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SENATOR JONES: If we do not do this, well, we won't be acting in good faith to the federal government, then won't get nothing rolling at all before they get their budget. And I'm concerned that they might just back away and say, well, we're going to manage it ourselves and not let the local manage it. That's the reason that the local needs...the council needs this start-up money to show that they are actually going to do something, get administrator hired, and get a vehicle and be able to go up and down along the river and actually show good faith that they're going to do it.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: What about if this doesn't pass this body this year?

SENATOR JONES: I don't know where they're going to get their money to operate on. The county has given them \$1,000 now to start up, but actually the money that really should come from the federal government, I just don't know what the federal government will do about it if we don't get it started.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Where will the \$100,000...now you say 100,000 is in this year? Up until July? Where is the 100,000 going to be spent between now and June 30th?

SENATOR JONES: Well, there...a lot of it was supposed...they needed it in '97. They got back issues that they haven't taken care of right now.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Such as?

SENATOR JONES: Such as the roads repair from the counties, they're a lot...the roads are really getting "washboardy" along there with all the extra traffic that they had along there last summer and along the roads. And the cleanup along the river. And of course they don't have no administrator in place yet and they want to get an administrator in place.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And that will pay his salary?

SENATOR JONES: Yes. And a vehicle for him too. Insurance.