

ANACONDA-DEER LODGE COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETING
6 P.M. TUESDAY, September 12, 2023
COURTHOUSE COURTROOM

Present: District 1 Commissioner Mike Beausoleil, District 2 Commissioner Steve Gates, District 3 Commissioner Kevin Hart (Chair), District 4 Commissioner Tom Gallagher, District 5 Commissioner Mike Huotte, (Vice-Chair), CEO Bill Everett, County Attorney Ben Krakowka, and Clerk of Commission Seanna Zacher

Members of the Press: James Rosien, Anaconda Leader

Members of the Public: Per Sign-In Sheet

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

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

- **Commissioner Huotte** – Nothing to Report.
- **Commissioner Gates** – Nothing to Report.
- **Commissioner Gallagher** – Nothing to Report.
- **Commissioner Beausoleil** – Nothing to Report.
- **Commissioner Hart** – Nothing to Report.
- **CEO Everett** – Over the last two days we have had the crew of Good Morning America here doing a special on us based on our success with Superfund and the economic development recovery we have had stemming from that. EPA and Superfund sites are being destroyed across the country, as they are not working. We are the one superfund site that is working, and our community is coming back. It is a very cool honor. The \$19.6 million dollar grant for Mill Creek, with the \$1 million county match, we found out today that we actually received a grant for the \$1 million. We are doing the whole \$20.6 million dollar project without a touch of local dollars. This is pretty cool in my book, hats off to Carl Hamming. Thank you.
- **CA Ben Krakowka** – I had a multiple disciplinary team this morning.

Interviews for District 5 Commission Seat (Applicants are Edward Beaudette, Daniel Haffey, Terry LaValley, Bryan Lorengo, and Robert Shaw).

Commissioner Hart – I would like to make a couple of announcements before we proceed. Per Montana Law Commissioner Huotte, as the outgoing Commissioner will not be participating in the interviews or the scoring process. The selected applicant will take office as of October 5, 2023. Per Montana Law the selected candidate will serve until the general election of next year. The person who wins the general election of 2024 will then have the job until the general election of 2026. This is when Commissioner Huotte's term would have ended. The A-DLC Charter does state that at least two commissioners shall be elected every two years. We do need to get that back on cycle, keeping with the Charter and Montana Law. We are going to have the applicants go to the jury room; they will not be present for interviews that take place ahead of them. After interviewing they are welcome to stay in the room to hear the other interviews. We will now have the applicants go to the jury room please. Commissioner Huotte cannot participate in this so he will be our hall monitor. Each of the Commissioners have been provided a copy of the applications and resumes that each applicant submitted. The four of us that will be scoring will have a separate scoring sheet for each of the candidates and we will tally them up. Do any of the Commissioners have any questions before getting started? We will proceed in alphabetical order; the first interviewee will Ed Beaudette.

Audio Recording of interviews is available in the Chief Executive's Office at the Courthouse.

Commissioner Hart called a short break while they tallied up the scores for each candidate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Hart – Each of the questions we asked had a point value of 1 through 4 and the resume that was submitted had a possible total of 15 points. After tallying the score sheets, the total scores are as follows; Ed Beaudette, 140 points. Bryan Lorengo, 132 points. Dan Haffey, 117 points. Terry LaValley and Robert Shaw tied with 116 points.

William McBride Converse – 202 Linden Street. As I look out in front of me, I see five Commissioners, four that I know, two that I know personally. Every one of you are ordinary people that have taken on a job because you love your community. For that reason, I stand for Terry LaValley to become the next Commissioner for District 5. Thank you.

Appointment of District 5 Commission Seat

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to appoint Edward Beaudette to District 5 Commission Seat, Effective October 5, 2023; Seconded by Commissioner Beausoleil.

Motion Carried 4-0

Commissioner Hart – Congratulations, Ed.

- **Ed Beaudette** – Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I look forward to working with all of you.

NEW BUSINESS

Search and Rescue Contract for Two (2) Year Loan to Upgrade Building

CEO Everett – Yes, we went over this last week. If anyone has additional questions, please ask. I have discussed this with the Commissioners and because this is basically an indirect entity of the local government, I do not want to charge interest on this loan, thank you.

Motion made by Commissioner Huotte to take action to approve the Search and Rescue Contract for Two (2) Year Loan to Upgrade Building; Seconded by Commissioner Gallagher.

Motion Carried 5-0

Contract for Developer Consultant Services between A-DLC and Good Housing Partnership, LLC

Kaitlin Leary, Public Housing Director – Good evening, Commission and CEO Everett. Back in the summer you guys approved the Good Housing Partnership for the consultant to work on our housing site redevelopment plan for the Community Development Block Grant that we received. We have done a lot of data gathering and are excited to get a plan together and move forward. If you have any questions, I will be happy to answer them for you.

Motion made by Commissioner Beausoleil to take action to approve the Contract for Developer Consultant Services between A-DLC and Good Housing Partnership, LLC; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 5-0

Memorandum of Agreement between Montana Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division and Bowman Field

Greg Bahr – Good evening. In your packet you have an MOU for installation of weather cameras at the airport. This will entail placement of three possibly four cameras at the airport. They will be web accessible for anyone that wants to look at on-time data of weather in the area. This will be a definite plus with the new weather station being put in. It states \$2500.00 would be the county's responsibility, that's the low end with three cameras. The high end would be \$9000.00 for four cameras or more. We could be looking at anywhere from \$2500.00 to \$4500.00 that would be county responsibility. There is grant money available that we will pursue in January to recover the county's cost. Hopefully, we will end up at zero cost for these installations. If you have any questions, I will do my best to answer.

- **CEO Everett** – I would just like to say that it is nice to have Greg back with the airport. I appreciate all the information and we are up to date again; thank you Greg.

Motion made by Commissioner Gallagher to take action to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Montana Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division and Bowman Field; Seconded by Commissioner Beausoleil.

Motion Carried 5-0

Special Event – Free Holiday Photos at Hearst Free Library, November 27-December 5, 2023

Christin Collins – Hello everyone. The first year we did this, we had thirty-eight families; this year we are projecting one hundred and thirty families. Sam, the librarian is on board. We are going to have everyone schedule an allotted time. This year we will not be doing Santa, we will just have a basic holiday set up. The kids will get a new hand wrapped gift, a goody bag, and parents will have a digital copy sent directly to them. Thank you.

- **CEO Everett** – It sounds like a great event, thank you.
- **Christin Collins** – I was hoping all of you would schedule a time to come and get a group photo.
- **CA Krakowka** – It sounds like a really fun event, thank you.

Motion made by Commissioner Huotte to take action to approve the Special Event – Free Holiday Photos at Hearst Free Library, November 27-December 5, 2023; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 5-0

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Commissioner Huotte** – No Miscellaneous.
- **Commissioner Gates** – No Miscellaneous.
- **Commissioner Gallagher** – No Miscellaneous.
- **Commissioner Beausoleil** – We had a golf course board meeting last night; July numbers are fantastic.
- **Commissioner Hart** – A-DLC did receive a letter from the Montana Department of Justice regarding Bill Hill and the Anaconda Softball Association. This is subsequent to a complaint that was filed in their office, and they are ensuing investigation. They have issued a statement that reads in part: After review of the complaint and communications with Mr. Hill's attorney, it is determined that the Anaconda Softball Association is NOT a non-profit organization despite holding himself out as one.
- **CEO Everett** – No Miscellaneous.
- **CA Ben Krakowka** – No Miscellaneous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments Given.

ADLC MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Commissioner Hart - Read the meeting dates and times.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 7:37 p.m.


Seanna Zacher
Clerk of Commission


Kevin Hart
Commission Chair