

**ANACONDA-DEER LODGE COUNTY
COMMISSION WORK SESSION MEETING
6:00 P.M. TUESDAY, August 9, 2022
COURTHOUSE COURTROOM**

Present: District 1 Commissioner Terry Vermeire, District 2 Commissioner Steve Gates, District 3 Commissioner Kevin Hart (Vice-Chair), District 4 Commissioner Paul Smith, District 5 Commissioner Mike Huotte, CEO Bill Everett, and County Attorney Krakowka and Clerk of Commission, Lori Sturm

Members of the Press: Patrick Williams, Anaconda Leader

Request to order from John Jones, 2022-2500 RAM Tradesman Crew Cab 4X4 6Ft4 In. Bed

Place on Agenda

Request to Advertise Proposals for Preliminary Architecture & Engineering Report Copper Village Museum and Arts Center

Place on Agenda

Request to Advertise Notice of Public Hearing for Budget for FY 22-23
(Suggested Date of 9-6-22)

Place on Agenda

Cleaning Service Agreement between Hearst Free Library and Wendy Wendt (Cleaning Services)

Rose Nyman – Spoke in support of the agreement. The library is always clean, she does a good job.

Place on Agenda

Request for Reappointment to the Cemetery Board by Larry Sladich. (Letter Attached)

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Miscellaneous -

Commissioner Kevin Hart: No Miscellaneous.

Commissioner Steve Gates: No Miscellaneous.

Commissioner Paul Smith: No Miscellaneous.

Commissioner Terry Vermeire: No Miscellaneous.

Commissioner Mike Huotte: No Miscellaneous.is about
CEO Everett – I have been negotiating with Atlantic Richfield on the final part of the CD, the Historical Litigation side. Believe that what the county is about to receive will be better than what we received in the first settlement. We have some cool stuff happening.
County Attorney Krakowka – No Miscellaneous.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Rose Nyman – Friday’s Leader reported about Friends of the Stack and one of their goals was a high-quality interactive museum that would share the rich history of Anaconda and the stack.

- Talked about the Leavengood Ranch which was started in 1861 – 1951. It is a piece of history that must be accessible for research
- Talked about having county archives. This would require work, compromises and agencies coming together as a community to create a museum in a central location. The hospital owns the Copper Bowl Bowling alley, but it would be an ideal location.
- Some things are being taken to the Butte archives or to the Montana Historical Society. I have rescued some items.
- The University of Montana has an online training program for volunteers in museums.
- Mentioned the cemetery kiosk project. Would like to see that move forward.
- Reported that the photo exhibit at the Commons during Smeltermen’s day was a huge success.
- Talked that there is a group of people who watch estate sales, attend garage sales and are looking for Anaconda items.
- The point is information should be in a central location. We have such a rich history with a tradition of being a hard-working community. The stories should be shared.

CEO Everett – There is a cemetery program in a trial stage. I was playing with it today and it is cool. You can put in a last name, and it will show all the graves with that last name and the location. It is way cooler than a physical kiosk. The kiosk now will have instructions about how to get on the site for the program. Gayla Hess gets the credit for this. She is close to having it finalized, but it is about 6 months before complete . . . maybe sooner.

Shannon Warner, Copper Village Museum/Art Center – Talked about some of the comments made. We currently have the Marcus Daly Historical Museum and archives in Copper Village. We hold a lot of Anaconda’s history. We strive to preserve, protect, and share those memories. We love when people come to research their families. We have improved our scanning and we are weeks away from having a kiosk showing where you can look at the photos in the archives. We strive to share the history of donated items. As more and more people want to have museums . . . I hope that you remember us. We would love to have people support us and work together, instead of having multiple groups trying to do the same thing. Remember that Copper Village has been here for a long time. We started when the smelter went down. It is the Copper company and its village that has brought us together.

Meeting Dates

Commissioner Huotte - Read the meeting date and times.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Lori Sturm
Clerk of Commission



Mike Huotte
Commission Chair