

**ANACONDA DEER LODGE COUNTY
COMMISSION WORK SESSION
6 P.M. TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 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 Hart called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commission Chair Hart explained the Commission rules of procedure.

Presentation - Update to the Commission on how the tobacco program works with point-of-sale advertising at local tobacco retailers and what are the effects of POS on our youth.

Melissa Roseleip – Updated the Commission on what is done in the county for the program. A handout was given to the Commission on “Point of Sale” and advertising of tobacco. Retailers advertise to the public, example of targeting youth is that the material is placed at eyelevel, bright colors. When talking to the youth she gives the example of an E-Cigarette flavor of “Unicorn Poop”. They are not advertising to your grandparents who have been chain smokers. They are targeting “7 year olds who love unicorns”. The prices are also reduced to get young people and get them addicted to the product. In July I visited the local tobacco retailers and made sure that all of the tobacco products were behind the counter.

- CEO Everett – You are energetic and believe in what you do.
- County Attorney – You are doing a good job.
- Commissioner Hart – How is your reception on point of sale with the retailers?
- Melissa Roseleip – They are very positive and receptive.

The Washoe Park Begonia House

Norm DeNeal, Garden Club President – Asked the Commission for permission to have 2 contractors do repair work on the Begonia house in Washoe Park. They are Konnie’s House of Color and Dale Harris Construction. There is a fair amount of rotted material on the Begonia House. This belongs to you and not the garden club; but we are willing to pay Dale Harris and Konnie \$13,632.00 for repair work. The Garden Club is asking for your permission for the contractors to do the work.

CEO Everett – The Garden Club does some really neat things for the town. It is a heck of a gesture. If you are willing to line up and pay for the contractors; the whole community gets the benefit. I am in support of this.

County attorney – Also supports this idea. The County is good at big projects, sometimes these smaller projects are best accomplished by a group such as the Garden Club. I thank them for their efforts.

Norm DeNeal – It has taken us about a dozen years to raise that kind of money to put aside for this type of project.

Place on the Agenda

Grant Application for Victim Witness Advocate position.

County Attorney Krakowka – Spoke on behalf of Melissa Huotte. This is the application that is done every year to help fund the Victim Witness Advocate Program. She provides the link to maintaining contact with victims and witnesses which is required by the statute. This last year she had 353 new victims that she assisted. This includes everything from minor events to assisting families in a homicide. She assists with services, counselors. This is an important program and provides a connection for victims, law enforcement and the county attorney's office.

Commissioner Huotte – Disclosed that Melissa is his wife and when it comes to voting next week I will abstain. I will point out that the grant is a 2-year grant; it is 20% funded by the county and 80% funded by the Board of Crime Control. It is part of our match and on the 2 year budget is about \$12,000 each year.

Place on the Agenda.

Reconciling Change Order No. 01 for 2019 Cross Streets Pavement Restoration Project.

Ed Janney, Project Engineer with DOWL – This change order is to match up the estimated quantities of bid time with the actual quantities that were installed during construction. Quantities that add to the additional cost such as are additional asphalt surfacing, 6" concrete sidewalk and the standard curb and gutter. These are about 95% of the additional cost. Explained some of the challenges of the project of having flat land on some sections of the cross streets. Flat streets are less than desirable from an engineering standard for minimum grade. Two issues were the condition of the existing sidewalk, curb and gutter. During design we made a judgement call as to what would be sufficient. This change order also includes 28 days of additional contract time. The additional days were a combination of time necessary for the additional concrete work and weather.

CEO Everett – All of these change orders are within reason. These are things that we gave permission to, step by step as we walked through the projects. We are trying to this right and within reason. This is about a 1.1 million dollar project on the cross streets. This summer we will have a 2.5 million dollar project; over twice the construction. It will be gorgeous when completed.

Place on the Agenda.

Proposed name change for access road Kestral Lane (Georgetown Vista Minor Subdivision) to Double R Lake Drive or RR Lake View Drive.

Gayla Hess, Planning Department – I received a road name change request from a new property owner. Kestral lane was named as part of the Georgetown Vista Minor subdivision. This road has not been mapped in our emergency services map, so there are no addresses associated with Kestral lane. The new property owner requests that it be changed to one of the 2 proposed names. Both have been confirmed as being unique for the county. If the name change request is approved; we would recommend that the easement that has been filed associated with this access road be revised and amended with the Clerk and Records Office. That would be the responsibility of the property owner.

CEO Everett – This is property that has not been developed. I am not necessarily for or against this. I don't believe this impacts anyone else.

- Gayla Hess – There is one address near this road, but it has a Brown Derby Lane address. I believe the RR and Double R are inspired because this access road was the railroad bed.
- Commissioner Hart – Which name is preferred?
- Gayla Hess – I believe the first listed name is the first choice.

Place on the Agenda

Request to move the Public Health Department to 118 E. 7th Street (Anaconda Local Development Building)

Leigh Ann Holmes, Public Health Director – Provided information on the issues with the current location such as parking, interior damage from water leaks, heating issues, gas odors from sewer lines. We looked at the Local Development and were given a few options; one had 1920 sq. ft. and the other had 1952 sq. ft. We proposed that we enter into a lease with the Anaconda Local Development Corporation. There are 2 different options: one is for a 3-yr at \$11.00 a sq. ft. and the other is for 5 years at \$10.00 a sq. ft. They plan on putting in some new flooring, and the necessary sinks that would be needed for public health. The parking will not be an issue at that building. They also have agreed to provide the internet for the building, so we will not have that bill each month. Either of these contracts will be more cost effective than our current space.

CEO Everett – We are rebranding out public health. We had a huge deficiency in the public health department. The state of Montana made us very aware of this and our partner in public health . . . Butte-Silverbow also made us aware. Both of them have been helping us rebrand, re-create, restart public health. Part of the problem is image. It is not a building you would want to go into for medical services; it makes you think of place you would go for an oil change. It is a deplorable building, it is not clean, it is tacky, and run-down. It does not meet any safety code. We looked at what it would take to bring it up to standard and we are talking over a million dollars. You don't put a million dollars in a

hundred thousand dollar building. It is another building for maintenance; it has leaky pipes, electrical issues, and no parking. The location does not provide privacy. People who are parking do not want you to know they are at public health.

- Leigh Ann Holmes – We have a family planning clinic that we would like to expand. We would like to address STD's and prevention, birth control etc.
- CEO Everett – We have the funding and the expertise. The advantages of the newbuilding would be the costs are about \$19,000 to \$20,000. We are able to charge our current grants. This will be an advantage to us and one less maintenance nightmare. It is a medical building; it is professional and looks nice. Mr. Vauthier has offered to update the space. A new health department in a medical building. Located in a building where you could be there for 20 different reasons. No-one knows why you are there. It provides privacy and parking. It is close to the high school and be available for students. There are a lot of advantages. The downside is that the county will have a vacant building. We don't have to make a decision about that now. It will better the public health department.

County Attorney – Questioned if this was on the first floor?

- Leigh Ann Holmes – Yes it is and approximately half of the first floor.
- CEO Everett – Recommended that we go with the \$10.00 per sq. ft. A-LDC is trying to make this work for us.

Rose Nyman - Not opposed but has some concerns. It is not a healthy building for employees to be working in; there could be a lot of black mold. In the 2012 budget hearings the interim CEO was instructed to get the Commercial building inspection of that building; and that did not take place. I did ask for a written report. The county bought a building that had one issue after another. If the inspection was done properly I don't think the county would have made the purchase. Concerned that we do not have public transportation and it has been convenient for clients who live at Mount Haggin Homes and even Cedar Park. Believes parking is a concern at the local development. Perhaps the executive director has a plan to alleviate that; parking is tight there also due to the high school. Did not understand that the cost would be about the same? Believes it would be a good move and more confidential.

- CEO Everett – Basically what pays for the building is about 10 different grants. Each grant allows a certain portion of the grant to be used for building. That is the money we are talking about.

Karan Kunz, Health Board Chair – On behalf of the board I would like to say we support this move. Encourage the Commission to consider this. It will be more economical and professional.

Adam Vauthier, Director of Anaconda Local Development – We do see the problem of parking and it is the high schoolers parking in the lot. We will have to deal with this.

Commissioner Huotte – I support this move. The current building is in disarray. What would be the start date for the lease and a move in date?

- The date of March 1st was provided.

Place on the Agenda

Position Description for Planning Director

CEO Everett - I am proposing is moving the description to what it was 3 years ago. There were some advantages of the public works director description there were a lot more issues that arose from it. Under our formation of government management it does not work. We have some very capable department heads, Mr. Wayne Wendt in the road department, Mr. Puccinelli at the water department, John Leo Sladich at the Parks department. Another layer of management does not help us. We are simplifying the planning office. We are cutting the salary so that will save some resources.

Commissioner Vermeire – The Planning director will not be over the airport department.

- CEO Everett – No . . . it will be a planning department.

Place on the Agenda.

Commission appointment of Joe Ungaretti to the URA Board in the Planning Director’s vacancy

CEO Everett – The County has a seat on the downtown TIFID board. It has usually been the planning director, and we need to fill that seat. We need the voting rights to get up and going. Mr. Ungaretti has been very involved as he has been doing a lot of the blight clean-up. He has been working to tear down buildings, and do parking lots. Use the monies to help enhance some of the properties. He has been involved with the last year and half any way. He is vocal and has an opinion and is needed on the board. He would do a great job of representing that county seat.

Place on the Agenda.

Resolution No. 20-03, A Resolution to Determine the Auction Date and Minimum Sale Prices for Tax Deed Auction Properties Sold at a Tax Deed Land Sale in Anaconda-Deer Lodge County.

Eric Hoiland, Treasurer – We started this process last February, March and had about 80 to 90 properties. We are down to 11 to go to auction. January 24th is the auction date at 9:00 a.m. We have gone with a high price of \$15,000. We have been down this road and the properties are continually recycled. The higher price will accomplish that a bid will force the individual to follow through. If nobody makes a purchase then it gives us control to make decisions. If it doesn’t sell at the first auction we will have to do this again. At the end of the 2 auctions, we can treat it like inventory. We can tear them down or remodel.

CEO Everett – The higher price was set with discussion. For clarification if someone had bid \$500 for a

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property we would give it to them. Then 3 years later Mr. Hoiland is doing this again. They buy for \$500 and then realize it will take \$50,000 to get it habitable. This way the properties will be the counties. If they have an idea, they can come before the commission. Make the terms specific one on one. It gives us the control.

County Attorney – This is an excellent idea. We may get someone who is actually vested in doing something with the property. We don't want it to keep coming back to us.

Place on the Agenda

Request to be appointed to the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Historic Resource Board by Bob Wren.

Rose Nyman – Spoke in support of Mr. Wren. He serves on the planning board and arrives at the meetings well prepared and participates. He would be an asset to this board.

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Request to be appointed to the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Board of Adjustments by Judy Barber. (Letter attached)

Place on the Agenda

Request to be reappointed to the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Airport Board by Al Messer. (Letter attached)

CEO Everett – We all know Mr. Messer, he is a great guy who has been involved with many boards. I suggest you reaffirm his appointment.

County Attorney – Mr. Messer seems to make a significant contribution to anything he is involved with.

Place on the Agenda.

Request to be reappointed to the Anaconda-Deer Lodge county Board of Adjustments by Donna Kostelecky.

Place on the Agenda

Special Event Permit for Movie Night at the Courthouse, on Courthouse lawn on June 20, 2020, pending Certificate of Insurance – Tami Martin (ACI Inc. & Butte Cares/SW MT Prevention)

Tami Martin – Last year we did a courthouse movie and it was quite successful. We had about 40 people

show up. I have had lots of people telling me how much fun they had, what a great event. The idea is to give an alternative activity for youth and families to encourage them to come together to do something that is alcohol and drug free. The idea of having it at the courthouse was to give a different perception to our youth about the friendliness of law enforcement, the key leaders of the community. We hope to bring it back again. We have a little more experience and can plan for the wind. The same company will come out to do the screen and video.

CEO Everett – Last year the event was a tremendous success. We even had people volunteer from the courthouse to help work on it. Chase Wyant volunteered his Saturday to make sure the sprinklers were off, work with the lights, escort people in and out of the restrooms. It is a neat event. It is nice when someone plans ahead instead of last minute. Thank you.

County Attorney – The planning ahead is very helpful. I attended last year with my wife and 2 kids. It was really fun. I encourage you to bring kids, grandkids. There was popcorn and pop and families had a really good time. The idea of having it at the courthouse shows that there is something positive happening at the courthouse.

Place on the Agenda.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Huotte – No Miscellaneous

Commissioner Smith – No Miscellaneous

Commissioner Hart – No Miscellaneous

Commissioner Gates – No Miscellaneous

Commissioner Vermeire – Old Works Golf course Board is getting close to having a contract with CourseCo as the new management company for the golf course. I think we will have a contract on Thursday and then it will have to go before the golf course authority board and then I would like to have it on the agenda next week.

Commissioner Huotte – The Old Works board will not be meeting until Wednesday. The 20th is a holiday and that an alternate date of the 22nd was proposed.

Commissioner Hart – Find out what your board decides and we can schedule a special meeting after the work session and it can be done on the 28th.

CEO Everett – I have a Special Event Permit from Friends of the Hearst Free Library. February 9th is the annual, chocolate, wine and cheese fundraiser at the Library.

Place on the Agenda

Public Comment

JH Delaney – Requested information from Commissioner Huotte on the Greenway Service District Meeting. Could you speak about that meeting that was held as the same time as the funeral.

- Commissioner Huotte informed Ms. Delaney that he attended the funeral. The next meeting would be held in Butte.

Mickey Nazer – Brought the Commission up to date on the Veteran’s Memorial Project. Showed the Commission a picture of the eagle designed by Fred Boyer. Fred Boyer, Jodee, Dave and Lorenzo McCarthy have donated the eagle. My unit in Viet Nam was the 101st airborne. . . which is an eagle. On the eagle is the 101st airborne, I tell all of the guys on the committee “The 101st is watching over you”. Read to the Commission a message from the “Eagle” about being one of many eagles that served on D-Day. Provided the Commission with some of history on the battles. “I am proud to be the 101st eagle chosen to watch over this memorial and the elite soldiers.” The obelisk is ordered and coming from India. India has the best granite in the world. Explained the writings that would be included on the granite. Right now we have about 200 names to be placed on the tiles, we are able to do 720; and if necessary we can have 2 more stands built. Concerned that the Commission did not provide any help. There have been 4 fundraisers. This is your project, wish you would come to one of the meetings. We have raised over \$80,000 in 8 months. We have received \$20,000 in a grant. I would like to see you also get involved in is the DAV van. We currently have one driver left. I hope you have some influence to get some drivers. Currently there is one driver and the drivers get burnt out and quit. Please get the word out, it is a good project and I would hate to see it go. Also mentioned that he received a letter from first graders. It is amazing to see a first grader writing to thank me for service and support and looking forward to seeing the memorial.

Commissioner Hart – Thank you for the update and thank you for your service.

CEO Everett – As far as the drivers we can motivate a few people. Another project that I talked to some of your vets at the last uniform ceremony is about a flag. Drummond has a huge monster flag. I would like to do in conjunction with the veterans is place one of those big flags at the entrance to Anaconda. It would look absolutely tremendous. We need the veteran support for this.

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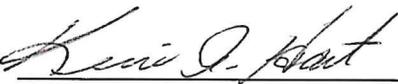
Commissioner Hart read the meeting dates and times.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



Lori Sturm
Clerk of Commission



Kevin Hart
Commission Chair