

ANACONDA-DEER LODGE COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETING
6 P.M. TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022
COURTHOUSE COURTROOM

Present: District 2 Commissioner, Steve Gates District 3 Commissioner Kevin Hart (Vice-Chair), District 4 Commissioner Paul Smith, District 5 Commissioner Mike Huotte, (Chair), CEO Bill Everett, County Attorney Krakowka, and Clerk of Commission Lori Sturm

Excused Absence: District 1 Commissioner Terry Vermeire

Members of the Press: James Rosien, Anaconda Leader

Members of the Public: Per Sign-In Sheet

Commissioner Huotte called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Huotte explained the Commission rules of procedure.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the Commission meeting of May 3, 2022; and the Commission Work Session Meeting of May 10, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to take action to approve the Minutes from the Commission meeting of May 3, 2022; and the Commission Work Session Meeting of May 10, 2022; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 4-0

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Commissioner Hart take action to authorize the payment of claims numbered 138971 through 139104 in the amount of \$558,309.71 Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion Carried 4-0

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

- **Commissioner Hart** – Nothing to Report.
- **Commissioner Gates** – Nothing to Report.
- **Commissioner Smith** – Nothing to Report.
- **Commissioner Huotte** – On the 12th I attended the Greenway Service District Meeting.

- **CEO Everett** – Talked about the reclamation project on the Clark Fork River. They are making a lot of progress on the cleanup of the river; it will take a few years to grow in. The amount of contaminants is amazing. They are reaching metal deposits 12 feet deep in places. Appreciative of what they are doing but we have to look out for the counties best interest. They are using our roads, so we are seeing deterioration on our roads and bridges. The State of Montana has funds for this clean-up and part of the money being used for the cleanup needs to be used to take care of our roads. Our county residents should not be paying for the damage done by the haul trucks.
 - The project on the turning lanes are going well and hope to have them paved next week. Depends on the Montana Department of Transportation saying that everything looks acceptable because this is their highway, and the weather needs to cooperate.
 - Reported that dirt is being moved at the Murdoch location. Everything seems to be going well with the projects.
- **County Attorney Krakowka** – Attended a DUI Task Force Meeting, MDT, and a CPT meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Revised Professional Services Contract between Anaconda-Deer Lodge County and K.W. Wastewater Operations and Consultants for Wastewater.

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to approve the Revised Professional Services Contract between Anaconda-Deer Lodge County and K.W. Wastewater Operations and Consultants for Wastewater; Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion Carried 4-0

Resolution No. 22-10, A Resolution to Begin Tax Deed Process and Review Bids for Title Abstracts.

Motion made by Commissioner Hart to take action to approve Resolution No. 22-10, A Resolution to Begin Tax Deed Process and Review Bids for Title Abstracts; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 4-0

Resolution No. 22-11, A Resolution Establishing Salaries for Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Employees for Fiscal Years 2022-2023

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to take action to approve Resolution No. 22-11, A Resolution Establishing Salaries for Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Employees for Fiscal Years

2022-2023; Seconded by Commissioner Hart.

Motion Carried 4-0

Supplemental Healthy Montana Families Task Order, Task Order for Anaconda-Deer Lodge Public Health Department (ARPA Funded) Supplemental Task Order Number 22-25-8-41-160-0

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to approve the Supplemental Healthy Montana Families Task Order, Task Order for Anaconda-Deer Lodge Public Health Department (ARPA Funded) Supplemental Task Order Number 22-25-8-41-160-0; Seconded by Commissioner Hart.

Motion Carried 4-0

Contract Amendment Number One – Contract for Crisis Intervention and Jail Diversion Efforts – Contract Number 22-101-74100-0 ~~22-331-74100-0~~

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to take action to approve Contract Amendment Number One – Contract for Crisis Intervention and Jail Diversion Efforts – Contract Number 22-101-74100-0; Seconded by Commissioner Hart.

Motion Carried 4-0

Grant Application for Head Start COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) and Quality Improvement Application 02/01/22 – 01/31/23 – Commission to approve Head Start to submit to the Regional Office.

Motion made by Commissioner Hart to take action to approve the Grant Application for Head Start COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) and Quality Improvement Application 02/01/22 – 01/31/23 and Commission to approve Head Start to submit to the Regional Office; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 4-0

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Commission to approve the appointment of Carl Hamming, Tania Short, Heather Edwards and Jodine Lechman to serve on the County Post-Election Audit Commit

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to approve the appointment of Carl Hamming, Tania Short, Heather Edwards and Jodine Lechman to serve on the County Post-Election Audit Commit; Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion Carried 4-0

Request for Appointment to the Airport Board by Dan Klima

Motion made by Commissioner Hart to appoint Dan Klima to the Airport Board; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 4-0

Special Event Permit – Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser at Washoe Park Baseball Field, August 19 – August 20, 2022

Bryan Lorengo – Provided an overview to the Commission. The tournament last year went very well. It is a quirky game with a quirky name, and it is one of the fastest growing games in the United States. We are marketing this and making it grow in Montana. My brother and I try to make this a community event where we give part of the proceeds back to underprivileged youth in the community. We will never lose focus of that. The West Valley Fire Department provided the food for this event last year. It was their largest fundraiser. We are going to challenge them to do that again. It not just about the tournament, but what is best for our community, and I would appreciate your support.

- **CEO Everett** – After a tournament we meet with all the departments that make it happen. I reach out to our Fire department and the Police Department . . . there were no issues. The Parks Department reported that it was the best cleanup jobs they had in the parks. People enjoy the event. This is not about one individual or entity trying to make a claim . . . they are trying to give back to the community.
- **Commissioner Hart** – Working at the furniture factory at the prison . . . you cannot believe the number of orders we get for cornhole sets. It is a very popular game.

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to approve the Special Event Permit – Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser at Washoe Park Baseball Field, August 19 – August 20, 2022; Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion Carried 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

Request to set a Public Hearing Date for the Overbluff MDP (Parks Place Condominiums 200 Hickory Street) (Suggested Date of June 7, 2022)

Carl Hamming, Planning Director – This major development permit application was previously discussed. This MDP was reviewed by the Planning Board in March and recommended approval of the MDP with a couple of conditions. One being the revised off-street parking plan, which they have done. They have done their best to meet us in the middle with compromises. I would like to set a public hearing and see if there is anything we are missing from the neighborhood. The number of units would be 16 condo's which is down from the original 29. Frankly we want to keep this as a residential building so that it stays on the MDP track rather than switching to a permitted use in which case we would have no ability or legal right to review the off-street parking.

- **CEO Everett** – At first, I was opposed to this unless they were able to meet our original parking demands. I am willing to negotiate and be reasoned with. We had some great discussions, and they gave us more information about what the development will look like. These will be quarter million-dollar condominiums. We have a huge housing shortfall in our community. This could provide 16 units, which could be 32 work individuals. Our community needs this, especially our hospital. Another possibility is we could find people selling their houses and moving into these condominiums, which would free up some housing. Believes we should move forward, if stalled there could be some repercussions. Would like to have a public hearing to see what the community has to say. The chance to get their point across and for us to listen.

Motion made by Commissioner Hart to take action to set a Public Hearing Date of June 7, 2022, for the Overbluff MDP (Parks Place Condominiums 200 Hickory Street); Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 4-0 Public Hearing set for June 7, 2022

The Economic Development Board recommend the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Commission grant up to \$50,000 or 5% of construction costs (whichever is less) to the Anaconda Skate Park Association to expand the skatepark at Benny Goodman and to develop a new skatepark in the West Valley Park, pending approval of a funding agreement.

Carl Hamming, Planning Director – This is the first non-private business grant/loan recommendation that has come out of the Economic Development Board. This is different than what we have done in the past. Pointed out some of the fine points for discussion to make sure we can incorporate that into a funding agreement. The bottom line is that the Economic Development Board recommended to the Anaconda Skate Park Association a grant up to \$50,000 or 5% of the construction costs. Since they are still in the process of doing fundraising . . . it would show support from the county as they are trying to generate these funds that the county has pledged. We want to make sure that if things don't work out with their fundraising efforts and they don't go forward with the expansion, or new development of the skatepark . . . that they don't have money in the bank. We want to make sure the skatepark moves forward and that we cover that in the agreement to be drafted.

Commissioner Hart – At the Parks and Recreation Board meeting there was a presentation by the skatepark committee a couple of different times. The last time they were seeking some type of documentation to show that they had community support for this event. They have a large amount of money that they still must raise. This would show that the county does support this, and they would be able to continue with their fundraising efforts. As the CEO said a few weeks ago when it comes to community efforts, we improved streets and other things and we are now at the point to improve our parks.

- **CEO Everett** – This is part of the proceeds that we received from the settlement from Atlantic Richfield for economic development. One of the sideboards on that was saying a maximum could be up to 5% to non-profits. I am really trying to build a tax base. It is

time now that we can start putting some funds, the maximum is 5% or \$50,000 towards a non-profit entity. The neat thing is that the \$50,000 will be matched by a half million to a million dollars in other outside funds. All these investments will be put on our public property where anyone can use it, without having to pay a fee.

- **Commissioner Hart** – Elaborated on what the CEO said this being something that everyone would be able to use, but I don't recommend it for everybody.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to take action to approve Economic Development Boards Recommendation that Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Commission grant up to \$50,000 or 5% of construction costs (whichever is less) to the Anaconda Skate Park Association to expand the skatepark at Benny Goodman and to develop a new skatepark in the West Valley Park, pending approval of a funding agreement; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 4-0

Special Event Permit – Bar-B-Q for Seniors on May 25th, 2022, on 6th Street between Main and Hickory

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to approve the Special Event Permit for a Bar-B-Q for Seniors on May 25th, 2022, on 6th Street between Main and Hickory; Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion Carried 4-0

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Commissioner Hart** – There will be a Volunteer Board Member Training on June 16th at 5:30 p.m. at the Metcalf Senior Citizen Center. I cannot encourage this enough for all Anaconda-Deer Lodge County board members. This will be very informational. It is put on by Dan Clark, Director of the Montana State University Local Government Center.
- **Commissioner Gates** - No Miscellaneous.
- **Commissioner Smith** – No Miscellaneous.
- **Commissioner Huotte** – No Miscellaneous
- **CEO Everett** – No Miscellaneous
- **County Attorney** – No Miscellaneous

PUBLIC COMMENT

Blake Hempstead – Last year the Corn Hole Tournament provided the schools money for the backpack program. If you need something, talk with Bryan they are great about donating money. Many people attend the tournament, they camp, they spend money and the people running the tournament donate back to the community.

Dan Goddard – Talked to the Commission about 412 Cherry Street. (a wing house with historic value) Would like the Commission to consider the topic as an agenda item. Provided a bit of history about Abe Lincoln’s cabin and the importance of preservation.

ADLC Meeting Dates and Times

Commissioner Huotte - Read the meeting dates and times.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Lori Sturm
Clerk of Commission



Mike Huotte
Commission Chair