

**Anaconda-Deer Lodge County
Study Commission Meeting
6:00 p.m. Thursday, May 14, 2015
Courthouse Courtroom**

Present: Heather Edwards, Terry Galle (via telephone), Kevin Hart

Excused: Linda Sather, Dan Tocher

Absent: Adam Vauthier

Others Present: Julie Hoffman, Secretary

I. Call to Order

- A. Heather Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- A. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Approval of Minutes

- A. The minutes were reviewed but unable to be approved due to lack of a quorum.

IV. Financial Report

- A. Heather Edwards presented the Financial Report and noted that a charge for \$509.25 to the Leader for printing of the surveys was paid in February. She will follow-up with Jessica Collinsworth to make sure this was not paid twice.

IV. Old Business

- A. Civic Meetings – Updates from Various Group Meetings

Heather Edwards reported she and Linda Sather went to the Metcalf Center. They received a good welcome and a good survey response. Heather Edwards informed the group the surveys are available at the Courthouse, the Library, and the Water Department.

- B. Survey Questionnaire – Report of Information Received

Heather Edwards thanked Julie Hoffman for inputting the results of the surveys, compiling the data, and creating the report.

Heather Edwards informed the group 232 surveys were received. She stated it was a bit disappointing because the County has over 4000 electors.

Commissioner Kevin Hart stated another way to look at it is a majority of the voters are satisfied with the government because typically if folks are dissatisfied, they will come out in high numbers to respond.

Terry Galle stated it seems as though voters were split 50/50 with regard to Commissioners being selected "at-large."

Commissioner Kevin Hart noted that the majority of survey responses were from people that live in town and who are 60 years of age and older.

Heather Edwards informed the group that she and Adam Vauthier attended Ms. Hasquet's government class at the high school. The students filled out surveys.

Rose Nyman, 121 E. 3rd: Ms. Nyman asked if other departments were ranked in the surveys and asked why the comments were not included in the report. Julie Hoffman informed Ms. Nyman that there were a few departments that were ranked other than the ones which were listed in the survey. Ms. Hoffman informed Ms. Nyman she would calculate those results and include them in an updated report. Heather Edwards informed Ms. Nyman that Ms. Hoffman would type of the comments and include them in the update survey report.

Heather Edwards reported that some of the comments included those regarding the West Valley Sewer, the streets and sidewalks, qualifications for the CEO position, and some off the wall comments.

C. Memo to Previous Study Commissioners

Heather Edwards stated the Study Commission will hold off until the July meeting to move forward on this item. She asked the group to review the list in order to make changes, deletions or additions.

V. New Business

A. Drafting Tentative Report

Heather Edwards informed the group the Tentative Report does not have to be adopted until August 13, 2015. She stated the Study Commission will get additional input regarding the report at the June 11th meeting.

B. Additional Meeting in May

Heather Edwards stated the Study Commission will hold an additional meeting in June or July to get the Tentative Report drafted for the second public hearing in October.

C. Press Release for Public Hearing June 11, 2015

Heather Edwards stated a legal ad noticing the public hearing will run in the Leader on May 22nd. A press release will run in the Leader on 5/29, 6/5 and 6/10.

VI. Miscellaneous

No miscellaneous.

VI. Public Comment

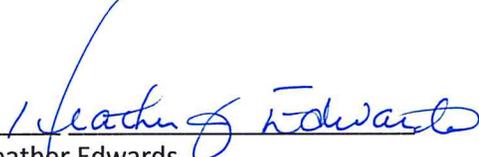
Rose Nyman, 121 E. 3rd: Ms. Nyman asked for clarification with regard to who was/was not excused from this evening's meeting. She stated that attendance did become an issue with the previous Study Commission. She stated important steps are being undertaken by the Study Commission and it is important for all of the members to be in attendance. Heather Edwards informed Ms. Nyman that Dan Tocher and Linda Sather were both excused. Adam Vauthier did not notify her he was going to be absent from the meeting.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.



Julie Hoffman
Secretary



Heather Edwards
Study Commission Chair