County Commission  WS Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2022

ANACONDA-DEER LODGE COUNTY
COMMISSION WORK SESSION MEETING
6:00 P.M. TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022
HEARST FREE LIBRARY

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 and County Attorney Krakowka and Clerk
of Commission Lori Sturm

Members of the Press: None at this meeting.

Members of the Public: Per Sign-In Sheet

Software Lease Agreement between Application Data Systems, Inc. and Anaconda-Deer
Lodge County Police Department

Jaime Hanson, 911Dispatch Supervisor – Provided an overview of the Lease. Currently we are
operating with a program called “Swift Justice”, a Records management system.” Swift Justice is
retiring at the end of the year, so we need a new CAD system. We have done the research of
various vendors and was given a list from the state of vendors that were compatible with state
reporting. Because we are a consolidated agency, we also need to have a jail management
system. We did look at Powell County’s system, which is incredible and would meet all our
needs. Their system is about $500,000.00 for start-up plus $50,000.00 per seat which is each
user. We currently have 16 seats in dispatch, plus the County Attorney has 5 seats and Animal
Control has 1 seat. We chose Application Data Systems, Inc, (ADSI) due to the fees. They have
waived the start-up fee. The only current fee would be a training fee for the first year, a printer
fee, plus a maintenance fee for a 2-year contract.

- **Commissioner Hart** – The Price would be $48,400.00 for the same number of users as
  previous.
- **Jaime Hanson** – ADSI offers us unlimited users. We could have multiple seats due to it
  operating through the cloud. The $48,400.00 would be a one-time fee. This would
  provide easier access for us and the county attorney’s office.
- **Commissioner Vermeire** – Questioned the one year for $16,000? Would we pay that
every year?
- **Jaime Hanson** – The 15,000 is just a training fee to consolidate everything within our
  computers. The $1000.00 is for the purchase of a scanner and printer for evidence.
- **CEO Everett** – It is an expensive system, but it is a small percentage of other comparable
  systems. I have put this off as long as I possibly could. We need a system. This is the
  cheapest route to accomplish what we need done. This is mandatory.
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• **County Attorney Krakowka** – It is very important for this upgrade. The state is mandating that we upgrade our software. Without an upgrade we will not have access to certain data bases.

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**Designation of Deer Lodge County Earmarked Alcohol Tax Money**

**CEO Everett** – This is money on an annual basis we are given from the state. It is very limited on how it can be spent. There is limited markets we can place this in. This would help our community most if placed toward CCCS. We don’t have the option of using these funds for other reasons.

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**Renewal Application for Miscellaneous Professional Liability Insurance Policy #LHM788633 – Public Health Department.**

**CEO Everett** – This is something we see on an annual basis. Our insurance is through MMIA, our local Health Department is not covered with our insurance plan, and we must go outside to an insurance provider to protect ourselves.

• **County Attorney Krakowka** – It is an appropriate and needed additional liability insurance policy.

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**Proposed Vinyl Wrap for electrical box at Kennedy Common**

**Teah Fuller, Accelerate Anaconda** – This has been one of projects for a while looking at the electrical boxes around town and looking at vinyl wraps. This one would be for the Kennedy Common. There is a company out of Bozeman called “Clean Slate” and they design the boxes everywhere around Montana. The design is “Tag-Proof” you can’t spray paint on it, and if it happens it is easily washed off. The Community Foundation has decided to partner with us. The first one would be sponsored by them. Each one that is done will be totally different. The one at Durston Park will have urban art because of the “art way alley”. Washoe Park maybe the Trail Society will want to sponsor that and design it.

• **CEO Everett** – We must make sure that we do not advertise for businesses on government property. We get in all kinds of trouble for that. Check with the County Attorney for each design.

• **Mike O’Rourke, Community Foundation** – We were thrilled with the opportunity to be a part of this project. We would be happy to remove our logo if that is an issue. We think this is a Great way to put a little “Spark in the Park”.

• **CEO Everett** – The Community Foundation is fine. Worried about businesses sponsoring one but a non-profit . . I believe we would be fine.

• **County Attorney Krakowka** – I am not seeing a problem with a non-profit.
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- **Rose Nyman** – This was shown to me last January. I do not believe this is adding anything but enhancing something. The electrical boxes are just plain ugly. Asked if there was a policy that a “For Profit Business” could not advertise but a non-profit may advertise? I would like groups to come to the Commission first and get an OK to proceed.
- **CEO Everett** – My statement is that we will not do it. I have no problem with non-profits.
- **Commissioner Hart** – Had some design questions pointing directions or having a map for Out of Towners which Teah Fuller explained that more individuals will use their phones and follow directions. There are walking maps at the Visitor’s Center.

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**Silver Bow Creek Greenway City-County of Anaconda-Deer Lodge, MT Easement Agreement Reach Q & R Crackerville Road to Reach R Spur Trail**

**Carl Hamming, Planning Director** – This is a draft easement. In 2023 the Greenway is going out for bid for the Greenway portion on the Crackerville Road and Trail Head at the Rest Area on Highway 1. The trail will primarily be on DEQ property but there is one section corner where they have to get around DEQ on county property. It is an easement for 0.1 acres and looking for county approval to grant that to the Greenway Service District.

- **CEO Everett** – I do not foresee anything negative by granting this easement
- **County Attorney Krakowka** – I have no concern.

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**Anaconda Softball Association Bid for the Charlotte Yeoman Sports Complex Concession Stand for the 2022 season.**

**CEO Everett** – This is the same opportunity we provide every year. People bid for running the concession stand at the Yeoman field. For the last 5-years we have had only one person place a bid. It is Bill Hill with the Softball Association. The bid was $1202.00, he has a business license a proof of liability insurance.

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**Request for Reappointment to the Airport Board by John Lombardi (Letter attached)**

**Commissioner Vermeire** – I am also on the Airport Board and John is a good member and is always there. Recommend his reappointment.

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**Request for Reappointment to the Solid Waste Board by Mary Lou McPhail (Letter Attached)**

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Request for Reappointment to the Tree Board by Bob Andreozzi (Letter Attached)

Rose Nyman – Voiced opposition to this reappointment. In researching the minutes for the tree Board, Mr. Andreozzi missed 6 of the 8 meetings. I am opposed to him being reappointed.

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Special Event Permit – by Anaconda Vietnam Veterans Memorial for a Memorial Dedication at Kennedy Common on July 24, 2022 (Pending Certificate of Insurance)

Mickie Nazer, Vietnam Veteran Memorial – On the 24th of July we are going to have a party. We have volunteers who have donated enough money that we plan on having 4 vendors and we will give them over $1000.00. They will be giving free food out for the day. There will be a dedication about the memorial and about the 8 men who never made it back from Vietnam. Invited members of Commission to attend and maybe say a few words. Asked about the insurance . . . it is on county property, you have insurance . . . would we still be required to have insurance. The vendors have vendor insurance.

- County Attorney – If each of the vendors would provide us with proof of their insurance. I will talk with the CEO about this
- CEO Everett – If you need outside insurance I would personally be honored to “purchase it”. Everything you do for this community is amazing.
- Mickie Nazer – The county has the insurance for the liability for the memorial. We have about $5000.00 that we put away in case something happens to the memorial. We are getting up in age and wondering if could donate the money where the county to take over the insurance if something should happen.
- CEO Everett – Everything on county land is under our property insurance.
- County Attorney Krakowka – I will have to read through the insurance policy and call our agent. I can do that later this week and get some clarification. If for some reason the county insurance policy does not cover it . . . . I will chip in with CEO Everett to cover the policy.

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Special Event Permit – Anaconda Community Market at Kennedy Common on Tuesdays starting July 12, 2022 – September 6, 2022 (Pending Certificate of Insurance) –

Gloria O’Rourke, Community Foundation – This is a super community event. We do have a plan in case Covid should return and we will work with the vendors and Public Health. Asked if the Warming Hut could be used for storage maybe for the Lemonade Stand and maybe for some training exercises.
- CEO Everett – The Community Market is fantastic and do an amazing job. Talk to Joe Ungaretti about using the Warming Hut.
- **Commissioner Hart** – In using the Multi-Purpose Building be cautious of storage. It is also used for other events that come up during the summer. Other entities may ask to use that facility.

  **Place on Agenda**

**Special Event Permit by Anaconda Local Development (Discover Anaconda) – Smeltermen’s Weekend of Events August 5, 6, and 7, 2022 at Kennedy Common and Downtown Business District. (Pending Certificate of Insurance)** –

**CEO Everett** – A great event that brings a lot of people to our community.

  **Place on Agenda**

**Special Event Permit – Kenny Cook Memorial Scholarship Fund at Kennedy Common on July 16, 2022 (Pending Certificate of Insurance)** –

**CEO Everett** – Kenny Cook was an amazing man, and his son has done equally as great. It is a good time.

**County Attorney Krakowka** – It has turned into quite the event, and I look forward to seeing the vehicles.

  **Place on Agenda**

**Special Event Permit by Vintage D-fenders for a Car Show on Ash Street between Park and Third on May 7, 2022. (Pending Certificate of Insurance)**

**CEO Everett** – Another activity for Anaconda.

**County Attorney Krakowka** – Another fun activity we have going on in our community this summer. These activities bring lots of folks to town, spend some money and have a good time.

  **Place on Agenda**

**Miscellaneous** -

**Commissioner Kevin Hart**: No Miscellaneous.

**Commissioner Steve Gates**: No Miscellaneous.

**Commissioner Paul Smith**: No Miscellaneous.

**Commissioner Terry Vermeire**: The Airport Board has discussed having another Car Show at some time. Currently, we do not have a full board. We do not have a date yet.

**Commissioner Mike Huotte**: No Miscellaneous.
CEO Bill Everett: The Economic Development in the East Yards has been going gangbusters. We thought it would be a 5-year project and it is looking more like a 24-month project. It was agreed with our CD that the slag pile would be covered in the year 2025 – 2026. As we discussed last Tuesday during negotiations that date needs to be moved up. Atlantic Richfield is impressed with our Economic Development in the last years and are in full support of everything we have going. Our success makes them look good in revitalizing a superfund area. At the end of the night Commissioner Vermeire, myself and Atlantic Richfield came to terms about covering the slag pile immediately. This will involve a large amount of work, 386 acres that is covered by material that does not have a solid footing. They need to reconfigure the shape, then cover with 18 inches of topsoil and revegetate. That is being worked on as we speak. They expect to have it covered within 9 – 10 months. It will have positive feature such as the slag not blowing throughout our community; there is also the visual perspective. It will look nice with green grass and a sign we are progressing in the right way. Details and logistics are still being worked out. Construction will also bring some negatives, a lot of equipment moving, noise and a lot of dust. The end product will be great.

Count Attorney Krakowka: - Glad to hear that project is happening. The amount of slag blowing during a few of the winter storms was impressive.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Dawn Williams – Brought to the Commission that she placed a request for a dog kennel license, and it had been denied. She explained that they had lived at that house for approximately 5 years and the neighbors have not complained. Now there was an allegation about feces in the alley and that Animal Control and the Code Enforcement have been to the house. There was an issue with the gate, and it has been fixed. The discussion continued with the CEO, Ken Walund, Dawn and the Commission. Discussion involved the location, the number of dogs, if they were considered a breeder? and if there was a business license? Dawn expressed a willingness to get a business license. She was concerned about having to reduce the number of dogs that they owned. Currently there are 11 dogs. Dawn provided pictures to the Commission. Her dogs are like family, and she feels she would have to sell her home and move if forced to reduce the number. Ken Walund, Code Enforcement stated that he would be working on a New Ordinance which would have different levels of Kennel license. Dawn came to the meeting to appeal to the Commission. Commissioner Hart explained that the authorization is the sole discretion of the Chief Executive.

Rose Nyman – Brought up Ordinance 11 . . . we worked hard to amend that Ordinance. A few Commissioners would not approve it. Provided Trivia that Ancient Egyptians thought Chaos was the truest force in the universe. That was because when the chaos went away, they had something new and true. There is chaos in the county boards. I would like to see the Commission prepare a format on what a board effectively does what they are tasked to do. Mentioned that some board minutes are not being posted in a timely fashion. It should be
done in 5 business days. Asking that Agendas be posted, and a packet be posted. You can't comment on what you cannot read. There is a need for transparency and an opportunity for more public participation. I was told you must be a county employee to post anything on the website... that makes sense. It would involve more work for staff. It would be helpful if Commissioners would drop in on a meeting occasionally. Let's make things uniform.

- **Commissioner Hart** – The draft minutes should be posted even if they were draft minutes. Last week it was brought up about another session for board training. A booklet was put out for county boards. Each board should have that allocation and it would be beneficial to the boards. Did we buy the board books? Could we see if there is one book.
- **CEO Everett** – Last week I discussed this in Kalispel He should be getting back to me. Hope to get Dan Lucas here.

**Meeting Dates**

Commissioner Huotte read the meeting date and times.

**Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Lori Sturm  
Clerk of Commission

Mike Huotte  
Commission Chair