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STATE OF ALASKA

THE LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

BEFORE COMMISSIONERS:

Lynn Chrystal - Chair
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PROCEEDINGS

(On record - 10:00 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Good morning, everybody. We've got 10:00 o'clock on the wall here in the conference room in Anchorage. We're ready to get started. Could we have a roll call, please, Mr. Williams?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, Chair. Commissioner Wilson?

COMMISSIONER WILSON: Here.

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Harrington?

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Here.

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Hargraves?

COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Here.

MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Harcharek? Chair Chrystal?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Here. And so we do have a quorum. I'd like to acknowledge guests and staff. We'll start here in Anchorage. So let's start with right next to me. Brice?

MR. ENINGUWOUK: This is Brice Eninguwouk, staff to the Local Boundary Commission.

MR. WILLIAMS: This is Brent Williams, staff to the Local Boundary Commission.

MS. CAMPBELL: Kelly Campbell, property owner in Seldovia.

MS. GELLERT: Janet Gellert, property owner 8 1/2 miles out of Seldovia.

COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: We're having trouble hearing

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1 you. What's going on there?

2 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. We got some visitors in the
3 back row in here. It's probably kind of hard to hear them over
4 -- they're just telling us who they are.

5 MR. WILLIAMS: You can maybe say that again louder,
6 please?

7 MS. GELLERT: Janet Gellert, 8 1/2 miles out of
8 Seldovia, closer to Jakolof Bay.

9 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Did you hear that okay? Hello?
10 Did you hear that okay?

11 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Harrington?

12 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Can anybody here us out there?

13 MR. MURRAY: This is Seldovia. We can barely hear you.
14 We can hear the commissioners when they're speaking but anybody
15 that's not sitting around the table it's very difficult to
16 understand.

17 MS. CAMPBELL: Kelly Campbell. I'm a property owner on
18 MacDonald Spit.

19 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Did you hear that okay?

20 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Thank you. Next?

22 MR. GELLERT: Hugh Gellert. I'm a property owner with
23 my wife of 5251 Jakolof Bay Road, about 8 1/2 miles outside of
24 Seldovia.

25 MR. LETHIN: Chris Lethin, resident of Seldovia since

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1 1979.

2 MR. BARLOW: Leo Barlow, representing Seldovia Native
3 Association.

4 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. That consists of everybody
5 present here in Anchorage.

6 MR. WILLIAMS: Oh, Wanda Ventres, the court reporter is
7 also here.

8 MR. ENINGUWOUK: Is there some feedback?

9 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Could we please have
10 introductions from the guests that are on the line? There's no
11 way to really pinpoint who is there so just speak up and we'll
12 try not to get too much cross talk. And spell your name,
13 please.

14 MS. CRAWFORD: This is Darlene Crawford and John
15 Crawford. We live at Mile 3, Jakolof Bay Road.

16 MR. DILLON: This is Tim Dillon, the city manager, City
17 of Seldovia.

18 MR. MURRAY: Jerry Murray, resident of 2 1/2 Miles
19 Jakolof Bay Road for 35 years.

20 MR. WYLAND: Dick Wyland, resident of City of Seldovia,
21 property owner.

22 MR. LATIMER: Jeff Latimer, resident for roughly 20
23 years, 3 1/2 Miles out Jakolof Bay Road.

24 MR. ROWLAND: Mark Rowland, resident. I live at 6 1/2
25 Miles out on Jakolof Bay Road.

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1 MS. OYNE (ph): Jeanette Oyne, lives at Dalsted, Mile
2 7, Jakolof.

3 MS. STEVEDOL (ph): Pat Stevedol, resident of City of
4 Seldovia.

5 MARY: Mary (indiscernible), city clerk, Seldovia.

6 MR. ROLAND: Hans Roland, resident of Seldovia.

7 MS. SCOTT: (Indiscernible) Scott, resident of
8 Seldovia.

9 MR. McGinnis: Walter McGinnis, councilman, 60 year
10 resident.

11 MS. BOND: Sharon Bond, resident, Jakolof Bay Road, 3
12 Miles.

13 MS. NILES: Sharon Niles, resident of Seldovia.

14 MR. DILLON: That's everybody that's at the CR
15 Community Center in Seldovia.

16 CHAIRMAN CHRYSAL: Okay. Thank you very much. Is
17 there anybody else on the line from other than Seldovia or the
18 conference room in Anchorage? Okay. Hearing none, thank you
19 very much. At this time we need to approve the agenda that's
20 been proposed to everybody. If I could entertain a motion to
21 approve the agenda?

22 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Harrington. I move to
23 approve.

24 CHAIRMAN CHRYSAL: Do we have a second?

25 COMMISSIONER WILSON: I second it. Wilson.

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1 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. We have a motion by
2 Commissioner Harrington, second by Commissioner Wilson. Any
3 comments on the agenda? Okay. Could we have a vote, please,
4 Mr. Williams?

5 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, Chair. Commissioner Wilson?

6 COMMISSIONER WILSON: Here.

7 MR. WILLIAMS: We need a yes or no, please, sir.

8 COMMISSIONER WILSON: Oh. Yes.

9 MR. WILLIAMS: All right. Thank you. Commissioner
10 Hargraves?

11 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes.

12 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Harrington?

13 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Yes.

14 MR. WILLIAMS: Chair Chrystal?

15 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yes. Okay. The motion has been
16 approved to approved the agenda. The next item is public
17 comments regarding Local Boundary Commission matters. And
18 we'll move that down to where we can mix that in with the
19 Seldovia report so people can make their comments at that time.
20 Under New Business we have comments by members of the public
21 concerning matters that are not on the agenda nor pending. You
22 know, something that we are not planning on talking about
23 today. If anybody's got something they want to bring up this
24 is the time. Okay. Hearing none we'll move on to the
25 discussion item. This is a discuss request that the LBC use

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1 its constitutional authority to proactively initiate the
2 process of annexing territory to the City of Seldovia. When
3 this came up I put it on the agenda as a discussion item
4 because I think that this type of an issue pertains not just to
5 Seldovia but it really pertains to probably dozens and dozens
6 of communities around the state. So I didn't want to narrow
7 that discussion just to Seldovia. And so we are not going to
8 make any decision today as far as the request to proactively
9 annex. However, we will have a sense of the commission's
10 feelings one way or the other when we're all done here, because
11 I'll ask if anybody wants to actually put it on the agenda as
12 an action item. And if not, then it will, at least for now,
13 just go away. Is everybody clear on that? Okay. Let's
14 initiate the discussion then. I think that we certainly
15 probably have the authority to do what's been requested,
16 however this is a huge issue and I don't know how many members
17 want to even get involved in this. This is going to be --
18 would be a very controversial issue, and I don't mean Seldovia
19 but around the state probably, and is it more appropriate for
20 the legislature to do things like this. So I'll open up the
21 discussion for commissioner members that wish to make a comment
22 at this time.

23 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Commissioner Harrington here.
24 First of all I am less reticent to do this than probably most
25 of the rest of the commission members. I see us as being one

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1 of the few bodies that is not subject to a dramatic political
2 backlash. We have a big target on our backs every time we go
3 any place anyway. But before I would ever consider any action
4 along this line a few things would have to be existing. First
5 of all, I asked the question if Seldovia had a general
6 obligation bond debt. And the answer was no. And that was one
7 of the things that I would have stipulated, that any time a
8 group is asked to acquire a debt they would have to have voter
9 permission to do that. The second item has to do with if there
10 is a clear case where people are getting services for which
11 they do not need. They are not providing (a) taxes, what have
12 you, so that is an unequal situation, that's another situation
13 where I think I would be interested in seeing an action coming
14 to the commission for an expansion of the city boundaries. To
15 date I've not seen any of the issues that I would consider
16 pertinent to this specific case. But I just wanted to lay out
17 my own areas of where I would consider actively participating
18 in starting or initiating an action to annex parts to a city.

19 CHAIRMAN CRYSTAL: Thank you, Commissioner Harrington.
20 Any other commissioners want to make a comment at this time?
21 Okay. Hearing none we'll open it up to discussion from --
22 probably just start right here. Mr. Lethin, you're the one
23 that kind of got this thing started. Did you wish to make a
24 comment? And I would ask everybody to keep your comments
25 relatively short because I can see where we could drag this on

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1 for hours probably.

2 MR. LETHIN: Right. Number 1, I would appreciate it if
3 people don't make this personal because I'm trying not to make
4 this personal. I'm trying -- I started this whole effort with
5 going to the council in Seldovia and trying to get a public
6 meeting and a discussion about this. An open dialogue for
7 everybody to talk about it rather than the anti(s) and the pros
8 and all this sort of emotional stuff that gets involved in
9 these kind of things. And, you know, I want to bring up the
10 point that the community did go together and create a
11 recreational service area which is basically the boundaries
12 that I suggested the city ought to have. So I personally, out
13 of this meeting, I would like to see a meeting of the Boundary
14 Commission in June or July of this year when all the people
15 that own property in the City of Seldovia have an opportunity
16 to be there, to be able to express their opinion one way or the
17 other, as well as those people that live out of the city and
18 have property and ownership, so that this can be a dialogue. I
19 said from the git-go this is going to take three to four years
20 to sort out. And I think that my one request is Boundary
21 Commission come to Seldovia, have your meeting in June or July
22 when everybody is there so that all this can be talked about.
23 Otherwise we're just going to have a lot of throwing rocks at
24 one another and I don't think that's appropriate for this
25 group. And the Boundary Commission was created specifically

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1 under the constitution to deal with these kind of problems.
2 And I realize that they're difficult. They're not easy. And
3 that's why you're appointed from different jurisdictions around
4 the state so that you don't get caught up in this as being a
5 target like I am right now. I mean I'm a big target. Okay? I
6 created my own target but I am a big target. I don't
7 appreciate being a target but nonetheless I did it because I
8 think it's important for Seldovia to have this discussion. So
9 that's my statement.

10 CHAIRMAN CRYSTAL: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Lethin.
11 Anybody have any questions for Mr. Lethin? Any commissioners,
12 I mean? Okay. Hearing none, anybody here at the table want to
13 make a comment? And please state your name before commenting
14 again.

15 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Does Mr. Lethin own any property
16 in Seldovia?

17 CHAIRMAN CRYSTAL: Oh, hang on a second. What was
18 that?

19 MR. LETHIN: I heard that question about me owning
20 property in Seldovia. I owned property in Seldovia in 1979 and
21 my wife and I did an estate planning to give our property to
22 our kids. I pay the taxes every year. There's almost a
23 quarter of a million -- three quarters of a million dollars in
24 value of property tax that we pay in excess of \$5000 a year.
25 Just for everybody's clarification I write the check for it and

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1 it's my money that pays the taxes.

2 CHAIRMAN CRYSTAL: Okay. Okay. Comments from people
3 around the table here, please? And state your name again.

4 MS. CAMPBELL: Kelly Campbell, owner of property in the
5 middle of Jakolof -- I mean MacDonald Spit. We have owned that
6 property and have an original Bureau of Land Management,
7 federal government patent. So longevity makes the difference.
8 Anyway, in trying to research some of this situation, in
9 looking at the proposed boundaries, there's a very narrow strip
10 of property that has been subdivided by the Native Association
11 and their ownership, which is wonderful. But the extent of
12 this proposal is just mind boggling. The City of Seldovia
13 occupies .6 square miles. And I don't know how many square
14 miles this proposal but it looks like it's 70 or 100, or more.
15 The area proposed to be annexed is occupied solely by
16 residents. There's not a single business. Jakolof Bay Dock is
17 included and I don't know whether the city owns that now --
18 somebody said they do. But they can't monitor and police the
19 dock. The two boats that went down there and practically
20 eliminated the opportunity for oyster farming in Jakolof Bay
21 was sunk because there's nobody monitoring the dock. And the
22 City of Seldovia I don't think is going to be able to do -- I
23 mean that's just one situation that -- I feel the City of
24 Seldovia operates extremely well the way it is. We are
25 delighted with the facilities that the city offers, however

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1 myself and those other persons that I know on the Spit.....

2 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Mr. Chairman?

3 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yes, sir? Yes, sir, Mr. Hargraves?
4 Are you having trouble.....

5 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: There isn't anything coming
6 through on this telephone.

7 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. We probably need to get the
8 microphone closer.

9 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: I don't know what's happening
10 right now but I'm not hearing anything except you come through
11 pretty good.

12 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner, this is Brent. I just
13 moved the phone closer to Ms. Campbell so why doesn't she speak
14 again about what you missed and then after a few words you can
15 interject whether you hear her or not. Does that work for you,
16 sir?

17 MS. CAMPBELL: Can you hear me now?

18 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Hargraves, can you hear me?
19 This is Brent?

20 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes, I can hear you now.

21 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. Can you hear Ms. Campbell now?

22 MS. CAMPBELL: Can you hear me, Commissioner? I'm
23 Kelly Campbell. I have property on MacDonald Spit.

24 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes, I can hear.

25 MS. CAMPBELL: All right.

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1 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Go ahead.

2 MS. CAMPBELL: Just try to shorten this up. In
3 researching this it appeared to me that the City of Seldovia
4 would need to provide services to this proposed annexed area,
5 which the City of Seldovia occupies .6 square miles of land and
6 the proposed annexation area is, I don't know, maybe 100 square
7 miles. It certainly is huge. The occupation of -- the
8 population occupation of the proposed area is totally
9 residential. There is no commercial usage in that area. There
10 never has been. I mean not for generations. Since the fox
11 farming and herring fisheries, saltries, etcetera. The poverty
12 area in the proposed annexation area I think should be
13 investigated because I do not believe that the population can
14 withstand additional taxation for services that most of us feel
15 the City of Seldovia cannot and should not try to provide. The
16 police, the EMS, the fire, the road service is done by the
17 state. The other services are just not going to be able to be
18 provided. They certainly cannot come down on MacDonald Spit
19 with a fire truck or an ambulance. So there's just -- this
20 annexation area just does not fit into a city and the
21 requirements as stated in the standards for annexation.

22 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you, Ms. Campbell. Next?
23 Anybody want to talk here? Okay. We'll move this
24 radio/microphone gizmo thing around and see if it works.

25 MR. WILLIAMS: And this is Brent Williams.

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1 Commissioner Hargraves, please let us know if you can't hear
2 Mr. Gellert.

3 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Go ahead.

4 MR. GELLERT: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, my name is Hugh
5 Gellert. My wife and I own property at Mile 8 1/2 on the
6 Jakolof Bay Road. Can you hear me?

7 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes.

8 MR. GELLERT: Okay. I submitted previously a letter to
9 the Commission. I won't repeat the material in that letter. I
10 think the guts of my presentation is that Number 1, the city --
11 there's no possibility -- I reiterate the fact that there is
12 really no possibility of those of us outside the City of
13 Seldovia getting any additional services from the City of
14 Seldovia. Additional services means we presently do not get
15 services from the city and the annexation is pretty clearly
16 stated by Mr. Lethin that we will not get any services. In the
17 submission there are six criteria under 3 AAC 110.140 titled
18 legislative review. I think it was Mr. Lethin who has
19 highlighted items 5 and 6 as being the only ones that might
20 have some applicability.

21 Number 5 is that annexation of the territory will
22 enable the city to plan and control reasonably anticipated
23 growth and development in the territory that otherwise may
24 adversely impact the city. I don't think anybody would allege
25 that we are adversely impacting the city. Ironically last year

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1 the city received a grant of about -- somewhere north of
2 \$50,000 to create a new development plan in which my wife and I
3 participated in the public process. So it doesn't seem to be a
4 problem to plan.

5 Number 6 is territory is so sparsely inhabited or so
6 extensively inhabited by persons who are not landowners that a
7 local election would not adequately represent the interests of
8 the majority of the landowners. That is not applicable because
9 there is -- it is a rural area but there are definitely a
10 substantial number of inhabitants outside the City of Seldovia.
11 Out as far and beyond the Jakolof Bay Dock.

12 Now I guess to follow the tradition, my first contact -
13 - meaningful contact with Seldovia came when I was working as
14 State Director of Tourism. I guess Mr. Lethin and I can lament
15 our misspent youth working for the state, but I won't bore
16 anybody with that. But Seldovia, I've learned through those
17 years, Seldovia had and has terrific opportunities for
18 development. They have made significant strides and wonderful
19 efforts to encourage tourism. One of the main ones is this
20 rapid -- this fast ferry system that the Seldovia Native
21 Association operates. It readily brings people over and in
22 more and more numbers in the summer. They have created a
23 number of cultural events that focus attention on Seldovia, and
24 there's a tremendous potential to do more of that and make the
25 whole pie for all of us grow. One thing I took away from my

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1 experience with Economic Development is that you don't create
2 it by picking each other's pockets, you create it by enlarging
3 the whole pie for an area. And that is what Seldovia, the
4 city, the Native Association, others, have been very aggressive
5 in attempting to do and what I think all pulling together will
6 pay off in the future. Thank you and I'll be happy to try to
7 answer any questions.

8 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Does anybody have any questions?
9 Go ahead.

10 MRS. GELLERT: My name is Janet Gellert and I'm a
11 Seldovia resident 8 1/2 miles away from Seldovia on Jakolof Bay
12 Road. I urge the Commission to deny the request for a boundary
13 change. I submit that the people of Seldovia and Mr. Lethin
14 need to consider an attitude change and be more positive and
15 friendly to the tourists and outside residents of Seldovia when
16 they come to Seldovia. It seems to me Mr. Lethin is speaking
17 in his own self interest rather than the community. I'm
18 opposed and against the proposal of Mr. Lethin. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you. Any questions for Ms.
20 Gellert? Okay. Did you wish to speak, Mr. Barlow?

21 MR. BARLOW: Certainly.

22 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay.

23 MR. BARLOW: Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the
24 Boundary Commission. My name is Leo Barlow. I'm here today
25 representing the Seldovia Native Association. We are here to

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1 voice our objection to the efforts that have been initiated by
2 Mr. Lethin, a resident of the City of Seldovia, urging the
3 Local Boundary Commission to use its constitutional authority
4 for actively initiate the process of annexing surrounding
5 property to the city. As the largest private property owner in
6 the area Seldovia Native Association finds no benefit to this
7 single handed proposal for either the corporation or to the
8 residents of the area who reside both within and without the
9 city limits of Seldovia. Many, including city residents and
10 residents outside the city, have voiced their opposition to any
11 annexation effort as has the City of Seldovia who provided
12 correspondence, I believe, in your packet. Currently both the
13 residents of the City of Seldovia and Seldovia Village work
14 cooperatively together to address issues of mutual concern such
15 as fire and public safety, economic development opportunities,
16 educational and cultural development, and area wide
17 transportation and infrastructure development. The effort of
18 Mr. Lethin acting as an individual challenges the spirit of
19 collaboration for the common good that currently exists.

20 Seldovia Native Association has many venues of public
21 assets through its lands adjacent to the city on a permanent
22 basis, including hiking, wood cutting, hunting and recreational
23 accesses. Our land holdings in and around the area contain
24 many right-of-way access points as well as utility corridors
25 for electrical transmission lines and communications

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1 infrastructure. Our company has always strived to work
2 collaboratively with the City of Seldovia, although we don't
3 always agree, but whenever possible. And in addition we are
4 property owners within the city itself. We urge the Commission
5 to deny consideration of the annexation proposal, that it
6 serves neither the interest of the city residents or those
7 living on adjacent lands. Mr. Chairman, we appreciate the
8 opportunity of providing comment today. Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN CHRYS TAL: Thank you, Mr. Barlow. Anybody
10 have any questions from the Commission for Mr. Barlow? Okay.
11 Thank you, sir. Okay. At this time we've exhausted everybody
12 here in the Anchorage conference office. Do we have comments
13 from folks in Seldovia that are on the line?

14 MR. DILLON: Yes. This is Tim Dillon, the city manager
15 of Seldovia.

16 CHAIRMAN CHRYS TAL: Yes, sir?

17 MR. DILLON: First of all I wanted to touch base with
18 something that Mr. Lethin had mentioned about the proposed
19 annexed area mirroring the service area that we approved.
20 That's not even being close to being accurate. And I just
21 wanted to make sure that the Boundary Commission knew that
22 there's a big difference between what's being proposed and what
23 had been approved as a service area.

24 Second of all, Mr. Lethin had come to the city and
25 asked about the process, if he could come and speak to the

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1 council. He did come twice and spoke to the council. The
2 council had no interest in moving forward with it. We are
3 currently doing a comprehensive plan. We're working with USKH
4 to get a road map of where we want to go, whether it be five,
5 10 or 20 years now. And I think from what I've heard from
6 folks is there might be a little piece here or a piece there
7 that we might look at annexing, but at this point, number 1,
8 it's not the appropriate time, and 2, it's not the appropriate
9 way to go about it, the bull in the china shop approach. We've
10 been working very closely -- Leo Barlow and SNA and SBT of the
11 city have been working very hard the last five or six years
12 trying to come to common ground and trying to work together
13 with each other. And to basically throw this out there right
14 now really doesn't make a lot of sense.

15 I appreciate the opportunity to talk to the Boundary
16 Commission and I can tell you that your staff, Brice and Brent,
17 have been excellent assisting us. Because when I first stopped
18 in to visit with them they actually thought that the city was
19 who was instigating this whole thing to the point that I think
20 they believed that some of the documents were coming out of my
21 office. And I had to show them that the city didn't have
22 anything to do with it and we were just, because of the way Mr.
23 Lethin had written certain things and produced certain things,
24 it made it look like the City of Seldovia was in the middle of
25 it. And I can tell you when it comes to the people taking

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1 things personally, I was yelled at, cursed at, threatened, you
2 name it, until I could prove to everybody, the folks out the
3 road and the people in town, that my office had nothing to do
4 with it. So at some point, whether it be five years, 15 years,
5 it may make some sense to look at some things. But this is not
6 the appropriate time or way to do it. I thank you very much
7 for allowing me to speak and I'd be more than happy to answer
8 any questions.

9 CHAIRMAN CRYSTAL: Thank you, sir. Do Commission
10 members have any comments or questions to the speaker? Thank
11 you. Anybody else down there want to talk?

12 MR. MCGINNIS: Yeah. This is Councilman Walker
13 McGinnis, senior citizen. I want to kind of echo what the
14 manager just said. And I also have been cursed at and shouted
15 at and whatever. Mostly by a couple of ignorant people. But
16 this action as presented was not through public process. It is
17 not by petition, by committee, or through public participation.
18 It is done by one individual and it has with it his idea of
19 annexation, and that's very debatable or questionable as to it
20 should be there because it's not coming through the public.
21 The city council unanimously, at a meeting, the city council
22 had a meeting and had this item on the agenda, and it was
23 attended by a large number of people. The consensus was not --
24 do not move forward with this annexation as proposed. And I'll
25 say again. Do not move forward. The city council unanimously

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1 approved that that action and request be sent to you to not
2 move forward with annexation as proposed. Again, one person
3 put this forward. So please, let's not go into a long series
4 of arguments and disputes. This is not the way to do it. If
5 it comes up in the future then it should come through the
6 public process, not by an individual. Please, do not move
7 forward with this annexation request as proposed. Anybody
8 else?

9 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you, Councilman. Anybody
10 else down there?

11 MR. THORN: Yes. My name is Walt Thorn. I'm a 30 odd
12 year resident of the area. And some two weeks ago I launched a
13 letter to Mr. Lynn Chrystal, chairman there, and I assume that
14 that is part of the public record.

15 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yes, it is.

16 MR. THORN: Basically to reiterate, I see no advantage.
17 The folks out the road get their roads scraped and police
18 coverage and I don't think that the city could provide that at
19 a cost that would make any sense because the borough pretty
20 much covers those areas as it is. And that's provided for, you
21 know, existing -- like existing taxes, etcetera. And I guess
22 one of the other things that we need to realize here is that we
23 have somewhat taken the situation as it is among the residents
24 here, and to make a divisive action such as annexation I don't
25 think would serve the community as a whole. Thanks very much.

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1 CHAIRMAN CHRYS TAL: Thank you, sir? Anybody else down
2 there? Okay. Hearing none, I guess -- oh, I'm sorry, go
3 ahead.

4 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I enjoyed the conversations we had
5 today.....

6 CHAIRMAN CHRYS TAL: Sir, would you state your name,
7 please, for the record?

8 MR. WYLAND: Dick Wyland, W-y-l-a-n-d.

9 CHAIRMAN CHRYS TAL: Okay.

10 MR. WYLAND: I'm a former mayor and a former council
11 member. This does not really fit within the city perimeters
12 right now. As I understand it, or at least I'm bringing some
13 stuff up from the past, that the city does not have money to do
14 the roads out there, to add any improvements whatsoever that
15 the county is doing right now. And we do not have the funds to
16 build a warehouse to store heavy equipment that we would have
17 to buy to maintain this at a reasonable level. Right now I
18 feel that the city has a real regard with all the people out
19 the road, with the Seldovia Native Association and everybody,
20 and we're all trying to get together now and work as a team.
21 This destroys that teamwork. I also want to note that Mr.
22 Lethin did not show up at the council meeting with the rest of
23 the crowd and did not participate in it even by telephone. And
24 that is kind of a put down to me and to other citizens in the
25 community.

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1 MR. LETHIN: I'm sorry, Dan, but I have to say
2 something here. No, I got to say something.....

3 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: No, no, you don't.

4 MR. LETHIN: No, I do.

5 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. You'll have to chance to say
6 something.

7 MR. LETHIN: All right.

8 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: We can't have a bunch of shouting
9 and fighting here. Okay?

10 MR. LETHIN: All right.

11 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Yes, sir, go ahead, Mr.
12 Wyland.

13 MR. WYLAND: Thank you. I got to regroup and try to be
14 as polite as I can. It's very tough in a situation like this.
15 But I think that -- I question one other thing, too, is that he
16 said he is a property owner in the City of Seldovia. And I
17 have not been able to find any property that is in his name or
18 his wife's name, but I haven't gone through Soldotna and
19 checked the borough. And I probably won't because I'm a very
20 senior citizen and I don't need this as a battle. And I really
21 appreciate your people having this summary conference. Thank
22 you.

23 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you, Mr. Wyland. You'll get
24 your time. Is anybody else down who wishes to talk?

25 MR. MURRAY: Yes. I'm Jerry Murray. I live outside

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1 the city. I lived inside the city for about six or nine
2 months, 1978-79 before I moved out to the wilderness, which is
3 still wilderness. I'd like to make a comment about this
4 particular request and the circumstances of the community as it
5 stands now. There's about 140 people living outside the city
6 limits, 280 or so living inside the city limits. We cooperate
7 quite thoroughly, it appears, with respect to people outside
8 the city volunteering to do things inside the city and people
9 inside also volunteering. So there's a lot of volunteerism
10 around here. We have very significant problems that the city
11 faces in the future, and I'm not going to mention them but I
12 will if somebody asks, that we're trying to solve. Annexation
13 is not one of those problems. And annexation can only disrupt
14 the process of proceeding to solve those problems. The details
15 of the finances and so forth, I'm not going to go into although
16 I have a packet of paper here about three-quarters of an inch
17 high that outlines some of those things that Mr. Lethin hasn't
18 considered like property taxes and sales tax distribution and
19 the cost of road maintenance. Where do the funds come from for
20 the police protection outside the city limits, the road
21 maintenance outside the city limits, so forth and so on. I
22 hope you don't go forward with this request at this time simply
23 because I think we're functioning as a community without
24 changing the boundaries. And I think the allocation of
25 financial assets is equitable.

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1 But on a more general note, I can assure you that
2 people in Alaska that I've talked to and have interacted with
3 over annexations in the past, find it almost abhorrible (ph)
4 that a Commission such as yours, although it's constitutionally
5 mandated and allowed, would unilaterally take on an annexation
6 in a community where this functioning city is functioning well,
7 has a budget surplus in every account, is not strapped for
8 money, there's no strike that is causing people inside the city
9 to ask for annexation. There's no hue and cry from outside the
10 city asking for annexation. And things are functioning well.
11 And in connection with the other annexation procedures, when
12 annexation comes up around here and people start talking about,
13 everybody says well, there'll have to be a vote. And they are
14 shocked to find out that there are several mechanisms by which
15 annexations can take place without any vote. This being one of
16 them. My understanding is that this process has never, or only
17 once in 50 years been used. I don't think this is the time to
18 use it. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you, sir. Anybody else down
20 there wish to talk?

21 MR. DILLON: I think everyone down here is taken care
22 of. Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Thank you very much. Okay.
24 Mr. Lethin, I will give you a chance to speak briefly. But
25 remember, this is.....

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UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Hello, can you hear me?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Hang on just a second. Yes, ma'am?

MS. CRAWFORD: I'm sorry. I wanted to speak too.

Could I?

CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Please go ahead. State your name, please?

MS. CRAWFORD: Yes. This is Darlene Crawford. I live at Mile 3 on Jakolof Road. And I'm real glad you're giving us an opportunity to call in and speak. I appreciate Commissioner Harrington's comments. He gave that one reason to annex would be to provide services. And most of the people out here have services because we have our own water and sewer, and you already received letters and things about the other services that are provided by the state, through volunteerism and things. Chris commented that he wanted there to be a dialogue or a conversation about annexation among the people. And about 20 years ago there was a conversation because someone else wanted to the annexation. I should state that I've lived here for more than 50 years. The first 22 or 23 years were inside the city of Seldovia and I served my time in public service. Mayor for a long time and city councilman, city clerk. I've done a lot of things like that. But for the last 28 years we've been living out here on Jakolof Bay Road. And there was a person, after we were out here, that was interested in annexation and there was a dialogue in town and we talked about

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1 it. Nothing came of it at that time. And it's really not the
2 time for it. And I can see the reason if someone needed it in
3 their area and requested it, but this is a strange way to go
4 about it and I would really hope that you folks would deny this
5 petition at this time. Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you, Ms. Crawford. Anybody
7 else out there? I'll try one more time. Okay. I just want to
8 make a comment too. I always feel bad when something like this
9 descends into this personal stuff. And I hate to see it but I
10 understand why it happens sometimes. But if you could make it
11 brief, Mr. Lethin, I'd appreciate it.

12 MR. LETHIN: I will.

13 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Thank you.

14 MR. LETHIN: One thing I wanted to make a comment about
15 is the fact this is not a petition to the Boundary Commission
16 to make a change. This was a proposal for them to look at
17 Seldovia and maybe make some changes. And that could include
18 getting the park in the city and some of the Jakolof Bay, the
19 city took over the boat dock out there. That wasn't -- you
20 know, that should be in the city as well. There's things that
21 need to be looked at and that's why I want a hearing in
22 Seldovia.

23 Another issue is there was a comprehensive plan process
24 that went on in Seldovia for everybody to have a dialogue about
25 the comprehensive plan. There was a meeting of all the people

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1 that lived outside of the city and the young people said we
2 can't participate. We are not able to vote, we're not able to
3 be part of the city. Right now we have a bunch of us old
4 people in the city and we need young blood and we need
5 involvement by everybody in the community. I think that the
6 recreational service area boundaries make a lot of sense. The
7 boundaries of the City of Seldovia. But all this boils down to
8 is money. Money. The whole thing is money. Nothing else.
9 And we're talking about 1/1000th of a dollar in a mil rate,
10 that somebody is going to have to pay a little extra to help
11 the city out. That's what we're really talking about here,
12 about the objection to this. Because otherwise we're all
13 together. So that's my thoughts. And I don't appreciate the
14 fact that I'm -- the representation is that I misrepresented
15 myself as being a city. I didn't. Everything I did I
16 represented myself, I put my name on everything that I sent out
17 to everybody and I don't like that. And I don't like the fact
18 that somebody says I have not owned any property in the City of
19 Seldovia, and I just got done telling you that we have three-
20 quarters of a million dollars property that I pay and -- write
21 the bill for and pay the taxes on. Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN CRYSTAL: Thank you, Mr. Lethin. Okay.
23 We're at the point where Commissioners, do you wish to ask any
24 questions of anybody at this point? Okay. As I mentioned
25 earlier, this is a discussion item. And at this point, even

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1 though I do set the agendas, I would like to know if there are
2 any commissioner members that wish to put this on a future
3 agenda as an action item, or do we just let it drop and let it
4 go? So I'm open to comments from the three commissioners we
5 have out there right now.

6 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Mr. Chairman?

7 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yes, sir.

8 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Mr. Chairman.....

9 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yes, sir, I hear you.

10 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: This is Commissioner
11 Hargraves. I'm sorry, I missed your queue there about wanting
12 to speak. But I did want to say a few things. Number 1, I
13 would like to find out if there has been any attempt to
14 circulate a petition down there to see how many people would
15 actually sign up interest in an annexation.

16 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: I don't believe there's any at this
17 point. Mr. Williams, do you know of any?

18 MR. WILLIAMS: I don't know of any, sir.

19 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yeah. And perhaps Mr. Dillon would
20 be able to answer that. Do you know of anybody that's
21 circulating a petition to annex anything?

22 MR. DILLON: My understanding is there's absolutely no
23 one from the city's standpoint. I do believe though that Mr.
24 Lethin has told me that he has a petition but I haven't seen it
25 nor do I know if anybody has signed it or anything about it.

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1 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Mr. Lethin?

2 MR. LETHIN: I have enough people to sign a petition
3 for the Boundary Commission. I was hoping that there would be
4 a meeting by the Boundary Commission in Seldovia before we went
5 and did that. But, you know, I do have enough people to sign a
6 petition.

7 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: So at this point there is no
8 petition, Mr. Hargraves. Does that answer your question?

9 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes. Okay. It just seems to
10 me that I understand the constitutional situation. I know
11 there are ways that we could proceed as a commission. But
12 think of the precedent that that would set if we proceeded with
13 this. We would probably need to do it under some kind of a
14 policy or regulation provision which would open up situations
15 all over the state. It's my observation that you could find an
16 equivalent to Seldovia in every city or borough -- organized
17 borough or city in this state. There are little donut holes
18 sitting outside of most communities that you could use the same
19 arguments that they should be annexed. And for that reason I'm
20 just very reluctant to see the commission to take an initiative
21 just based on the fact that that exists there. It's just not
22 going to be possible for me to reconcile doing it there when
23 the same set of conditions exist in so many different places of
24 this state. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

25 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yeah. Commissioner Hargraves,

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1 that's exactly what I reiterated at the beginning when I talked
2 about a discussion item rather than an action, because you're
3 exactly correct. We probably got, you know, more than a
4 hundred, or maybe 200 situations like that out there. So any
5 other commissioners want to comment on this right now?

6 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Sure. This is Commissioner
7 Harrington.

8 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: I guess I'm less reluctant to
10 get involved in situations than with the two other
11 commissioners who spoke. But there has to be a wrong that
12 needs to be righted. And it only takes one person, to me, to
13 point out a clear wrong that exists for me to be pushing for us
14 to get involved. As I said earlier, I've not seen that, I
15 don't see it. It's not been clearly articulated to me. And if
16 we are not taking a position -- we have enough other ways for
17 annexation to move forward that unless -- that we don't need to
18 use our constitutional powers to go beyond the normal
19 processes. In this case, again I could be -- if someone could
20 provide information at some future time that would show that
21 there was a wrong happening that would need to be righted by a
22 boundary change, but until I see that I would never support any
23 kind of annexation process by this method.

24 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner.
25 Commissioner Wilson, did you want to comment on this?

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1 COMMISSIONER WILSON: Yeah. I agree completely with
2 Commissioner Harrington, so my comment would be I'm very
3 opposed to the commission taking any action in this matter at
4 this time.

5 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Thank you, sir. And I
6 agree. I don't think this is the time or the place to do what
7 has been suggested. I think if the folks of Seldovia or any
8 other place around the state that has a similar situation, I
9 think the petition method to start up is the best way to go.
10 So at this as far as we're concerned this issue is dropped and
11 it's not on the agenda in the future. So the next item -- I
12 want to thank everybody for their participation.

13 MR. LETHIN: I want to thank you too.

14 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Mr. Lethin, thank you, sir,
15 for coming in. I hope that things settle down a little bit
16 maybe. I'm going to go ahead and -- it's going to be kind of
17 chaotic here I'm sure in a minute, because everybody else is
18 going to leave and is not concerned with the next part of our
19 agenda. So I'm going to go ahead and call a five minute recess
20 and let things quiet down here a little bit so everybody can go
21 about their day and we'll get back to our mundane business.
22 Thank you very much. We'll be back in five minutes. Thank you
23 for participating.

24 UNIDENTIFIED VOICES: Thank you, thank you.

25 (Off record - 10:55 a.m.)

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1 (On record - 11:00 a.m.)

2 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Our five minute break is up.
3 Is everybody still there? Commissioners still there?

4 COMMISSIONER WILSON: Wilson is here.

5 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Hargraves here.

6 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Harrington here.

7 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: All right. Sounds good. We'll get
8 back to business. And for the record Director Scott Ruby has
9 joined us from DCRA. Joined us part way through the last
10 discussion. Our next item is approving or amending the 2013
11 LBC Annual Report. I presume everybody has the report and
12 you've had a chance to look over it. Does anybody have any
13 changes or amendments to the annual report that goes on to the
14 legislature? Okay. Hearing none I'd just like to make a
15 comment. I like the new report. It's not as wordy and
16 cumbersome. I think the other ones mostly weighed two or three
17 pounds, I think, at times. This is more concise. I live the
18 colored map in the middle that shows the various places that
19 are unincorporated. It really gives you a good idea of how
20 much of this state is really unincorporated at this time.
21 There's a big huge chunk of it. I supposed there must be
22 hundreds of villages or small towns that are involved in the
23 unincorporated areas?

24 MR. ENINGUWOUK: Yes.

25 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Everybody is shaking their head

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1 yes. So -- anyway. Okay. I don't hear any comments then.
2 Could I have a motion to approve the annual report?

3 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Move to approve the annual
4 report.

5 COMMISSIONER WILSON: I'll second it. Wilson.

6 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. We have a motion by
7 Commissioner Harrington, second by Commissioner Wilson. Any
8 further discussion on the annual report?

9 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: I might comment here. This
10 is Harrington again. That at the last meeting Mr. Hargraves
11 and I were supposed to be working on the possible chapter for
12 the item regarding school funding. Mr. Hargraves decided that
13 he would rather not be doing that. I took a look at annual
14 reports in the past, the particularly 2005. I got 2007-8, or
15 one of those. Anyway, historically the LBC has done an
16 incredible job of producing documents that articulate the whole
17 range of difficulties and problems facing the LBC facing rural
18 boundary -- city boundary issues. And both of those reports
19 that I read were very articulate, very clear, very detailed.
20 And there was no way I was going to try and summarize, or do
21 anything further. But I just wanted to comment that in the
22 past we've done some great stuff. Chairman Hargraves in 2005
23 and then the one from Chairman Chrystal to -- well, later than
24 that one. Being the guy that's been on the commission the
25 shortest amount of time I was surprised to see just the

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1 detailed nature in the past. I hope that in the coming year we
2 might be able to do another one of those summaries of issues
3 facing the LBC. But this year there was no way I was going to
4 try to add another chapter since that would be a poor
5 reflection of what we'd already done in the past.

6 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner
7 Harrington. Anybody else?

8 MR. WILLIAMS: Chair, may I.....

9 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Mr. Chairman?

10 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Oh, wait a minute. Go ahead,
11 Commissioner Hargraves.

12 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: I may have not heard
13 everything that Commissioner Harrington said but bringing up
14 that issue about looking into a school funding issue, I'm not
15 certain -- I did say to the staff, whether they passed it on to
16 the other commissioners or not, but essentially when I started
17 investigating and researching that topic I found out there was
18 some nuances involved there that caused me a little trepidation
19 about proceeding at this point. Specifically I was concerned
20 about establishing some kind of position that we might have to
21 vote on in the future. In other words, there are activities
22 going on, people out of the grass roots are looking at those
23 issues and it's just possible that we'll be seeing some kind of
24 activity in the legislature, if not this session then perhaps
25 the next session or so. So I did decide to pull out of any

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1 further research on that. And if I heard Commissioner
2 Harrington correctly he chose to back out of that also.

3 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Yes. Basically I agreed to
4 go it alone for a while there and as I took a look at the
5 report that was in your 2005 annual report, and in a later one,
6 you guys -- the staff under both of you two chairmen did a
7 marvelous job. And while.....

8 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yeah. I think that until
9 something comes through the staff, something that's brought to
10 their attention that needs our attention I would prefer to just
11 stay disinvolved. I prefer not to be involved in that as a
12 commissioner. And as to this report I commend the staff for
13 doing a good concise report. Well done. Facially very
14 attractive and I think most legislators might spend their three
15 minutes going through it. So I think it will serve a clean
16 purpose and a good record for the future. One question. How
17 does that get presented to the legislature at this point?

18 MR. WILLIAMS: This is Brent Williams, Commissioner.
19 This is -- I appreciate the three minutes. That might be
20 optimistic but it's good. Per departmental and I think
21 statewide policy they are -- we send the report after you all
22 are done with it to our departmental legislative affairs
23 coordinator and she will send it on to the governor's office.
24 They like to look at all of this reports, not this one in
25 particular. And then it's distributed by our department to the

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1 legislature. So I'm pleased to say I appreciate the Chair's
2 good words. We try to make every report shorter than the one
3 before every year, and I don't think we can do it. And every
4 year we somehow manage to make it shorter. I also want to give
5 Brice the credit for the pull out map. It's easier to see in
6 the hard copy than electronically. And the reports are
7 electronically distributed, no longer hard copies. But he
8 deserves kudos for that. And the third thing is that this is
9 the earliest we have produced the report since I've been here.
10 We try very hard to make it go out to the session which starts
11 Tuesday to legislators on or about to start a session. Or at
12 least by the end of January which really increases the odds of
13 the legislatures members looking at it. So that's all I have
14 to say. Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN CRYSTAL: Okay. Anything else on the report?

16 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Mr. Chairman, I didn't hear
17 much of that. You actually present this to the legislature?
18 Will you be going down to present this?

19 CHAIRMAN CRYSTAL: No, sir.

20 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Hargraves, this is Brent.
21 Can you hear me?

22 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: That's better.

23 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. We no longer distribute hard
24 copies. That's a statewide thing. Nor do the commissioners
25 present it themselves. Instead we send it through our

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1 department legislative affairs coordinator and she
2 electronically distributes it to the legislature.

3 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yeah. Is there a presentation
4 to a community of regional affairs committees of the two
5 bodies?

6 MR. WILLIAMS: If we are asked to go before a committee
7 we will happily do so. We don't go unless we are -- at least
8 the staff does not go, nor has the commission gone, unless it's
9 been asked to go.

10 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Okay.

11 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Now I have testified before several
12 committees in the past few years but it's only at their
13 request, mostly dealing with issues we've already passed and
14 it's before the legislative review for the -- what, 60 days
15 after the session before something becomes official?

16 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yeah.

17 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: But not to present the annual
18 report.

19 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: I appreciate the
20 clarification.

21 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Anybody else? I understand
22 that a Representative Wilson from North Pole has introduced
23 some kind of legislature dealing with school funding and what
24 we were just talking about. I'm not sure exactly what it
25 means. I just heard something about it. Mr. Ruby?

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1 MR. RUBY: This is Scott Ruby. I'm the director for
2 DCRA. I was trying to look up to see what that Bill number was
3 that was prefiled. I haven't looked at that. I think it will
4 become a discussion point for what, you know, the commission
5 has talked about. That Bill, when we look at it, it would
6 remove the requirement for any civil site school district or
7 borough to pay a local match. And so it would be -- you know,
8 the state would fully fund education and there would be no
9 local matching requirement by any municipality or borough. And
10 so I think that will again bring up the discussion that has
11 been talked about in the fairness equity. And I think it will
12 also involve the discussion of incentives for, you know,
13 municipalities to -- or disincentives for municipalities to
14 form. So it's hard to say how much play that Bill will get in
15 this upcoming legislation with all the other priorities, but
16 that was the intent for the Bill.

17 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. I thought there was
18 something like that.

19 MR. RUBY: Yeah.

20 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. If there's no further
21 comments then we'll go ahead and take a vote on the motion
22 before us to approve the annual report.

23 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Hargraves?

24 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes.

25 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Wilson?

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1 COMMISSIONER WILSON: Yes.

2 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Harrington?

3 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Yes.

4 MR. WILLIAMS: Chair Chrystal?

5 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yes. Okay. The annual report has
6 been passed and approved and will move on to the governor's
7 office and the legislature. Okay. The next item is approving
8 or amending the October 3rd, 2013 LBC meeting minutes. Are
9 there any corrections or amendments to that meeting? Otherwise
10 I'd accept a motion.

11 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Move to approve. Harrington.

12 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Harrington moves.

13 COMMISSIONER WILSON: Move to second. Wilson.

14 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Second by Commissioner Wilson.
15 Could we have a vote, please?

16 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Hargraves? Commissioner
17 Hargraves?

18 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes.

19 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Wilson?

20 COMMISSIONER WILSON: Yes.

21 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Harrington?

22 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Yes.

23 MR. WILLIAMS: Chair Chrystal?

24 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yes. So the meeting minutes of
25 October 3rd, 2013 are approved. The next item is the

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1 suspension of 3 AAC 110.690(b) for the next meeting and
2 hearing, which is the one we've passed every time so far.
3 Requires that telephonic attendees bear the cost. So this way
4 they won't have to bear the cost if they call in. So I would
5 entertain a motion for that.

6 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Move to approve.

7 COMMISSIONER WILSON: I'll second it.

8 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. We have once again
9 Commissioner Harrington made the motion, Commissioner Wilson
10 seconded. Could we have a vote, please?

11 MR. WILLIAMS: Could we have discussion, Chair?

12 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Oh, yeah, I'm sorry. Is there any
13 discussion on that issue?

14 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Is it possible to sometime in
15 the future to amend the regulation to suspend it for the year?

16 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yeah, that would be a good idea
17 somehow or other.

18 MR. WILLIAMS: Commission, this is Brent Williams. You
19 can suspend for the year, however you just can't amend the
20 regulation. It's a much longer process.

21 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Okay. Can I move to amend
22 this to suspend this regulation for the 2014 year.

23 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Certainly. Are you so doing?

24 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: I am doing that, yes.

25 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. A motion amendment to

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1 suspend for the -- add it to the original motion, to suspend
2 for the entire year of 2014. Do we have a second?

3 COMMISSIONER WILSON: I'll second it.

4 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Commissioner Wilson
5 seconded. Okay. Could we have a vote on the amendment,
6 please?

7 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Hargraves?

8 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes.

9 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Harrington?

10 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Yes.

11 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Wilson?

12 COMMISSIONER WILSON: Yes.

13 MR. WILLIAMS: Chair Chrystal?

14 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yes. Okay. The amendment has
15 passed. Now could we have a vote on the original motion,
16 please?

17 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Hargraves?

18 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes.

19 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Wilson?

20 COMMISSIONER WILSON: Yes.

21 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Harrington?

22 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Yes.

23 MR. WILLIAMS: Chair Chrystal?

24 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Yes. Okay. The motion passes. So
25 this will be suspended for the entire 2014. The next item

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1 coming up is comments from commissioners and staff. We have
2 several items under that. We have the next meeting and topic.
3 Mr. Williams, did you have something on that?

4 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, Chair. Under (a) it kind of dove
5 tails into (c). There's an Edna Bay hearing scheduled for May.
6 My question for the commissioners is before the Petersburg
7 hearing there was an item in a meeting to briefly go over the
8 standards for incorporation, which of course differ for city
9 incorporation into borough incorporation or for city
10 annexation. My question to the commissioners, this getting
11 some sort of consensus. Did you all want such a meeting before
12 Edna Bay? We can put one on for that, if not, that's fine too.

13 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: I was telling Mr. Williams earlier
14 I doubt if we actually need a meeting for this. It's a
15 preliminary meeting but that would be up to the commissioners.
16 No comments? I guess you can assume that we don't really need
17 that meeting.

18 MR. WILLIAMS: That's fine, sir.

19 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Then the next thing would be
20 the Edna Bay Incorporation Petition rehearing dates.

21 MR. WILLIAMS: The hearing is scheduled for May 14th
22 and 15th. That's a Wednesday and Thursday. We're probably
23 going to need to charter a plane so we can all get there. And
24 that makes it easier because we can come in and leave at our --
25 weather permitting, our leisure as opposed to a set schedule.

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1 Be prepared. We could be weathered in there so just take a
2 look at your schedule. Let us know if you have any conflicts
3 or anything tight in that part of May, around there, if you
4 need to get back to something, if you need us to change the
5 schedule. Otherwise we'll go ahead with May 14th and 15th and
6 bear in mind that we could get weathered in there. It happened
7 to me. And also there's no restaurants there. A small store.
8 And you might want to bring food with you. I would encourage
9 it. And the other thing is that there may not be any
10 telephonic access for that hearing. It may be entirely live
11 because the one place that can probably hold it -- well, if we
12 have it in the church it does not have telephone access. So
13 just for everyone's notice.

14 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Commissioner Harrington,
15 you're in charge of weather for southeast. So I expect you to
16 take care of that before then.

17 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: I will arrange for rain,
18 yeah.

19 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: And get that crop duster warmed up
20 so we can get in there. Okay. Anything else on the petition
21 hearing? Is that about it?

22 MR. WILLIAMS: Not for Edna Bay.

23 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Review of the current or
24 expected petitions.

25 MR. WILLIAMS: Briefly, the petitions we have, Edna

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1 Bay, we're working on the preliminary report and it will come
2 out February 12th, I believe it is. Big Lake has -- again they
3 haven't got any signatures and we'll see that petition if and
4 when they get the signatures for that. Allakaket, we're
5 working on acceptance materials for that, for their annexation
6 and concurrent detachment. Kotzebue says we should get a
7 petition from them soon to annex. There'll be a legislature
8 review. Goes to the legislature in 2015. Fairbanks
9 detachment, they've had a death of the chief of staff, so
10 things are not as active as they were but they're working on it
11 again and we might hear from them soon. And we've been told we
12 can expect -- last month, we can expect an annexation petition
13 from Houston. We haven't gotten one year nor have we heard
14 from them. So that's the low-down.

15 CHAIRMAN CRYSTAL: That it?

16 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.

17 CHAIRMAN CRYSTAL: Okay. We'll move on to other
18 comments. This is the place where commissioners can sum it up
19 and they're just dying to do so. So I'll open it up to
20 commissioners that want to make any comments at this point.
21 Pretty quiet out there. Okay. I don't hear anything. I have
22 nothing to bring up other than hope everybody's New Year is
23 going well so far. Mr. Eninguwouk, you have something to bring
24 up? I'm sorry, I didn't ask you.

25 MR. ENINGUWOUK: Yes. This is Brice. In the past

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1 we've been sending out to the commissioners material for the
2 meetings. I received a telephone or email from almost everyone
3 that they're not getting the material as efficient as it should
4 be. My big concern is we've upgraded our computer systems to
5 use MicroSoft Office 2010. I'm wondering if everybody has been
6 able to open all the documents -- the Word documents that we've
7 been sending other than the size of the document? Has there
8 been any issues?

9 CHAIRMAN CRYSTAL: I'll start out, I guess. I've had
10 an issue. Of course I've got -- my computer runs by squirrel.
11 But we got 2007 on ours. And I've been able to open
12 everything. The only problem I've had is printing it. I can't
13 seem to -- when I get the screen to come up there's no way I
14 can print it. My wife has been able to finagle through two
15 different computers and we eventually get it. But it's a
16 little cumbersome. But I don't know about anybody else. I
17 thought I heard there was somebody else that had a problem.

18 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Mr. Chairman?

19 CHAIRMAN CRYSTAL: Yes, sir.

20 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Just so the staff will know,
21 if you must -- I bought a new computers with some new programs
22 on it and I do have a lot of difficulty. I don't know what the
23 deal is, but if I don't respond to something that they send
24 they might need to contact me some other way.

25 MR. ENINGUWOUK: All right. I will do that. When I

1 send something up do you want me to make a courtesy call to you
2 to be sure that you received the material or correspondence?

3 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yeah. Sometimes I can get the
4 email. I can't open anything and I can't bring up any of what
5 they just send or put addresses on. So -- anyway, it is
6 causing me a problem. And I don't know what the solution is.
7 I guess I don't know that much about computers.

8 MR. ENINGUWOUK: All right. Well, I'll try to make
9 this as issue free for everybody. So I might try, the next
10 time we have a lot of documents, to send it to the ftp site
11 where you can download the material from. Another thing is we
12 do have a new web site that has LBC meetings. It's up and live
13 now. We didn't have it before this week so I was very -- I'll
14 try to get everything on there as soon as we can. So I do
15 admit to putting the annual report to that one, but hopefully
16 for our next meetings that aren't tied to a petition we'll have
17 everything uploaded to that site. So it might be a little bit
18 easier in the future.

19 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Do you have anything else,
20 Brice?

21 MR. ENINGUWOUK: No.

22 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: That was it? Mr. Williams? Okay.
23 Mr. Ruby, anything you want to day? Okay. Thank you. Okay.
24 We'll entertain a motion to adjourn then.

25 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: I move to adjourn.

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1 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: Okay. Mr. Hargraves moved and Mr.
2 Wilson seconded the adjourning. Okay. Can we have a vote,
3 please?

4 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Hargraves?

5 COMMISSIONER HARGRAVES: Yes.

6 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Wilson?

7 COMMISSIONER WILSON: Yes.

8 MR. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Harrington?

9 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: If I vote no, what happens?

10 MR. WILLIAMS: You'd be outvoted probably, sir.

11 Commissioner Harrington?

12 COMMISSIONER HARRINGTON: Yes.

13 MR. WILLIAMS: Chair Chrystal?

14 CHAIRMAN CHRYSTAL: All right. Thank you, guys. And I
15 vote yes, so we are approved to adjourn. And everybody enjoy
16 your day and the rest of the month.

17 (Adjourned - 11:20 a.m.)

18 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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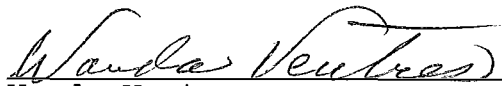
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