

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County
Commission Meeting Minutes
6:00 p.m. April 5, 2016
Courthouse Courtroom

Present: Commission Chair Hart, Commissioner Mulvey, Commissioner Lux-Burt, Commission Vice-Chair Vermeire, Commissioner Smith, CEO Ternes Daniels, and County Attorney Krakowka.

Others Present: Artha Mae Whealon, Deputy Clerk and Kathie Miller, Anaconda Leader

Commission Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commission Chair Hart explained the Commission Rules of Procedure.

Approval of Minutes from the Commission Meeting of March 15, 2016, the Commission Work Session of March 22, 2016 and the Commission Special Meeting of March 22, 2016

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes from the Commission Meeting of March 15, 2016 and the Commission Work Session of March 22, 2016 and the Commission Special Meeting of March 22, 2016; seconded by Commissioner Mulvey.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Mulvey moved to approve claims 121928 through 122050 in the amount of \$176,831.59; seconded by Commissioner Lux-Burt.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, OFFICIALS, COMMITTEES

Commissioner Vermeire attended the Airport Board Meeting and the HRC District XII Board Meeting.

Commissioner Lux-Burt attended a Superfund Meeting and the Head Start Policy Council Meeting and met with our District Representative for Head Start.

Commissioner Mulvey attended the Western Montana Mental Health Meeting and the Library Board Meeting.

Commission Chair Hart attended the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting and the Mill Creek TIFID Meeting.

CEO Ternes Daniels also attended the Superfund Meeting and the Head Start Policy Council Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 246, an Ordinance Creating a Mental Health Local Advisory Council Board Referred to as the Pintler Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC) Board and Establishing its Powers and Duties

Kitty Basirico – Public Health Director and Interim Director of the Pintler LAC: The purpose of Ordinance No. 246 is to establish a Local Advisory Council (LAC). A LAC is a coalition of community members interested in assessing, planning and strengthening public mental health services in our community.

The need for and value of Local Advisory Councils was established in 1999 by the Department of Health and Human Services. This means in our community, those impacted by the effects of mental illness can ensure their voice, suggestions and ideas can make a difference in how services are planned and provided. All those concerned and interested in how persons with mental illness are treated can participate.

If you provide these services directly or in a support capacity, your participation is important to comprehensive local planning and recommendations. Community hospitals, mental health and chemical dependency counselors, county commissioners, local law enforcement, community employers, human service agencies and school personnel and most of all consumers of mental health services and people with lived experiences are invited to participate on LACs.

This LAC has been going on for several years. It started out with Deer Lodge County, Powell County and Granite County. Currently, we are collaborating with Granite County. The reason we are presenting this as an Ordinance instead of a Resolution is because our Charter states all Boards and Committees need to be established by a County Ordinance. This will allow us to go out for grants and have a greater voice in the community. Once this Ordinance has been established, then individuals who wish to be on the Board will write a letter of interest to the Commissioners.

We do have serious mental health issues in our community. We have had several suicides in our County during the last month. Pintler Suicide Awareness and Prevention received 6 calls last month from people asking for help who were on the verge of suicide. Mental health services in our community are lacking in several areas especially with young people. This Ordinance should attract more providers to our Community and then we can chip away at some of the issues affecting our Community.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. On May 18th we are having a Family Wellness Event at the Metcalf Center. There will be a Suicide Prevention walk around the Commons before we go to the Metcalf Center. There will be lots of family fun events and the opportunity to discuss mental health services. On May 20th we are having a Tri-County Tobacco Prevention Olympics at the Commons. Within a couple of days, there will be two (2) events held in our Community to see how mental illnesses can be discussed in a positive way.

Kitty went on to thank Kenny Bell, Michelle Harrington and Heidi Nielsen for all their hard work on this Ordinance.

Rose Nyman stated she was familiar with this group, it goes back to 2009. There were two (2) consumers who had served as Chair on this Board that died suddenly and the group fell apart. Rose had concerns with the make-up of this Board. The Board shall consist of eight (8) Agency representatives and at least fifty percent (50%) of the individuals on this Board are required to have lived experience so the family members can be represented. This Board could consist of sixteen (16) members which seems numerous.

The other issue is HIPAA regulations. Minutes go out with individual names on it and I think these people need to be protected.

After three additional calls for public comment and no further public comment, Commission Chair Hart closed the public hearing at 6:22 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Award of Bid for the Anaconda Water System Improvements – Washoe Park Road (Eight (8) bids were received and LHC, Inc., is the apparent low bidder for the project in the amount of \$1,464,741.71)

Commissioner Lux-Burt stated she was glad to see this project moving forward.

CEO Ternes Daniels said bids had come in less than what was anticipated and additional work can be done with the extra dollars.

Commissioner Lux-Burt made a motion to Award the Bid for the Anaconda Water System Improvements to Washoe Park Road to LHC, Inc.; seconded by Commissioner Mulvey.

Motion passed unanimously.

MDP 16-02, a Request by APOC World, LLC to Develop a 25-yard Indoor Shooting Range to be Operated by SAFER

Doug Clark, Planning Director stated this Request had been discussed thoroughly 2 weeks ago. There are sixteen (16) conditions involved with this indoor shooting range but APOC World seems ready to go.

Commissioner Lux-Burt mentioned the sidewalk around the area is in pretty bad shape and even though it is not one of the conditions, it would be nice to see it fixed up.

Commissioner Vermeire made a motion to approve the request by APOC World, LLC to develop a 25-yard Indoor Shooting Range to be Operated by SAFER with the sixteen (16) conditions identified by the Planning Board; seconded by Commissioner Mulvey.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Anaconda Downtown Master Plan

Commissioner Lux-Burt stated it was a well written plan and she liked the assignments and timelines that were given. Butte-Silver Bow is going through the same process and maybe we can learn from them.

CEO Ternes Daniels thanked everyone who worked on this Downtown Master Plan and expects good things to come from this.

Doug Clark, Planning Director stated this plan was supposed to come to the Commissioners back in January but the team that was working on the plan reviewed it with a Consultant and realized there was a communication gap and it didn't have a lot of actionable items and wasn't useable. He applauded those on the committee who went back and made it a useable plan that made sense. This will benefit the community for years to come.

Commissioner Vermeire made a motion to approve the Anaconda Downtown Master Plan; seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion passed unanimously.

Appointment/Reappointment of a Member to the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Historic Resources Board (one vacancy; 2-year term – Dr. David Webb has requested reappointment)

CEO Ternes Daniels stated Dr. Webb is an outstanding member of this Board and would highly recommend the Commission reappoint him.

Commissioner Mulvey made a motion to reappoint Dr. Webb to the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Historic Resources Board; seconded by Commissioner Lux-Burt.

Motion passed unanimously.

Special Event Permit – Bagdad Shrine Request to Hold a Parade on June 11, 2016

CEO Ternes Daniels stated their insurance and parade route is in order and she would recommend approving this permit.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Special Event Permit-Bagdad Shrine Request to hold a Parade on June 11, 2016; seconded by Commissioner Mulvey.

Motion passed unanimously.

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Head Start Narrative to Reduce Enrollment and Convert Half-Day Classes to Full-Day Classes

CEO Ternes Daniels stated this was part of an enrollment issue wherein Head Start did not meet its numbers and this is a correction for that.

Commissioner Lux-Burt made a motion to approve the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Head Start Narrative to Reduce Enrollment and Convert Half-Day classes to Full-Day Classes; seconded by Commissioner Mulvey.

Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Request by Anaconda-Deer Lodge County to Submit an Application to the Montana State Historic Preservation Office for Certified Local Government (CLG) Funding in the amount of \$1,500.

CEO Ternes Daniels stated Charly Loper has been working on the preservation part of it. The Montana State Historic Preservation Office would like to see the County submit this application. There is a History Conference every year and it would be nice to be a part of that and keep the County in the loop.

Commissioner Lux-Burt noted there is money allocated for meals but the meal per diem is lower than the County's and she was wondering if that was a mistake.

CEO Ternes Daniels stated the meal allowance was at State rate and that was part of this grant. She stated the County can pay their employees more but maybe only that amount allocated for meals could come out of the grant.

Commissioner Lux-Burt stated we have some very qualified members on that Board.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to take action to approve the request for Anaconda-Deer Lodge County to Submit an Application to the Montana State Historic Preservation Office for the Certified Local Government Funding in the amount of \$1,500.00; seconded by Commissioner Vice-Chair Vermeire.

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Russ Bilodeau, 432 Washoe Park Road: Russ was wondering if anyone talked to the residence who live over by the Washoe Park Waterline Project about what is physically going to happen to their property and the answer to that is “no”. He questioned whether there would be fire hydrants put into that area and if so, would it change their fire district from the West Valley Fire District to the Anaconda-Deer Lodge Fire District which would raise their taxes.

CEO Ternes Daniels stated she did not have the answers to his questions but she will get the answers regarding installing fire hydrants and notifying residents about services going on in that area.

Russ said the construction going on in that area had caused concerns with parking and wanted stop signs on several of the streets by the walking trail because of speeding and safety concerns.

Commissioner Chair Hart stated on the tabulation sheet there were 9 fire hydrant assemblies. We will get Copper Environmental Consulting and Sarah Jones to look into that and see if it will affect the fire district.

Carl Nyman – Superfund Coordinator: Carl stated NorthWestern Energy will start working on the trees around the power lines tomorrow to clean up around the beaver dam. Carl noted on further inspection of the trees in that area, a lot of them were damaged and cracked from wind and other elements besides the beavers. He noted it would take about 6 days to remove the trees. Carl was looking into a Beaver Deceiver which will require a permit. This will be an interesting experience to see how it will work out. Coincidentally, Jay told Carl the Weapons Council is having a work shop next Thursday. The whole work shop is regarding beavers and beaver management in urban settings. Carl is hoping to get the Prison Fire Crew to put the fencing around the trees but they may not be able to wait that long. Two new trees have been damaged since last week from the beavers.

ADLC PUBLIC MEETING DATES

Commission Chair Hart read the ADLC Public Meeting Dates.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Mulvey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



Artha Mae Whealon
Deputy Clerk



Kevin A. Hart
Commission Chair