

**ANACONDA-DEER LODGE COUNTY  
COMMISSION WORK SESSION MEETING  
6:00 P.M. TUESDAY May 09, 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, CEO Bill Everett, County Attorney Krakowka and Clerk of Commission, Seanna Zacher

Excused Absence: District 5 Commissioner Mike Huotte.

Members of the Press: James Rosien, Anaconda Leader

**Supplemental Healthy Montana Families Task Order Amendment One Task  
for Anaconda Deer Lodge Public Health Department, Supplemental Task Order Number  
22-25-8-41-160-0**

**Lauren Bolton, Public Health Director** – Good evening, this one is fairly straight forward. This is an amendment to an existing contract to include a round of ARPA Funding that was originally going to expire. The State applied for a no cost extension, so we need to renew the task order.

- **Commissioner Gallagher** – If I understand it correctly, we basically have \$2000.00 to spend by September.
- **Lauren Bolton** – Correct.

Place on Agenda

**Montana Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant Program Contract  
MT#-CDBG-PL-21-10**

**Kaitlin Leary, Anaconda Housing Authority Director** – Good evening, Commissioners, I am Kaitlin Leary Director of the Anaconda Housing Authority. I am happy that we received the grant contract from the Department of Commerce for the block grant for the housing site redevelopment plan at Cedar Park. This is their CDBG contract that will let us move forward with the project.

- **Commissioner Hart** – They are providing matching funds for that?
- **Caitlin Leary** – Yes, the grant is for \$35,000, that's a reimbursable grant. The Housing Authority has a \$10,000 match.
- **CEO Everett** – Thank you Kaitlin, I am interested to see what happens there. I think we are all hopeful.

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**Resolution No. 23-17, A Resolution Establishing Salaries for A-DLC Employees for Fiscal Years 2023-24**

**CEO Everett** – This year we tried to follow the State precedence and offer a pay increase of four percent. You will see that amount carries through to all the Union contracts. Our goal is and always has been to treat employees as fairly as possible. I think all the employees will agree to this offer as well as a \$900.00 contribution to health insurance. I would like to get these changes input into the system prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>. You will be seeing a lot of this come through over the next few weeks. If anyone has any questions, I would be happy to answer them, thank you.

- **Commissioner Gallagher** – Out of curiosity, was there ever a salary study conducted, some look low, and some don't. Where it says see Union Contract is it possible to see which union?
- **CEO Everett** – No, a study was never conducted. You will be seeing those contracts over the next six weeks, every specific one will spell out every position within that union contract.
- **Commissioner Hart** – They are still in negotiations.

Place on Agenda

**Awarding Concession Contract Charlotte Yeoman Softball Complex**

**CEO Everett** – This is the same contract we have done in the past; this is the only person that put in a bid. There has been some confusion in the past and I want to make it clear that this does not give them exclusivity for the baseball complex, other vendors will be allowed per event approval. Thank you.

- **Commissioner Gallagher** – He provided last year's business license not this year's.

Place on Agenda

**Special Event – Little League Softball District Tournament, June 20, 2023 – June 22, 2023  
(Pending Certificate of Insurance)**

**CEO Everett** – This is one of the events I was referring to that will include other vendors. This is a great tournament and will bring a lot of people to our community. It's all positive. We have seen excellent success with this tournament.

- **Adam Mari** – 1017 N Jefferson St. Anaconda. I am here to represent the Little League Board of Directors. I wanted to thank the Commission for considering our application for our Special Event Permit. We have done a huge amount of work and we are excited for the kids to be able to have a district tournament here in Anaconda. Over the years other towns would not allow Anaconda to host the tournament, and we would really like to stick it to them. We are just really excited to have it here this year. Thank you for your time.

- **CEO Everett** – I would just like to thank everyone for the volunteer hours that have been put forth, it's the most restoration that we have had at that field. Things are looking really nice. It is nice to see someone adding to the community.
- **Adam Mari** – I would also like to mention Kevin Dee, with Dee's Home Innovation, he is amazing. He has put his life on hold for the past few weeks. He has just been incredible. Thank you.

Place on Agenda

**Special Event – Anaconda PRIDE Celebration, June 25, 2023 (Pending Certificate of Insurance)**

**Commissioner Hart** – CEO Everett it looks like with this application they are also requesting the possible closure of the block on Hickory St. for part of their event. All supervisors have signed off on this, correct?

- **CEO Everett** – Yes, they did ask for other street closures that would have been more complicated, but I feel that we can accommodate this with no problem.

Place on Agenda

**Request for Appointment to the Library Board by Marsha Miller**

Place on Agenda

**Request for reappointment to the Solid Waste Board by Mark Peterson**

Place on Agenda

**Per Municipal Code removal of Adam Vauthier from the Economic Development Board**

**Commissioner Hart** – These next two items go hand in hand, but they do need to be separate items. The first one, per Ordinance 262, the Director of the Economic Development Corporation must be on the Economic Development Board. Since Adam Vauthier no longer holds that position, this first item will be for his removal. The next item will be the appointment of the current Economic Development Corporation Director.

Place on Agenda

**Per Municipal Code appointment of Kathleen Tarkalson to the Economic Development Board**

**Commissioner Hart** – This next item is the appointment of Kathleen Tarkalson, the current Director of the Economic Development Corporation, to the Economic Development Board.

Place on Agenda

## Miscellaneous -

**Commissioner Mike Huotte:** Not Present.

**Commissioner Steve Gates:** No Miscellaneous.

**Commissioner Tom Gallagher:** No Miscellaneous.

**Commissioner Mike Beausoleil:** I would like to have the Old Works Golf Course Grand Re-Opening added to the calendar of events.

**Commissioner Mike Hart:** No Miscellaneous.

**CEO Everett:** No Miscellaneous.

**County Attorney Krakowka:** No Miscellaneous.

## PUBLIC COMMENT -

**Kristen Hebestreet-Stringer** – 606 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Anaconda. I would like to protest a law that is in the books regarding nuisance animals. This law allows animal control to seize and put to death any animal upon a third complaint. The County Attorney has reviewed this law and found it to be illegal. It does not allow for any due process; it just states three complaints, and the animal control officer has the right to seize the dog. We have a neighbor; my husband is a retired therapist and feels that this neighbor is mentally ill. The neighbor burned up the phone lines complaining about our dog Carl. He also convinced friends of his to complain about Carl. After 2 complaints about Carl, and other mitigating factors, we rehomed Carl on the basis it was going to be our third ticket when the drug dealers across the street complained. Carl would bark every time they did a meth deal, and I did report them to the police. When cars would stop for a few minutes and little brown bags would be exchanged, Carl did not like that, and he would bark. Although the County Attorney said we could retrieve Carl, health issues will not allow that at this time. No one should have to go through the pain of having their animal seized and euthanized due to law. The law is law, and this is one that should not exist. The law cannot be changed without a complaint from the public.

[Clerks Note: Ms. Stringer handed out copies of the current law to commissioners.]

You do need to review this law. The animal control officer had told me that the first ticket is \$25.00, the second ticket is \$50.00, and the third ticket is \$1200.00, but the law here states no more than \$500.00, which is still steep because it does not allow for mitigating circumstances such as difficult neighbors. I hope you do repeal this law. Thank you.

**Kevin Orrino** – 903 Marcus Daly Drive. I just wanted to give an update on Smelter City Estates. Progress started May 1<sup>st</sup>; Jonathan Construction has been moving road mix. The road looks awesome, I think we will have a great finished product. We are anticipating curbs next week and possibly asphalt in the third week of May. We must provide a 15-day public notice, so we will need you to approve this publication notice. I have been working with Carl Hamming to get this on the agenda for the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. These dates are critical to get a final plat approval. The project is looking great. We have had some setbacks this winter, it has been a long eight months. Things are moving quickly. Thank you.

**JH Delaney** – 1708 Copper. Several things, thanks for the update, Kevin. Ms. Delaney expressed her sympathy for Ms. Stringer. I hope you will look at this law where it says you can euthanize an animal. Ms. Delaney reiterated her comments from the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, emphasizing her like of Section 9 of the HUD. Thank you.

**Rose Nyman** – Would that be the infamous Ordinance 11? Animal Ordinance?

- **Commissioner Hart** – Yes, it is.
- **Rose Nyman** – We tried very hard to get this revised several years ago. Numerous meetings, a special committee was created, and numerous hours were spent but the Commission would not pass this. There was a public outcry, you do not mess with people’s animals. It probably wouldn’t hurt to look at this again. Thank you.

**Adam Mari** – Stated to CEO Everett his appreciation for the Clerk of Commission, Seanna Zacher, and the assistance she provided.

### Meeting Dates

**Commissioner Hart** – Read the meeting dates and times.

### Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

  
Seanna Zacher  
Clerk of Commission

  
Kevin Hart  
Commission Chair