

ANACONDA DEER LODGE COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETING
6:00 P.M. TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020
COURTHOUSE COURTROOM

Present: District 1, Commissioner Terry Vermeire, District 2 Commissioner Steve Gates, District 3 Commissioner Kevin Hart (Chair), District 4 Commissioner Paul Smith, District 5 Commissioner Mike Huotte (Vice-Chair), CEO Bill Everett, County Attorney Krakowka, and Clerk of Commission Lori Sturm

Members of the Press: No Press Present

Members of the Public: Per Sign-In Sheet

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

Appointment of a Chairman/Vice-Chairman

Appointment of a Chairman for the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Commission Board for the Calendar Year 2020

Commissioner Huotte – Visited with Commissioner Hart about being nominated and I believe he would be a good Chair for next year.

Motion made by Commissioner Huotte to take action to appoint Commissioner Hart as the Chairman for the Calendar Year 2020; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 5-0

Appointment of a Vice-Chairman for the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Commission Board for the Calendar Year 2020

Commissioner Gates – Mr. Huotte has mentioned an interest in the position.

Commissioner Vermeire – Also think Mr. Huotte would be a good Vice-Chair.

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to appoint Mr. Mike Huotte as the Vice-Chairman for the Calendar Year 2020; Seconded by Commissioner Vermeire.

Motion Carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes from the Commission Meeting of December 17, 2020; and the Commission Work Session of December 23, 2020.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith take action to approve the Minutes from the Commission Meeting of December 17, 2020, And The Commission Work Session of December 23, 2020; Seconded by Commissioner Huotte.

Motion Carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

CEO Everett – Explained why the one claim was excluded. It is on a cross street project for engineering. It is an overage and is quite substantial. I meet with Mr. Janney tomorrow. We will discuss this and as it moves forward with progress we will get more detail.

Rose Nyman – Not a challenge but a question about the telephone stipends.

- Commissioner Hart – That is paid for 3 months at a time.
- CEO Everett – Instead of doing monthly checks, we are trying to do some of these quarterly.

Motion made by Commissioner Huotte to take action to authorize the payment of claims numbered 132970 through 133155 excluding Claim #133101 for a total amount of claims is \$533,242.92 seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion Carried 5-0

Reports of Boards, Committees and Officials

Commissioner Huotte – Nothing to Report.

Commissioner Smith – Nothing to Report.

Commissioner Hart – Nothing to Report.

Commissioner Gates – Nothing to Report.

Commissioner Vermeire – Attended a Superfund Meeting Today.

CEO Everett – Dealing with Superfund meetings almost daily, Making progress with the health department; There will be a proposal next week from the health department regarding rental space. This has been a horrible start to the new year for Anaconda; we lost Chas Ariss prior to Christmas, and we lost of 2 great kids in Anaconda. I knew both of them personally; fantastic kids with fantastic families. The funeral on Monday was the largest funeral I have ever been a part of. We have to do it again on Thursday. The families are heartbroken and distressed and I hope there is encouragement to see that the town is there to grieve with them and give support.

County Attorney – Nothing to Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Letter to the Department of Transportation requesting that a speed study be done through the West Valley.

Commissioner Huotte – This is not to change the speed limit, but to get data to make informed decisions.

CEO Everett – I have received a lot of phone calls over this over the last 3 years, some want faster and some want slower. A study will take a lot of pressure off of us. Let the people who specialize in this (the MT Department of Transportation) do a formal study. We can then say we addressed the issue and here is the formal response.

Commissioner Huotte – Explained the 3 areas being studied.

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to approve the Letter to the Department of Transportation requesting that a speed study be done through the West Valley; Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion Carried 5-0

Finalization of the West Barker Creek Minor Subdivision.

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to approve the Finalization of the West Barker Creek Minor Subdivision; Seconded by Commissioner Huotte.

Motion Carried 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

2020 Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating Plan and Financial Plan Between Anaconda-Deer Lodge County and the USDA, Forest Service Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

Commissioner Hart – This is the same agreement we have had with the forest service for a number of years. I don't believe there are any changes in the dollar amounts; it does provide funding from the forest service for our law enforcement to patrol through the campgrounds.

CEO Everett – It is used for both Georgetown lake and the Bighole. It is funds that we have not been able to fully utilize for the last few years. We just have not had the patrol staff. There is nothing negatively involved.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to take action to approve the 2020 Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating Plan and Financial Plan Between Anaconda-Deer Lodge County and the USDA, Forest Service Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 5-0

Appointment of Commissioner Representatives to Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Boards for Calendar Year 2020

Commissioner Hart – Asked if any of the Commissioners wanted to change their boards, or would they like to keep the same schedule for 2020.

Commissioner Vermeire, Gates and Huotte – Reported that they were comfortable with the boards.

- Commissioner Huotte – Pointed out that now the Old Works Golf Course is no longer an ex-officio it will be as member.
- Commissioner Hart – That is now Commissioner Huotte and Commissioner Vermeire.

Rose Nyman – There was no Commission representative on the Action Inc. Board last year; will that be covered.

- Commissioner Vermeire – We should get a hold of Margie Seccomb to see if that position has been filled. Important for someone from Anaconda be on that board. Reported that the Western Montanan Mental health Board, the northern and southern board will stay with the original schedule. Southern board will meet in Butte and the Northern Board in Missoula, except for joint meetings which are normally at the MACo Conference.

Motion made by Commissioner Huotte to take action to make appointments to the Commission representatives to the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Boards for Calendar Year 2020 with no changes; Seconded by Commissioner Vermeire.

Motion Carried 5-0

Resolution 20-01, A Resolution ESTABLISHING ANACONDA-DEER LODGE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING DATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020

Commissioner Hart – This sets the same agenda as we have had for a number of years. Read the main points of the resolution.

- JH Delaney – Required further explanation of times and places being changed.
- Commissioner Hart – Explained in further detail that the Commission could change location and gave the example of a trial. They meeting location could be changed as long as there is appropriate notice.

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to approve Resolution 20-01, A Resolution ESTABLISHING ANACONDA-DEER LODGE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING DATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020; Seconded by Commissioner Vermeire.

Motion Carried 5-0

Resolution 20-02, A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING COUNTY HOLIDAYS FOR CALENDAR Year 2020

Commissioner Hart – This covers 12 holidays and election day.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to take action to approve Resolution 20-02, A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING COUNTY HOLIDAYS FOR CALENDAR Year 2020; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 5-0

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Huotte – Now that the holidays are over if we could get Mr. Janney on the agenda to discuss the west valley sewer project.

Commissioner Smith – No Miscellaneous

Commissioner Hart – No Miscellaneous

Commissioner Gates – No Miscellaneous

Commissioner Vermeire – No Miscellaneous

CEO Everett – No Miscellaneous

County Attorney – No Miscellaneous

Public Comment

JH Delaney – Thanked the panel for putting the agenda's and meetings in the Leader. It is great to let the public know. I also appreciate when there is more information on the agenda's instead of the use acronyms.

A-DLC Public Meeting Dates

Commission Chairman Hart read the meeting dates and times.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.



Lori Sturm
Clerk of Commission



Kevin Hart
Commission Chair