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March 8, 2022

ANACONDA-DEER LODGE COUNTY
COMMISSION WORK SESSION MEETING
6:00 P.M. TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022
COURTHOUSE COURTROOM

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

Members of the Press: James Rosien, Leader

Members of the Public: Per Sign-In Sheet

Special Event Permits for Easter Egg Hunts to be approved by the CEO with verification of
Insurance Certificate.

Commissioner Huotte – This has come up every year with some stragglers coming in at the last
minute. We don’t want to punish the kids for a processing issue.

  • **CEO Everett** – This does make it simple. Maybe there is a way to look at this so that they
    won’t even need some of these things. Maybe we need to look at the Events in general
    and some could be filtered through and streamlined and save on the liability insurance.
    The liability is so minimal.

  • **County Attorney Krakowka** – We will sit down and talk about this I believe something
    can be worked out.

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Agreement (Jointly Sponsored Recreation Program) Between Anaconda-Deer Lodge County
and Anaconda School District.

CEO Everett – This is similar to what we had in the past, there are a few lines that that changed.
This year is a trial period as all these programs are being reviewed with the new Parks
administrator.

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CEO Everett – The contract is truly one sided. We may let them use the machine, but we are
not telling them how to run it, we are not training and not giving them the chips. The School
District is liable for that machine if anything happens to it. We do not want to be involved in the
School District’s Elections.
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• **County Attorney Krakowka** – I agree with the CEO’s assessment. Enough can go wrong with elections as it is.

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**Erosion Control Agreement – Scope of Work (DOT North of Moose Creek North)**

**Carl Hamming, Planning Director** – This item originated a few years back when Western Federal Lands funded the project on Highway 569 (Mill Creek Highway). There is one outstanding item from that dealing with the storm water prevention plan. Since some of the vegetation did not take . . . this one item is still outstanding. Western Federal Lands is allocating $48,000.00 to the county to hire a certified erosion control specialist to finish the project and deal with the storm water and get some wood type of plants in there and close the project.

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**Smelter City Estates Water and Sewer Improvements – Award of Bid**

**Carl Hamming, Planning Director** – Sarah did include in the packet a letter. Deluxe has reviewed the bid package prepared by the lowest bidder which was Hoffman’s R&M Services. They found it to be complete and in conformance with the bid requirements. Based on the reviewed information, Deluxe acknowledges that Hoffman has met the requirements of the lowest, responsible responsive bidder and is eligible to receive award of the contract in the amount of $239,150.00, should A-DLC choose to make such award to them. Sarah Jones recommends awarding the bid to Hoffman’s.

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**Old Works Estates Major Subdivision – Recommendation of Contract Award – Schedule A**

**Sara Cline, Alloy** – We received 3 bids for this project, and they were very competitive. The lowest bidder for Schedule A is H&H Contracting. The paperwork was in order. Alloy group recommends that the county Award them Schedule A for this project. Sara corrected the stated price during the public comment section to be $1,186,690.00.

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**Old Works Estates Major Subdivision – Recommendation of Contract Award – Schedule B**

**Sara Cline, Alloy** – For Schedule B the lowest bidder was Hoffman’s R&M at $19,800.00. They were the most competitive bid. All the paperwork was in good order. We have worked with them in the past and recommend them for award of Schedule B.
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Ordinance Number 267, An Ordinance Amending the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Airport Board and Establishing Its Powers and Duties (First Reading/Introduction and Setting a Public Hearing Date) {Suggested Public Hearing Date of April 5, 2022}

Carl Hamming, Planning Director – With the recent resignations the Airport Board is down to 3 members; the current ordinance requires 5 members to be present for a quorum and 7 members to be appointed to the board. This puts the airport Board in a challenging position where they cannot host an official meeting or take any action. They have been trying to find some new members to join but no success so far. One of the last alternatives is looking at amending the ordinance to allow a smaller number of members. See if we can have 5 members on the board; therefore 3 would be a quorum. There is one interesting note in the redline version that would allow out of county residents, adjoining counties to at least be considered by the Commission. This is stemming from one potential board member who is from Anaconda, but lives across the county line in Silver Bow. He has a vested interest in the airport. Would this be something the Commission would be willing to include in the rewrite of the ordinance. The Commission is the one appointing the board members; since this is only an advisory board, they do not control any funds. The rest is the same we just want to change the numbers to have official meetings again.

- Commissioner Hart – I don’t know if I am crazy about the idea of having members that do not reside in Anaconda-Deer Lodge County. I will have to think about that for next week.

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Task Order Amendment Number One, Task Order for FPP Healthcare IT Modernization – Task Order Number 21-25-5-11-052-0

Leigh Ann Holmes, Public Health Director – This Task Order amends our contract with the Family Planning Program, the state DPHHS. It is adding approximately $25,000.00 to our current contract to modernize and transfer our records from when we were under Butte. This would be moving our records from their data base into our own and some new software. This has already been purchased so it is to reimburse us for things that have been done. It also amends the year to go through June 30, 2022.

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Request for Appointment to the Health Board by Ian Lux.

Leigh Ann Holmes – I would ask that you support Ian Lux as a Health Board member. In his letter he indicated why . . . he is an infection control nurse and works at Montana State Hospital. He is an active community member as well
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Request for Appointment to the Hearst Free Library Board by Bobbie Frank

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Request for reappointment to the Public Housing Authority Board by Adam Vauthier (letter attached)

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Request for Appointment to the Planning Board by Dan Reardon (letter attached) Request for Reappointment to the Planning Board by Mary Kay Massey (letter attached) {1 vacancy available}

County Attorney Krakowka – Disclosed that Dan Reardon is his father-in-law.
- Rose Nyman – For several years I have been increasingly concerned about volunteer board members for our county. Several months ago, I reviewed 8 sets of minutes . . . and one board member had missed 6 meetings. I understand that in these times it is difficult to get volunteers, everyone is so busy. I would like you to think about the following:
  o Attendance – do they create quorum issues by constantly missing meetings.
  o Are they punctual? “Punctuality is the courtesy of Kings”.
  o Are they prepared - Some boards have packets that need to be reviewed? The Planning board can have hundreds of pages for review. You cannot pick up a packet at 4:30 in the afternoon for a 6 o’clock meeting.
  o Participation. . . Do they participate in discussions? Are they respectful of procedure for an orderly and productive meeting?
  o Are they vested in the community, or do they have a personal agenda? Will they vote for what is best for the community?
  o Take all these factors and sum it up with “What is their commitment to Anaconda-Deer Lodge County and the community we live in? I hope when you go through board appointments, please consider these items.

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Resignation of Tami Martin from the Board of Health.

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Resignation of Camille Erickson from the DUI Task Force (letter attached) – CEO Everett

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Special Event Permit – Anaconda Suicide Prevention Taskforce/Public Health – 2nd Annual Pride Festival to be held at Kennedy Common on June 12, 2022 (Pending Certificate of Insurance)

Leigh Ann Homes, Public Health Director – Ask the Commission to support this event. It was an amazing event last year. There was a lot in attendance. There was no controversy, and it was very peaceful and supported by people.

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Miscellaneous

Commissioner Hart – No Miscellaneous.
Commissioner Gates – No Miscellaneous.
Commissioner Smith – No Miscellaneous.
Commissioner Vermeire – No Miscellaneous.
Commissioner Huotte – No Miscellaneous.
CEO Everett – No Miscellaneous.
County Attorney Krakowka – No Miscellaneous.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Sara Cline corrected her amount for Schedule A on the Old Works Major Subdivision.

Meeting Dates

Commissioner Huotte read the meeting date and times.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Lori Sturm
Clerk of Commission

Mike Huotte
Commission Chair