

Commission Meeting  
February 19, 2019

**ANACONDA DEER LODGE COUNTY**  
**COMMISSION MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019**  
**COURTHOUSE COURTROOM**

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

Absent: District 4 Commissioner Charlie McCurdy

Members of the Press: Kathie Miller, Anaconda Leader

Members of the Public: Per Sign-In Sheet

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Approval of Minutes from the Commission Meeting of February 5, 2019; and the Commission Work Session of February 12, 2019.**

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to approve the Minutes from the Commission Meeting of February 5, 2019; and the Commission Work Session of February 12, 2019; Seconded by Commissioner Huotte.

Motion Carried 4-0

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Motion made by Commissioner Hart to take action to authorize the payment of claims numbered 130356 through 130505 in the amount \$207,175.77 seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 4-0

**Reports of Boards, Committees and Officials**

Commissioner Huotte – Attended the West Valley Fire Department meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>, and the Health Board meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Hart – Nothing to Report

Commissioner Gates – Nothing to Report

Commissioner Vermeire – Attended the DUI Task Force meeting; the Board of Health meeting and numerous Superfund meetings.

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CEO Everett – Attended MMIA Executive Session in Helena, Maco Winter Convention, Legislative hearings, met with the DEQ, and Meetings with Arco. Not able to release information about meeting with Arco, it is frustrating but I am optimistic.

County Attorney – Attended the Montana County Attorney’s Association Board Meeting, and Friday attended legislature in Helena.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Memorandum Addendum and Seventh Extension Agreement (Technical and Legal Assistance MOU).**

Commissioner Vermeire – This is the MOU between Atlantic Richfield and the County for Superfund negotiations.

Motion made by Commissioner Huotte to take action to approve the Memorandum Addendum and Seventh Extension Agreement (Technical and Legal Assistance MOU); Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion carried 4-0

#### **Head Start request to submit the COLA (Cost of Living Agreement) Grant Application.**

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to approve the Head Start Request to submit the COLA (Cost of Living Agreement) Grant Application; Seconded by Commissioner Huotte.

Motion carried 4-0

#### **Request for Property Adjustment of Solid Waste Fees Removal by James Hanson for property located at 618 East Commercial, Anaconda, MT**

Commissioner Hart – Questioned what criteria and discussion was considered by the Solid Waste Board before making this recommendation.

Commissioner Vermeire – Remembered that this came up several years ago and talking about the sewer fees when the buildings were gone, but even an empty lot is capable of producing solid waste, tree branches, leaves, grass clippings etc. I thought at that time there was criteria set.

Commissioner Hart – There were things that were discussed. The commission would consider whether it was a lot that was adjoining to a residence of a homeowner, basically next to an extra lot. If there were two lots that were together they could be joined as one, and that would make the second fee. Every property has that potential for producing solid waste. We should see what was discussed at the Solid Waste Board. I don’t think we have any of the minutes.

Chas Ariss, Public Works Director – There were actually four applications requesting for fees to be removed. Two of the applications were rejected, because there were still primary residences on them and a variety of solid waste located throughout the properties.

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The first item you are looking at tonight is 618 E. Commercial and is a vacant lot per my site inspection. The only thing on the lot was a single passenger car. This likely has grass during the growing season, but no revegetation. Explained to the Commission that he serves in an advisory capacity to the Solid Waste Board and does not make the decisions. The recommendation came from two board members to remove the fees from that site. The next item is the 1109 East Third Street property. There is no primary residence on that lot. It does look like there are several garages and outbuildings to the south of the property line. The property line has not been verified due to snow on the ground. That one definitely has potential to generate solid waste, but again it was the Solid Waste Boards Decision to accept these two applications.

Motion made by Commissioner Hart to take action to table this item until more information can be received and to find out what was actually discussed and the criteria that the Solid Waste Board used to make this determination; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion to table carried 4-0

**Request for Property Adjustment of Solid Waste Fees Removal by Ron Vetter for property located at 1109 East Third, Anaconda, MT**

Commissioner Hart – Voiced the same concerns for this property.

Commissioner Huotte – Drove by the properties. Believes there are things that would generate solid waste.

Motion made by Commissioner Hart to take action to table this item until more information can be received and to find out what was actually discussed and the criteria that the Solid Waste Board used to make this determination; Seconded by Commissioner Huotte.

Motion to table carried 4-0

**Appointment to the Park and Recreation Board; Toni Hofland is Requesting Appointment.**

Motion made by Commissioner Huotte to take action to appoint Toni Hofland to the Park and Recreation Board; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion carried 4-0

**Appointment to the Communications Board; Gary Wenger is Requesting Appointment.**

Motion made by Commissioner Hart to take action to appoint Gary Wenger to the Communications Board; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion carried 4-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

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No New Business at this meeting.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- **Commissioner Huotte** – No Miscellaneous.
- **Commissioner McCurdy** – No Miscellaneous.
- **Commissioner Hart** – No Miscellaneous.
- **Commissioner Gates** – No Miscellaneous.
- **Commissioner Vermeire** – No Miscellaneous.
- **CEO Everett** – No Miscellaneous.
- **County Attorney** – No Miscellaneous.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rose Nyman – Brought up the Glover Cabin at Washoe Park and that it is believed to be the oldest structure in Anaconda; about 150 years old. I have been told that it is being used for storage. I would like to see a little more respect for our historic buildings. Respectfully asked the CEO to look into this.

Another item is that the Historic Resources board is an advisory board. I assume they have to have commission approval to apply for grants. I have read through their ordinance and it doesn't really say. They are planning and hoping for restoration, which I would support, but it needs to come before the commission. Would like someone to look into this also.

According to the Historic Resource Minutes they have applied to the Community Foundation. The Foundation has 2 grant cycles in the spring and fall. I would not expect that to open until late February, or early March. According to the minutes they requested \$1000.00 and would like to up this to \$3000.00. I want to see the cabin restored, don't misunderstand.

### **ADLC Public Meeting Dates**

Commissioner Vermeire read the meeting dates and times.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Lori Sturm  
Clerk of Commission

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Terry Vermeire  
Commission Chair