



## Meeting Minutes Governor’s Cyber Security Task Force

<b>Attendance</b>		<b>DATE:</b> September 14, 2023	
		<b>TIME:</b> 10:00 AM	
		<b>METHOD:</b> Zoom	
		<b>RECORDER:</b> Sherrean Whipple	
Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present
Tim Robb – Chair Office of the Governor – Director of Strategic Initiatives	X	Jeffrey Lewis – Director of Security & IT Compliance – NV Energy	ABS
Bob Dehnhardt – Vice Chair Deputy Chief – Office of the Chief Information Security Officer	X	Aakin Patel Division Administrator - Office of Cyber Defense	X
Frank Abella – Chief Information Office for Carson City	ABS	Brandon Peterson – Assistant VP of Information & Research Computing – NV System of Higher Education	X
Paul Embley Representative from the Judicial Branch	ABS	Sandie Ruybalid Chief IT Manager - Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)	X
David Fogerson Chief - Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (DEM/HS)	ABS	Billy Samuels – Deputy Fire Chief – Clark County Emergency Management	X
Sanford Graves IT Professional I - Representative from the Legislative Branch	ABS	James Wood Technology Project Coordinator - Washoe County Technology Services	X
Tim Horgan Chief IT Manager - Representative from the Secretary of State’s Office	X	Martin Mueller Manager of Information Technology Security - Reno Tahoe International Airport	ABS
Dr. Marilyn Delmont Chief Information Officer – Clark County School District	X	General D. Rodger Water Nevada Nation Guard – Office of the Military	X
<b>Representative</b>			
Samantha Ladich – Senior Deputy Attorney General			
Sherrean Whipple – Administrative Assistant			

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Tim Robb, Office of the Governor – Director of Strategic Initiatives, called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Sherrean Whipple, Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (DEM/HS). Quorum was established for the meeting.

### 2. Public Comment

Chair Tim Robb opened the first period of public comment for discussion.  
There was no public comment.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Chair Tim Robb called for a motion to amend or approve the draft minutes of the July 31, 2023, Cyber Security Task Force meeting. Chair Robb stated that the date on the minutes states June 31, 2023, and should be corrected to July 31, 2023. Bob Dehnhardt, Deputy Chief of the Office of the Chief Information Security Officer, motioned to approve the minutes with the date correction. Aakin Patel, Division Administrator for the Office of Cyber Defense, seconded the motion to approve the minutes with the date correction. All others were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed.

**4. Overview of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) Project**

Amanda Jackson, DEM/HS, explained that the FFY23 SLCGP NOFO was released on August 7, 2023, and indicated that Nevada will receive \$5,072, 822 for Fiscal Year 2023. Ms. Jackson informed the task force that the focus of FY22 was Objective 1, developing and establishing governance structures and plans, whereas FY23 applications are required to focus on Objectives 2 through 4: understanding cybersecurity posture; implementing security protections; and ensuring organization personnel are trained to recognize cybersecurity risks and respond to cybersecurity attacks. Ms. Jackson further indicated that FY23 has a 20 percent cost share, as opposed to the 2022 10 percent cost share. Ms. Jackson explained that release of the 2023 NOFO extended the deadline for the state to submit its application, which allowed Nevada to extend the rest of its deadlines, as well. Ms. Jackson thanked the task force for its flexibility in rescheduling this meeting as it allowed for the accommodation of the extension of the sub-recipient application period. Ms. Jackson indicated that most applications did come in during the extension period, which made a difference regarding the number of projects. Ms. Jackson informed the task force that between July 25 and August 14, DEM conducted four of its traditional technical assistance sessions, three specifically for rural partners, as well as several one-on-one sessions for organizations unable to attend the scheduled webinars. Ms. Jackson reported that this greater outreach did result in greater sub-recipient response. Ms. Jackson indicated that because FY22 funding was still available to allocate, 2022 and 2023 applications were open at the same time, with some sub-recipients expressing interest in applying for 2023 grants only if a 2022 project was not approved. Ms. Jackson explained that communication went out through the Zoom Grants email and listserv bulletins that applicants could submit for the remaining 2022 funding and submit a contingent application for 2023, and that the allocation sheets for today's meeting does indicate the existence of a contingent application when applicable. Ms. Jackson indicated that once the 2023 projects are selected, grant staff will complete the investment justification and project worksheet documents and then submit the state application to FEMA before the October 6 deadline.

**5. Additional FFY 2022 SLCGP and Budget Proposal Presentations**

Chair Tim Robb indicated that presentations should be five minutes or less.

Angela Askey, City of Reno, provided an overview of the three projects: switch replacement; network and security assessment; and core router replacement.

Brantley Hancock, City of Reno, explained how each of these projects tie in with security.

Billy Samuels, Deputy Fire Chief – Clark County Emergency Management, questioned why the core router and switch replacements were not itemized or capital purchases and questioned whether this could go through the City of Reno's PSAP.

Ms. Askey explained that the city has a CIP fund but indicated that the program was underfunded and in her year as IT manager, the available money was used for failing servers, and the previous year was used for replacing the CAD systems. Ms. Askey indicated that in the past year, she has created an infrastructure

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replacement plan, and that she is now asking the finance department for the correct funding. Ms. Askey explained that the infrastructure has been underfunded for many years, and that past directors had not prioritized today's requests as part of the infrastructure.

Carl Jones, Clark County School District provided an overview of projects: multifactor authentication for 500 critical employees; to expand the MFA to 40,000 employees to increase security; additional firewalls; security awareness training.

Billy Samuels asked who the 500 critical employees are and why they are deemed critical.

Carl Jones explained that these employees are comprised of the financial department, HR, executives, the Board of Trustees, and high-ranking members of the administration.

James Wood questioned if the network was segmented in a way that if adding 500 critical individuals for MFA, there would be no cross-contamination through other employees.

Carl Jones explained that the school district is currently undergoing a network assessment and will be looking to implement some of the recommendations provided, and that this is a work in progress.

Brandon Peterson, NV System of Higher Education, questioned the priority between the MFA for 40,000 users and the incident response planning, and if plans were made accordingly to support a rollout of MFA for 40,000 users.

Carl Jones indicated that the district's priority would be the MFA. Mr. Jones explained that the rollout has been factored in, acknowledged that this would be a big undertaking, and indicated that this is one of the reasons why it was segmented into two sections with the 500 critical first so as to develop the training materials, procedures, and policies in a small setting that would then be scaled up to roll out MFA to the entire staff.

Melvin Chapman, Business Continuity Technologies, discussed the project requested for the Ely Shoshone Tribe, noting that funding is needed for a Windows server, a .gov domain, and email migration and training to Office 365.

Billy Samuels indicted his belief that M&A costs were not covered under this funding. Chief Samuels further noted that through grant funding, individual contractors cannot be identified as, by law, projects must go out to bid and questioned if Ely Shoshone Tribe has already gone out to bid for BCT.

Michael Dalton, Ely Shoshone Tribe, confirmed that the project has not yet gone to bid, nor has the Tribe contracted for this project with BCT, but explained that BCT has been working with the Ely Shoshone Tribe on building their infrastructure over the last few years and indicated that if the project is awarded, the Tribe will set up a procurement process for the project.

Billy Samuels requested a reach out to DEM and the grant side from the Tribe to be walked through this process to avoid the project appearing pre-staged should the award go to BCT.

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Michael Dalton concurred and confirmed that the Ely Shoshone Tribe will follow the CFRs on this project should it be awarded.

Marilyn Delmont, Clark County School District, questioned if BCT will be the implementers, and the Tribe will go out and do an award for the product.

Michael Dalton confirmed that the Ely Shoshone Tribe will be implementing the project, that this is a first-time application to the state, Ely Shoshone Tribe has reached out to BCT for guidance, but has not yet awarded implementation of the project to BCT.

Amanda Jackson indicated that this was discussed at DEM and confirmed that the Ely Shoshone Tribe was made aware of the bid process and the fact that if the project is funded, additional steps will need to be taken.

Bob Dehnhardt indicated that \$20,000 of the project is identified as recurring costs and questioned if the tribe has worked those recurring costs into their budget going forward.

Michael Dalton explained that the Ely Shoshone Tribe intends to use funding from multiple funding agencies to cover the recurring costs moving forward.

Mike DeTullio, Humboldt County Technology Services, explained that in addition to managing the county, Technology Services also manages the Public Safety Communications Network and the TV district and indicated that the project is for an HA pair at the disaster recovery site to serve as redundancy in case of failure at the primary data center.

Tim Horgan, Secretary of State's Office, indicated that this project is to expand the hosting capacity for disaster recovery and cyber ransomware protection devices that have been budgeted under other line items.

Billy Samuels asked for clarification on the budgeting under different line items and questioned if this project has already been maintained in the capital purchases or budget.

Tim Horgan explained the plan to get a cyber vault and that the line item is to provide the expanded footprint to host other devices elsewhere that are not a part of this grant application. Mr. Horgan further noted that this project has not already been maintained in the capital purchases or budget.

Aakin Patel, Office of Cyber Defense, asked for explanation of Project Orion, which the grant application noted this project was supporting.

Tim Horgan explained that Project Orion is a bucket of smaller projects intended to enhance operations, commercial recordings, and service capabilities.

Patrick Lazenby, Nye County, informed the task force that Nye County is looking for funding for a cybersecurity incident EOC upgrade.

Brad Adams, Nye County IT Director, informed the task force that Nye County is looking to fund a firewall upgrade.

Sandie Ruybalid questioned if Objective 1 was allowed because this project was for the first fiscal year.

Amanda Jackson explained that Objective 1 is allowable for both '22 and '23, with the difference being that '23 also requires Objective 2 through 4.

Billy Samuels noted that Nye County is also requesting M&A and reiterated that other funding streams have not, in the past, allowed M&A, usually deeming it the responsibility of the internal customer. Chief Samuels indicated the need of allowing M&A for all if it is allowed for one.

Chris Long, Chief Technology Officer for the Washoe County Second Judicial District Courts, explained that Washoe County has put in for two projects: help with a professional network assessment; and additional firewalls.

Billy Samuels questioned whether the courts are already NIST compliant and if not approved for this project, would the project to become NIST-compliant be funded another way.

Valerie Moser, CFO to the Washoe County Second Judicial District Courts, explained that funding requests for the court technology needs have been going to Washoe County, but have not been funded for the last couple of years, with the anticipation that this year will also not be funded.

Austin Smith, Washoe County School District IT Security Officer, indicated that the school district has applied for several projects: account and file auditing software; licensing for the MFA software that supports the workforce; an email security project; a penetration test focusing on two locations, a school and central office; and a cloud assessment response system.

Brandon Peterson asked Mr. Smith to rank the priorities of the projects.

Austin Smith indicated that number 1 would be the email security system, followed by the MFA second, then the known penetration test third, the account and file auditing system fourth, and the cloud assessment system fifth.

Aakin Patel questioned if the email security system is an email analytics system being placed in line with the current email service or a whole replacement of email services and questioned the size of the intended user base.

Austin Smith indicated that it would be in line with the existing email service and noted that the focus would be on staff members rather than students.

Brandon Peterson asked for a description of what the current email protections offer and what additional protections the district hopes to gain.

Austin Smith explained that the district is currently a Microsoft shop, but in the hopes of targeting and preventing business email compromise, is looking for more advanced analytics to better identify impersonations, sandbox malware arriving as an attachment, and to understand who is being impersonated and how through the use of an industry standard email security suite.

**6. Ranking of the Additional FFY 2022 SLCGP Project and Budget Proposal Presentation**

Billy Samuels explained the ranking process to the members of the task force, indicating the priority numbering of the letters of each project, and ensuring that there are no duplicate numbers to account for all 17 projects.

Marilyn Delmont indicated that her name is not included on the voting list.

Amanda Jackson explained that Ms. Delmont has been added online and shared her screen so that Ms. Delmont could see the column created for her.

Martin Mueller, Reno Tahoe International Airport, explained that he was not able to vote today as he is driving.

Sam Ladich, ADA, indicated that abstaining from the vote would work better than submitting rankings later as later submission would not be part of the public meeting process.

Brantley Hancock, City of Reno, submitted the order of priority for Reno's project: network assessment first; core router replacement second; and switch replacement third.

The members of the task force presented their rankings for the projects:

Billy Samuels:	A8, B3, C10, D1, E7, F2, G4, H6, I9, J5, K11, L12, M16, N17, O13, P14, Q15
Brandon Peterson:	A11, B8, C12, D3, E1, F15, G7, H17, I16, J9, K5, L10, M14, N13, O4, P2, Q6
Tim Horgan:	A15, B5, C16, D12, E13, F7, G1, H17, I2, J6, K9, L11, M8, N14, O3, P4, Q10
Aakin Patel:	A15, B5, C16, D10, E3, F2, G14, H17, I13, J9, K4, L12, M6, N7, O11, P1, Q8
James Wood:	A16, B2, C15, D7, E6, F3, G11, H17, I14, J4, K8, L9, M12, N13, O10, P5, Q1
D. Roger Waters:	A8, B10, C3, D7, E2, F17, G4, H6, I9, J5, K12, L11, M14, N13, O16, P1, Q15
Marilyn Delmont:	A8, B15, C13, D14, E12, F10, G1, H2, I3, J17, K4, L9, M7, N5, O6, P16, Q11
Sandie Ruybalid:	A6, B9, C4, D13, E5, F3, G1, H8, I10, J2, K11, L12, M16, N17, O7, P14, Q15
Bob Dehnhardt:	A15, B1, C16, D2, E9, F3, G12, H13, I4, J14, K11, L10, M5, N6, O17, P7, Q8
Tim Robb:	A13, B3, C14, D6, E2, F5, G1, H15, I7, J8, K9, L12, M11, N16, O17, P4, Q10

Amanda Jackson explained that to fund all the projects would be around \$323,000, approximately \$5,000 more than the \$318,882.20 that is left to allocate.

Bob Dehnhardt suggested taking one of the line items with a contingent 2023 application and moving it to the 2023 grant period in order to allow the remaining projects to be funded.

Zach Edler, DEM/HS, confirmed that this would be acceptable for the grant process, but reminded the members that FY23 has a higher cost share amount than FY22.

Chair Tim Robb noted that given this information, it would be up to the jurisdiction as to whether they were willing to pick up the additional 10-percent cost share for FY23. Chair Robb next asked if anyone above the cutoff line was able to make any funding cuts to their projects.

Marilyn Delmont indicated that Clark County could take a cut on the MFA project for \$5,007.78 if necessary.

Angela Askey, City of Reno, indicated that Reno would be comfortable at the \$50,000 mark, a cut of \$2,237.

The Ely Shoshone Tribe offered to waive the M&A cost of \$1,356.57.

Amanda Jackson indicated that the final amounts were as follows:

Clark County School District	\$75,093.43
Ely Shoshone Tribe	\$27,131.33
City of Reno	\$50,411.44
Humboldt County Emergency Management	\$166,246

Chair Tim Robb called for a motion to approve the final rankings as the recommendation to DEM for the administration of the cybersecurity grant. Sandie Ruybalid, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, motioned to approve the final rankings. Aakin Patel, Division Administrator for the Office of Cyber Defense, seconded the motion to approve the final rankings. All others were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

## **7. The FFY 2023 SLCGP and Budget Proposal Presentations**

Chair Tim Robb called for the FFY 2023 Budget Proposal Presentations.

Brandon Peterson confirmed that the Board of Regents for NSHE had pulled their project, and all members could delete A from their list.

Jon Bakkedahl, Carson City Fire and Emergency Management indicated that the proposal is for physical security components to be included in the design of the new Carson City IT and Cyber Center Emergency Management Off and EOC (Emergency Operation Center), as well as the fire station that will be attached to it, a shareable resource, for a total request of \$191,039.10. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that this amount is scalable if need be.

Billy Samuels pointed out that M&A is included in this proposal and asked if the cameras will include licensing fees and if so, is that listed as a maintain or will Carson City be coming back the following year for the same project for licensing.

Jon Bakkedahl indicated that all licensing and continuing maintenance will be built into the city's general fund budget.

Angela Askey, City of Reno, requested upgrade of the city's switches and the core router.

Raymond Medeiros, Carson City School District CIO, requested improvement of physical security posture around equipment racks. Mr. Medeiros involved that this project involves taking 34 equipment racks and changing them over to secured lockable racks to prevent access to the spaces in which they reside.

Carl Jones, Clark County School District, discussed the school district's requested projects: incident response planning and tabletop exercises; increased firewall protection internally for more robust network security; expansion of MFA to 40,000 staff members in the school district; Security Awareness training (SAS) for district employees.

Brandon Peterson asked Mr. Jones to rank the priorities for FY23.



Carl Jones indicated the following: network security would be number 1; MFA would be number 2; incident response planning and tabletop exercise would be number 3; SAS would be number 4.

Aakin Patel noted that the grant application involved a substantial amount of professional services and contractor hours to implement the MFA and asked if those fees were able to be reduced given that they were funded in the FY22 project.

Carl Jones indicated that this could be scaled if need be.

Michael Dalton, Ely Shoshone Tribe, indicated that based on 2022 funding, the Tribe would pull their 2023 request.

Mark Connell, Nevada Department of Corrections, noted the request to update all firewalls throughout the Department, as well as ad HA for the three critical sites.

Tim Horgan, Secretary of State's Office, discussed the request for the cyber vault solution, a proven solution from Dell Technologies that reduces recovery times from malware attacks.

**Brandon Peterson** questioned if Project Orion was funded by the legislature in the last session.

Mr. Horgan confirmed that it was.

Brandon Peterson asked Mr. Horgan to provide a high-level description of what was funded.

Mr. Horgan explained that the Orion Project received 15 million in funding that will primarily go to staffing and vendor support, and that the request for this grant will provide additional security to support that project.

Billy Samuels indicated that specific products, such as the cyber vault solution from Dell Technologies cannot be identified in a grant as it does still need to go out for the bid process.

Aakin Patel, Office of Cyber Defense Coordination, discussed the three projects submitted: startup of a statewide resource program for all the public entities in the state; a statewide SOC/SEIM/ISAC program; a support staff kickstart to help bring these programs to fruition.

Chris Briscoe, IT Supervisor for the Truckee Meadows Water Authority, explained that TMWA is looking to provide resiliency to its network connectivity to its various remote sites with the incorporation of next-generation firewalls at each remote site configured with encrypted VPN connectivity to TMWA's enterprise network, network switches, and licensing software costs.

Billy Samuels questioned if the Water Authority has other avenues to secure grant funding.

Chris Briscoe explained that this type of request would usually be incorporated into capital projects, but this specific project is not budgeted for any upcoming capital projects.

Austin Smith, Washoe County School District IT Security Officer, discussed the district's four requests: an email security system; multi-factor authentication; account and auditing file software; a threat intelligence system.



Billy Samuels asked for clarification as to whether the MFA project is a build or a sustained.

Austin Smith noted that he had applied for this in 2022 as well, and hadn't thought of it as a contingent versus sustain, but what this project will do is build on the existing, very limited MFA implementation already in place and expand to all administrators.

Billy Samuels asked if this project was approved in 2022.

Austin Smith indicated it was not.

Billy Samuels noted that this, then, would not be a sustain project, but would be a new or a build project.

Amanda Jackson clarified Mr. Smith's statement, noting that had this project been funded in 2022, it would be a sustained project, but because it was not, it would now be the initial build of the project.

Billy Samuels asked if Washoe County would be returning each year to this group for the roughly \$19,000 it would take to sustain this project.

Austin Smith confirmed that this would be incorporated into Washoe's regular budget process going forward.

Aakin Patel asked if Washoe currently has some sort of log analytics or SIEM project in-house to take advantage of this data and deal with alerts.

Austin Smith confirmed that Washoe does have an internal SIEM that captures a lot of information from the infrastructure, but dealing with the data is a big challenge.

Sandie Ruybalid asked for a list of approved projects from the previous round.

Amanda Jackson confirmed the following projects were approved and are therefore no longer included in the list:

- E. City of Reno Network and Security
- H. Clark County School District MFA for 500 Employees
- L. Ely Shoshone Tribe migrate to .gov internet domain
- A. Board of Regents Project was Withdrawn

Bob Dehnhardt questioned the three projects that are an 80 percent rural passthrough, asking if this means that of the total amounts of these projects, 20 percent is being applied to the state allocation or if 100 percent is being applied to the state allocation.

Amanda Jackson clarified that everything that is state funding is counted as state in that field, and that rural funding is counted as rural in the rural field, and that they should be looked at separately. As such, Ms. Jackson noted that 15 percent of this funding is allowed to be kept at the state level, and 25 percent of the funding must be passed through to rural jurisdictions, requiring at least \$1,268,000 in rural projects approved.

Billy Samuels asked if the 25 percent needing to be met as a group could be identified first to increase the efficiency of the ranking process.

Amanda Jackson indicated that with all rural projects considered, the amount is still \$257,000 over the 25-percent rural passthrough needing to be met, so there would still be ranking and voting unless the group opts to fund them all.

Aakin Patel questioned where the funding level stands versus the amount of funding available.

Amanda Jackson indicated that there is \$6,040,000 and \$4 million needing to be passed through, which leaves a \$1.2 million overage.

**8. Ranking of the FFY 2023 SLCGP Project and Budget Proposal Presentations**

Chair Tim Robb reconvened the meeting for the ranking process following a short break.

The task force agreed to the ranking system, noting that withdrawn and previously funded projects would be struck through rather than re-lettering existing projects.

The members of the task force presented their rankings for the projects:

Billy Samuels:	B3, C4, D7, F8, G5, I14, J11, K12, M13, N19, O6, P10, Q1, R9, S2, T15, U18, V17, W16
Sandie Ruybalid:	B1, C2, D5, F11, G12, I6, J16, K9, M7, N13, O3, P14, Q8, R18, S4, T17, U19, B10, W15
Tim Horgan:	B7, C8, D9, F14, G11, I6, J18, K10, M5, N3, O15, P1, Q2, R12, S4, T17, U13, V16, W19
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James Wood:	B13, C14, D17, F15, G4, I11, J16, K18, M5, N19, O8, P1, Q2, R6, S10, T12, U9, V7, W3
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Brandon Peterson:	B6, C17, D5, F13, G2, I8, J11, K1, M7, N16, O4, P3, Q19, R14, S9, T12, U15, V10, W18
Aakin Patel:	B15, C3, D12, F16, G4, I18, J13, K17, M14, N19, O10, P5, Q7, R6, S8, T2, U9, V1, W11
Bob Dehnhardt:	B4, C5, D15, F16, G8, I11, J10, K9, M3, N19, O6, P2, Q1, R7, S14, T17, U18, V12, W13
Tim Robb:	B13, C4, D19, F5, G8, I14, J11, K7, M12, N15, O18, P10, Q1, R9, S2, T16, U17, B3, W6

Aakin Patel noted that it appeared that all but the bottom two could be fully funded and indicated that if Washoe County School District was willing to accept a cut, the task force should be able to partially fund the contingent email security system, leaving the Orion Project as the only proposal unfunded.

Zach Edler indicated that this would give Washoe County School District \$28,174.39 toward their project.

Austin Smith noted that this was acceptable to Washoe County School District.

Chair Tim Robb questioned if any other projects were willing to reduce some of their amount to provide Washoe's project a bit more.

Angela Askey, City of Reno, indicated that the switch replacement is scalable and \$22,675 could be removed.

James Wood reminded the task force that Clark County School District had mentioned in their presentation that the MFA project was reducible and asked if CCSD would be willing to reduce some to allow for Washoe County to get some money for MFA.

Marilyn Delmont indicated that CCSD could reduce by \$20,000.

Sherrean Whipple reestablished quorum given that Sandie Ruybalid needed to depart from the meeting and would need to abstain from the vote.

Chair Tim Robb asked if anyone else wished to make any adjustments.

Patrick Lazenby, Nye County Emergency Management, noted that Nye County could scale back their project by \$2,963.

Aakin Patel indicated that OCDC could scale back \$28,800 from the SLTT Resources program.

Jon Bakkedahl, Carson City Fire/Emergency Management, indicated that their program could be scaled back by the M&A costs of \$9097.10.

Amanda Jackson reported that even with these changes, the rural passthrough had been met.

Billy Samuels informed the group that anything falling below the cutoff line would be funded should de-obligated funds be available, beginning with the first project below the red line, and then the projects below that until no additional funding was available.

Chair Tim Robb called for a motion to approve the final rankings as the recommendation to DEM for the administration of the cybersecurity grant. Bob Dehnhardt, Office of the Chief Information Security Officer, motioned to approve the final rankings. Brandon Peterson, NSHE, seconded the motion to approve the final rankings. All others were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

## **9. Public Comment**

Chair Tim Robb called for any public comment.

Billy Samuels thanked the members of the task force, Nevada DEM/HS, and the AG's office for their help and support in the ranking and approval process.

Tim Robb echoed Chief Samuels' thanks and appreciation of all parties involved.

There was no public comment.

## **10. Adjournment**

Chair Tim Robb called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Billy Samuels, Deputy Fire Chief for Clark County Emergency Management, motioned for adjournment.

Bob Dehnhardt, Deputy Chief of the Office of the Chief Information Security Officer, seconded the motion.

All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:16pm.