good with your radio?” R. Cromie, “We can always use more but we are good for right now.” Discussion about helmets, radio etc. Sweeney, “We are on Public Utilities.” Yost, “We are budgeted for an employee in water for \$68,000. \$20,000; Worker’s Comp. \$1,000; Insurance \$5,537; Medical \$16,734; Operating Expense \$45,000; Operating Supplies \$35,000; Licensing & Permits \$10,000; Postage \$4,000 for sending out the water bills; Travel \$3,000 strictly for water-related travel such as the conference. So, if we can do one conference every year if not two depending on the licenses that we hold.” Jorgensen, “Does that also include for the testing?” Yost, “Yes.” Training \$4,000; Utilities \$45,000; Propane \$4,000; Vehicle Maintenance \$10,000. There are two trucks that are dual purpose. It boils down to \$5,000 for each truck. Equipment \$13,000 same purpose I split that up between the two departments cause we use some equipment on both sides. Professional Services \$24,000, I believe that’s for Larry Grant. Other Contractual Services \$24,000.; General Insurance \$11,000; Refunds \$1,000; Deposit Refunds \$1,000; Capital Outlay is \$500,000 and that’s all of our payments for the meters and the tanks. I’m pretty sure that’s all it is, those two payments.” Swigart, “The tanks were 3-year contract.” Jorgensen, “So, all this stuff is just buildings and grounds?” Yost, “So, I put the two together but some of it is water.” Discussion about water accounts and building & funds accounts. Swigart, “Golf Course. We put money in there for an assistant and we didn’t need one.” Sweeney, “But we want one this year?” Swigart, “We are thinking about it. I would be nice to have some training that could fill in on weekends, vacations and stuff cause I’m not going to be here forever. Ultimately, I have my superintendent’s card and we want to get head greens keeper where he can get his.” Sweeney, “How does he get that?” Swigart, “He has to have a minimum

of two years working on the golf course, then you have 128 hours of online testing. That you have to do. So, we had budgeted this year \$150,000 for the golf course and we finally got that taken care of. I ran the golf course for seven years for the mine so I don't know the costs very well, fertilizer and irrigation expenses these things vary just a little bit." Discussion about the golf course and it's maintenance goes on. Clubhouse we have \$20,000 budgeted. \$50,000 for the deck, plumbing etc. Swigart, "So, I have budgeted \$181,000 for this next year." R. Cromie, "Is there any plans to get a golf simulator?" Swigart, "I didn't put that in there but "yes". It will be in next years budget." Discussion about 1984 greens mower and use it as a backup. Discussion about new laptops for Jim and Maintenance., also the use of the tablets that were bought for the board members that are not being used at this time. Swigart, "Labor costs, Josh requested two for the summer. Age limit is 15 ½ years old. Our insurance says that if they aren't at least 15 ½ they can't even touch a weed eater." Yost, "There one kid that stayed on from last year that works part-time. I would like to give him a raise." Jorgensen, "Do we need to raise the pay to \$16 per hour?" Yost, "I would like to." Swigart, "Lifeguards we can negotiate based on experience. 4 Arcade Attendant's. Other questions on part-time employees?" Discussion about background checks and drug testing employees. Swigart goes over full-time employees wages. Appiah, "Does a cost of living increase come in July?" Swigart, "Cost of living and merit increase will come in July and we kind of meter what happens on the hill. COLA number comes in from the state and county. The county gives us recommendation number and it states what our cost of living is." Appiah, "So, compared to what Tonopah pays where are we at?" Swigart, "We are a little bit above of what Tonopah pays. It's worked that way cause Tonopah doesn't have Round Mountain Gold to compete with. So, if you look at a lot of these numbers from when you guys (the board) first started they have almost doubled." Sweeney, "Do we need to increase the budget for you to be able to do that?" Swigart, "Can we add \$2.00 on to everything so we can do that? Is that possible?" Discuss about wages. Jorgensen, "We should budget for the full amount." Appiah, "Just use your discretion."

6. Discussion, Deliberation and Decision to Set Date and Time for the Final 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing. (For Possible Action.)

Sweeney, "We can do this in a meeting, yes. It's like a 15 timer we have to set correct. If I'm remembering this correctly." Curiel, "Something like that and then for the final the county or the state gives us that date and I haven't heard back from them yet." Sweeney, "I think that's when we have a fifteen-minute window." Jorgensen, "But for item #6 we can put that on the agenda for the 14th and we can do that then." Curiel, "I don't see why not." Sweeney, "We can do that then." Jorgensen makes a Motion to put on the April 14th, 2026, Agenda the Discussion, Deliberation and Decision to Finalize the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing; Appiah Seconded; Approved 3-0

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Up to three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken by the Board until specifically included on an agenda as an action item. (Second)

No Comment.

8. Commissioner/Manager Comments (This item is limited to announcements, brief discussion of public comments, correction of factual inaccuracies, direction to staff, or topics proposed for future board meetings. Lengthy deliberation of topics not on the agenda is prohibited by the Nevada Open Meeting Law.)

No Comment.

9. Adjourn Meeting.

Appiah motions to adjourn at 1:54 pm; Jorgensen; Seconded; Approved 3-0

APPROVED THIS DAY 28th OF April, 2026

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