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ABBREVIATED TRANSCRIPT OF THE GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING VIDEO OF JANUARY 5, 2016

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The following abbreviated transcript has been taken from the Grant County Commission video of January 5, 2016 in which Corey and Jennifer Roth, owners of the Red Rock Resort were present to deliver their proposal/demands for the settlement of the Lake Tschida Koehlers Point campground road issue.

Much of the conversation is irrelevant to the issue but as always in any commissioner meeting, banter is present.

The (00:00) refers to the minute and second 'time code' of the remarks made by Corey Roth or Grant County Commissioners Keith Payne or Don Roth or Alton Zenker or Grant County Auditor Lynn Mutschelknaus.

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08:00 - Corey Roth states that people drive 35 to 55 MPH on his road.

11:08 - Corey Roth states everything was OK until the TCJJDA got involved.

11:50 - Corey Roth states that the TCJJDA would have to update all of the lake roads if his has to be updated.

13:20 - Corey Roth states that he was blackmailed by the TCJJDA.

13:51 - Corey Roth states that he doesn't need the Red Rock Resort recreation area for his income and that it is his wife's wish to keep it going.

14:09 - Corey Roth states he has been fighting this road issue for 19 years.

14:28 - Corey Roth states to Grant County Sheriff John Foss he wants a written statement from the Lake Tschida manager of what she stated in a meeting. Corey Roth further states the Sheriff refused to do this.

14:34 - Corey Roth states the lake manager made a mistake by sending him a letter.

14:36 - Corey Roth states the TCJJDA started back-peddling.

14:59 - Corey Roth states he wants to be paid for an easement and the TCJJDA refused his request.

15:15 - Corey Roth states he will pay for the road.

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REMEMBER THE PAST
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REPEAT IT.

GEORGE SANTAYANA

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15:15 - Corey Roth states he doesn't want to put the county in the position of using tax dollars to pay for the road.

17:14 - Commissioner Keith Payne states he will have to run all of this by the states attorney.

17:30 - Commissioner Keith Payne states he will speak with the TCJJDA.

17:43 - Corey Roth states his proposal will be final.

17:50 - Grant County Auditor Lynn Mutschelknaus asks Corey Roth if he ran this proposal by the TCJJDA and Corey's answer was 'YEP'.

18:00 - Corey Roth states the TCJJDA got smart to his proposal and gave management of Koehlers Point back to the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) which relieved them of any responsibility.

18:07 - Corey Roth states the Koehlers Point recreation area is 'done' (closed).

18:20 - Corey Roth states the BOR will give back the management of the Koehlers Point campground to the TCJJDA if they accept his terms.

18:24 - Commissioner Don Roth states "then that's their agreement." (referring to the TCJJDA - Commissioner Payne laughs)

18:28 - Commissioner Don Roth states "that's why you want to make sure your ducks are in a row."

18:42 - Corey Roth states if the boat ramp goes away his road proposal becomes VOID.

18:49 - Corey Roth states if the TCJJDA wants leverage against me then I want leverage against them.

18:56 - Corey Roth states if his proposal goes "no place" he should be able to fence off the road to Koehlers Point campground since the road is his property. (note: Corey Roth only owns a small portion of the road as the rest of the road is federal property)

19:11 - Corey Roth states the TCJJDA keeps on working the system.

19:15 - Commissioner Payne states the commission needs to speak with the BOR.

19:30 - Corey Roth states that the BOR lake representative Dave Herr told him that he lied in his conversation.

20:00 - Corey Roth states everything in the Koehlers Point campground is gone - the boat dock, the tables and the restroom is padlocked. Corey Roth further states he still allows the public access even though he doesn't have to.

20:06 - Corey Roth states if his proposal doesn't work he will fence it off and the TCJJDA can get their things out.

21:18 - 24:00 - Nothing is discussed as Corey Roth and his wife Jennifer modify their proposal maps in order for the commissioners to understand where and what he wants.

24:27 - Commissioner Payne states he will run the proposal by the states attorney (2nd time) and "get back a hold of 'ya."

26:02 - Corey Roth states that the BOR told him that it was best for the county commissioners to contact the BOR and then get back to Corey.

26:14 - Corey Roth states the BOR is 'gonna look at his proposal and if they don't agree with it then it's back to square one.

26:17 - Corey Roth states "this is a one time deal...this is what I want...this is the way it's 'gonna be...or close 'er up."

26:30 - Corey Roth states the TCJJDA thought they could 'bluff' him.

26:32 - Corey Roth states he was being forced to give TCJJDA an easement.

26:36 - Corey Roth states the TCJJDA called a meeting, invited him but he said 'NO'.

27:08 - Corey Roth states the TCJJDA tried other things and "that's how we've come to this." (Commissioner Payne laughs)

27:17 - Commissioner Payne (sympathizing with Corey)

states he knows Corey has had a long battle with the old JDA and the new TCJJDA and that's unfortunate.

27:37 - Corey Roth states the TCJJDA tried using Game & Fish against him to force him to keep the road open at his expense.

27:50 - After Corey Roth called Game & Fish Corey Roth states Game & Fish told him to get the name of the person who told him the above.

28:08 - Corey Roth states that the Game & Fish man told him that if the TCJJDA started charging for the boat ramps use that it would kill off the lake.

28:42 - Corey Roth states that Game & Fish said if the BOR was 'gonna charge for using boat ramps in cooperation with the TCJJDA that Game & Fish would step in and "quash" it.

28:54 - Corey Roth states Game & Fish will not restock the lake if the boat ramp is charged for.

29:49 - Corey Roth states his son called him while he was on vacation in Arizona telling him that people were cutting his fences in 3 different places to get around the snow drifts.

30:16 - Corey Roth states he told his son to block off the road with snow.

30:40 - Corey Roth speaks about people getting stuck in the snow on his property.

31:01 - Corey Roth states that people are 'STUPID' for getting stuck in the snow and asking him for help to get out.

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