



**Anaconda-Deer Lodge County
Communication Board Minutes
Monday, September 21st, 2020**

1st Floor Conference Room, ALDC Building

Members Present: Gary Wenger, Chairman
Pat Dunne, Vice-Chairman
Chief Tim Barkell

Staff Present: Carl Hamming, Planning Director
Carlye Hansen, Planning Department Secretary

Guests Present: Mike Grayson, Attorney at Law

AGENDA TOPICS

Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Gary Wenger, Chairman

Approval of Minutes - At this time, no minutes can be located as there has been such significant time between any formal meetings.

New Business

1. AT&T Lease Renewal and Contract, Mike Grayson Attorney at Law
At this time, Mr. Grayson has done a final red line draft of this lease agreement and has had it sent out to the Board members. The old Contract had AT&T paying only \$1500.00 per year, and with the renewal and the new market, they will now pay \$2500.00 per month, and will pay retroactive back to May 1st, 2018. If the Commission approves this, Mr. Grayson can get a clean copy back to AT&T for final signature. If this is approved by the Commission, then there will be a permanent fenced off area and ADLC will be responsible for maintaining the roads

There was significant discussion amongst the Board, Mr. Grayson, and Mr. Hamming.

Motion was made by Pat Dunne to recommend approval of the new AT&T Lease Renewal and Contract and to send this on to the Commission for final approval; seconded by Chief Tim Barkell. Motion passes 3-0



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- American Tower Lease Renewal and Contract, Mike Grayson, Attorney at Law
Mr. Hamming has been involved with several phone conversations with Matt Brennan from Verizon. They are very eager to get their renewal and extension. Now that the contract is being finalized by AT&T, we should begin the same approach and process used with them in regards to Verizon. They still do have two years with their current lease. Mr. Wenger stated that in the past there has always been an automatic rollover. Verizon has made an offer which includes no monthly payments – they want to pay in one lump sum yearly and they want permanent road easements. The County will not accept this and Mr. Grayson states that there will need to be a county offer and we will need to give notice to Verizon that there will be no automatic rollover at the end of their term. At this time, there will be a recommendation of a set policy of cell tower rates. Right now, it appears that we are going with \$1.00 per square foot. At this point, ADLC is open for negotiations and there is some conversation of repairing and maintaining the Sheep Gulch Road access as well as continuing to maintain the Mill Creek access so there will be two roads to access the C-Hill and the towers that are on that hill. Apparently there has been no maintenance of Sheep Gulch Road for the last 10 years and Mr. Grayson recommends that we start the process of getting this repaired and maintained.

Again, there was extensive conversation in regards to leases, easements, etc. It was asked that in the future, we include Wayne Wendt, Road Foreman, RJ Tocher, Fire Chief, and Bill Everett, CEO of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County.

Miscellaneous / Public Comment None.

Next Meeting Date TBD

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Pat Dunne; seconded by Chief Tim Barkell. Motion passes 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carlye Hansen

Carlye Hansen, Planning Department Secretary

Approved October 5th, 2020