County Commission Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2022

ANACONDA-DEER LODGE COUNTY  
COMMISSION MEETING  
6 P.M. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022  
COURTHOUSE COURTRoom

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

Excused Absence: District 2 Commissioner, Steve Gates

Members of the Press: James Rosien, Anaconda Leader

Members of the Public: Per Sign-In Sheet

Commissioner Huotte called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Huotte explained the Commission rules of procedure.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the Commission meeting of February 1, 2022; and the Commission Work Session Meeting of February 8, 2022

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to take action to approve the Minutes from the Commission meeting of February 1, 2022; and the Commission Work Session Meeting of February 8, 2022; Seconded by Commissioner Hart.

Motion Carried 4-0

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Commissioner Hart to take action to authorize the payment of claims numbered 138365 through 138474 in the amount of $275,982.80 Seconded by Commissioner Vermeire.

Motion Carried 4-0

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

- **Commissioner Hart** – Attended a Park and Recreation Meeting on February 7th.
- **Commissioner Smith** – Nothing to Report.
- **Commissioner Vermeire** – Attended an Old Works Authority Board meeting and a DUI Task Force meeting.
Commissioner Huotte – Attended an Old Works Authority Board Meeting on February 7th.

CEO Everett – Nothing to Report

County Attorney Krakowka – Attended a DUI Task Force Meeting and a Multi-Disciplinary Task Force Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Support for Fish Wildlife and Parks proposed acquisition of an 829-acre parcel to Mount Haggin Wildlife Management Area.

Motion made by Commissioner Hart to take action to Support the Fish Wildlife and Parks proposed acquisition of an 829-acre parcel to Mount Haggin Wildlife Management Area with a Qualified Letter of Support for the Commission; Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion Carried 4-0

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

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

Motion Carried 4-0

MOU Addendum and Extension Agreement (Technical and Legal Assistance MOU) Smith

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to take action to approve the MOU Addendum and Extension Agreement (Technical and Legal Assistance MOU); Seconded by Commissioner Hart.

Motion Carried 4-0

LexisNexis – Lexis Advance Subscription Amendment for State/Local Government (1-year or 3-year subscription)

Commissioner Hart – Asked the County Attorney a preference for a 1 year or 3 years.

• County Attorney Krakowka – Believes the 3 year is a better financial option. It will save the county money in the long run. We will be needing this legal research tool into the future.
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Motion made by Commissioner Hart to take action to approve the LexisNexis – Lexis Advance Subscription Amendment for State/Local Government for a 3-year Subscription; Seconded by Commissioner Vermeire.

Motion Carried 4-0

Toni Hofland appointment as Clerk and Recorder/Election Administrator, effective February 21, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Vermeire to take action to appoint Toni Hofland as Clerk and Recorder/Election Administrator, effective February 21, 2022; Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion Carried 4-0

Request to Advertise for Bid – Smelter City Estates – Water and Sewer Improvements Project.

Kevin Orrino – Spoke as a representative of Smelter City Estates. My team and I have given all we had to complete this project. We have approached the project with integrity, enthusiasm, and excitement. We want great things for this community. Thanked the Commission, A-DLC Department Heads (Paul and Wayne) and our CEO Bill Everett. Bill’s drive and commitment to improve Anaconda is admirable. I am excited about our future. They say parent’s will do anything to get their kids back home . . . I had to build a subdivision. Thank you for your prior support and asking for your vote tonight.

Motion made by Commissioner Hart to take action to approve the Request to Advertise for Bid – Smelter City Estates – Water and Sewer Improvements Project; Seconded by Commissioner Vermeire.

Motion Carried 4-0

Change Order No. 1 – Hoffmans R&M Old Works Road Project.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to take action to approve the Change Order No. 1 – Hoffmans R&M Old Works Road Project; Seconded by Commissioner Vermeire.

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Request to Advertise for Bid – Daly Improvements Project.

Bill Converse, Resident of the Daly Addition – Apologized for last week in suggesting about a storm sewer being hooked into the city water storm system on Park Street. That does not exist, it was my mistake.

- Talked about the following concerns:
  1. A culvert going under MT Hwy. 1 and dumping into a pond – conflicts with the Mosquito Control District.
  2. In favor of being a part of Lighting District #10.
  3. Talked about the water/sewer lines. Believes it would be beneficial to the residents to be informed about the plans.
  4. Asked about new streets in the area and elevation issues with sidewalks. Listed the streets in the area that did not have sidewalks and cost involved in replacement. Also wondered about plans for curbing. Asked if this project goes to a general contractor and then concrete work would be sub-contractor, etc.?
- Commissioner Hart – There are places in the documents we have that mention the sewer replacement and water replacement.
- CEO Everett – It would be very minimal. Most of that sewer is not in the street.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to take action to approve the Request to Advertise for Bid – Daly Improvements Project; Seconded by Commissioner Hart.

Motion Carried 4-0

Request for Reappointment to the Communication Board by Gary Wenger.

Motion made by Commissioner Vermeire to take action to reappoint Gary Wenger to the Communication Board; Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion Carried 4-0

Request for Appointment to the Board of Health by Ann Cambell.

Motion made by Commissioner Hart to take action to appoint Ann Cambell to the Board of Health; Seconded by Commissioner Vermeire.

Motion Carried 4-0

Resignation of Mary Murphy from the Hearst Free Library Board.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to take action to approve the Resignation of Mary Murphy from the Hearst Free Library Board; Seconded by Commissioner Hart.
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Motion Carried 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter Related to Head Start

Commissioner Huotte – At this time the right to privacy exceeds the public right to know; the Commission will move into an Executive Session to Discuss the Personnel Matter related to Head Start.

Commission Adjourned at 6:27 p.m. for Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter Related to Head Start

Commission Reconvened at 6:49 p.m. from the Executive Session.

Commissioner Huotte – At this time the Commission could take action to approve the letter discussed in closed session.

Motion made by Commissioner Hart that the Commission take action to send the letter that had been discussed that was related to the personnel issue; Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion Carried 4-0

MISCELLANEOUS

- Commissioner Hart – No Miscellaneous
- Commissioner Gates - No Miscellaneous.
- Commissioner Smith – No Miscellaneous.
- Commissioner Vermeire – No Miscellaneous.
- Commissioner Huotte – Forgot to mention that Commissioner Gates was Excused from tonight’s meeting.
- CEO Everett – Yesterday there was a very high-profile case held in this courtroom. There were a lot of eyes on our police support and emphasis also on the county attorney's office. I want to complement all of them from the detectives to the officers on the street and to County Attorney Krakowka and his team. They did an excellent job that could have created liability.
- County Attorney – Thanked Bill for the compliment and no further miscellaneous.
PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Converse – Brought up 2 items. First item is the Mosquito Control District for the West Valley. Talked about taxes and noted that his tax statement in 2019 money was taken out for the Mosquito Control, in 2020 the Mosquito Control was on the statement, but zero money was taken out, on the tax statement for 2021 the statement for West Valley Mosquito Control District does not even appear. Asked that this be investigated. Believes the money taken has been well worth it. Second concern is the alley behind Tillie’s. Believes it has 70% more traffic than a lot of the streets in Anaconda. The problem is the dust from the alley, especially terrible in the summer. Brought up millings used on Elk Park Road and eliminated the dust. Can the Commission do anything about the dust problem?

- CEO Everett – If money is not being used, we don’t take out more money for the savings. That board is not using the money to spray and that is the problem. The board is not doing their job and are not hiring someone to spray mosquito’s.

Rose Nyman – Asked if the county could provide coupons to the police department for car washes. One of the vehicles went by and I couldn’t even read Police.

  - CEO Everett – Honestly, I washed my county truck yesterday and today you can’t tell. It is that time of year.

ADLC Meeting Dates and Times

Commissioner Huotte - Read the meeting dates and times.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Lori Sturm
Clerk of Commission

Mike Huotte
Commission Chair