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Preus said that BMCC has increased its public relations effort by 100%, including mailers to County residents, and a current budget of \$7,000 a year, earmarked for print and radio purposes. In speaking about a new facility, Preus said that BMCC is discussing the possibility with a property owner, but the property has a brownfield issue (potential contamination, because of a previous industrial or commercial purpose), which is currently almost in phase two of the study. She said BMCC is trying to find a facility to fill BMCC's needs.

Bryan, Dalton, and Cas-

sidy discussed the issues with the Board, and Bryan said that he and Cassidy are also members of the BTI Board. Harvey asked about BTI, and Bryan said BTI was formed as a response to the need for Baker County to have a higher educational institution. Bryan said that, from a School District standpoint, community vitality is important, and workforce training became a focus (he noted that there was a lack of communication in the past, between Economic Development, and the School District).

Bryan said in the last two to three years, there was a series of events, and that whatever competition there appears to be between BMCC and BTI, is incidental. He said the

goal of BTI is to provide innovation, in terms of post-secondary educational options, and career and technical options. Cassidy and Dalton added emphasis on skills training early for students, soft skills, and a job experience pilot program Dalton mentioned, in partnership with the Department of Human Services (DHS). Bryan said neither the School District, nor BTI are necessarily attempting to replicate any BMCC programs, and there is no effort being made to displace BMCC.

DeCastro and Corley spoke about the issues between the Pine Eagle School District and BMCC, but DeCastro said that efforts between Pine

Eagle and BTI have been more successful. DeCastro said that she would like to see more programs implemented, which are offered by BTI. Corley (whose comments don't necessarily represent Pine Eagle, he stated) said that Baker County and the 5J School District work well together, and there are tremendous opportunities possible, but he said that BMCC has not served the Pine Eagle District during his tenure there, in some cases, working against them. Both DeCastro and Corley said that the relationship with TVCC was more successful and flexible, and Corley said he would like to see Pine Eagle move out of the BMCC District.

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- 5th generation Baker County Resident
- Republican Precinct Committee Person (volunteer)

VALUES

- Constitutionally minded and fiscally conservative
- Opposed to federalization of local law enforcement agencies
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