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equipment, Way said the \$200,000 line item has been in the road and bridge budget for years. He said the commissioners cut it from \$250,000 down to \$200,000 a couple of years

"We have not had a big jump in road and bridge spending," Way said. "That is not true. We are only

up about \$38,000, which is about half a mill."

Rasure asked about the more than \$300,000 in the special machinery equipment fund.

"I am not asking for any more than I have in the past years," Way said. We use the special machinery fund to make payments, and it has been built up over the years from our carryover."

"I think that is too high in combi- have about \$200,000. The county the budget." nation," Rasure said.

"How much is too much," Way said. "I do not ask for more than I need. The equipment is expensive these days. If we are gong to provide the service, we have to be able to purchase the right equipment."

Tiede asked Way how much he wanted to keep in the special machinery fund. Way said he likes to

often buys machinery on a lease purchase agreement, with payments due over several years.

Rasure said it is now over \$300,000 and nothing has been paid

"If I don't have that money, I cannot make the payments," Way said. "If you look at the history of the special machinery fund, it has been built up and used to purchase equipment. I have a whole fleet. It is not just motor graders. I have to replace a lot of things, and if we do not replace them, the repair costs go up.

"If you are going to provide the loader proper equipment in this size of a department, you cannot keep cutting

"I think \$500,000 is a lot of money to have in the budget to purchase equipment over time," Rasure said. "I am concerned that we are adding money to the fund like a savings account."

"It is not just going to sit there," Way said. "It is going to be used. Our equipment is getting old and because of the winter, we are behind the eight ball.

"We need more than motor graders. I said last year, and I had a list of things we needed. We need a new snowplow, and we need a new

"I wish I knew what we are going

to have this winter. It seems like a lot of money, but in this kind of budget it is not very much."

Tiede asked Way if it would be good to cut the road project money to \$70,000 rather than \$140,000 to cover the county's share of the project on County Road 14 if it gets funded next year.

"I know you are not comfortable with this," Thomas said to Rasure.

"No, I am not," Rasure said. "We have three people and three

opinions," Thomas said. "Plug it in like it is," Tiede said.

"I am on record that I do not agree with that," Rasure said.

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the current local businesses thrive and to give other businesses the idea it is a good place to open a business.

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"One of the things that will drive the success is to help our businesses thrive," he said, "and get more business going within Goodland, and that may draw more toward the tourism side."

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fieldhouse, and he feels having more events there would give more exposure for Goodland and show that business is thriving.

'The better the businesses do, the better tourism does, and they feed off each other," he said.

Jennings said he has worked with youth hockey in Fort Collins, and at one time he and his father operated In the Crease Sports, a hockey and soccer equipment shop. They kept it running until his father got injured playing hockey and ended up selling it. He said it did well and the new Jennings said the town has a great owner kept it open until he retired.

"I told the council I would like to start a hockey team," he said. "They said in the winter it is not hard to find

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