

**ANACONDA DEER LODGE COUNTY
COMMISSION WORK SESSION
6 P.M. TUESDAY, May 12, 2020
Webex**

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: Kathie Miller, Anaconda Leader

Members of the Public: Per Webex Sign-in

Commission Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commission Chair Hart explained the Commission rules of procedure for Webex.

Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 260, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANACONDA-DEER LODGE COUNTY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY BOARD AND TO ESTABLISH POWERS AND DUTIES

Commissioner Hart opened the meeting at 6:04

- Adam Vauthier, Local Development – Excited to get this passed and get this in order.
- Jim Davison, URA Board - I support this and it has been a successful project. The tax increment district has increased. We need to get this reorganized. There have been a lot of good applications to be considered for this year.

Commissioner Hart Closed Public Comment at 6:05

Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 261, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND INCORPORATING THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE, INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE, INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE & NFPA 70

Commissioner Hart - Open public Hearing at 6:07

CEO Everett – These are mandated from the State.

Carl Hamming, Planning Director – This is required by the state. John Markin (Building Inspector) is well versed in the building codes.

Commissioner Hart - Closed Public Comment at 6:07

Change Order #1 – Copper Environmental – ADLC Roadway Improvements – West Third and Side Streets Pavement Replacement

Mike Johnson – This is a good news item adding to the project that was put out to bid. This change order is to get back to the original engineers estimate. We picked up 7 blocks that we thought we could do for

the East Third and side streets.

- CEO Everett – This is a half million under what we estimated. Van Buren Street is a big concern and high traffic. Mungas is doing a fantastic job and things are proceeding well.

Place on Agenda

Client Service Agreement between Anaconda-Deer Lodge County and Water & Environmental Technologies (WET) for monitoring and reporting services on the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

CEO – This is in addition to overseeing the wastewater treatment plant. You must report to the state. This does not meet the threshold of \$60,000; and encourage the Commission to approve this.

Place on Agenda

Client Service Agreement between Anaconda-Deer Lodge County and Water & Environmental Technologies (WET) for Anaconda Municipal Water System Analysis Scope of Work.

CEO Everett – We are a town that has problem that is quite unique. We have water pressure in excess of 135 psi. This creates wear and tear. We are causing damage to dishwashers, washing machines, hot water tanks, etc. WET will explore what they can do to take down the pressure. They will come back with ideas and costs associated. It should save us a substantial amount of water in the process.

- Commissioner Hart – Attest to the high pressure. Provided example of his own home.
- CEO Everett – Other engineers did not believe me. Understand the amount of damage we are causing people.

Place on Agenda

Montana Department of Administration 9-1-1 Grant Program 2020 Grant Application

Carl Hamming, Planning Director – This accrues from the 911 fees. They equip your GIS people to enable them to prep their data. The program is trying to assist GIS data for 911. As everyone knows we are moving toward cellular phones. Landlines are becoming outdated. This will assist with the transition of data.

- CEO Everett – We don't have much choice. They are willing to pay for the upgrades.
- County Attorney Krakowka – Agree that we need help to get the upgrades paid for. We should take advantage of this. We want to find people who are calling in on cell phones.

Place on Agenda

Rfwave Installation of a tower near the underground water tank at the end of Marcus Day Drive.

Tom Dunn – We are proposing to add another tower on the west end; to help distribute more bandwidth to customers. We are running into challenges with COVID-19 and people trying to use the services working and educating from home. We think a tower would benefit the community.

- CEO Everett – I think it is a great idea. Communication during this time has become more dynamic and needed. I have reached out to Tom Dunn to provide Internet service all the way out to Job Corps. There are a lot of grant applications for communication. We are trying to acquire further funding to help with projects to get out whole county hooked up to the internet.
- County Attorney Krakowka – I believe Expanding the internet and high-speed connections will be integral to county's financial/business growth. The more opportunities to access technology, the more people and businesses will be willing to move here.

Place on Agenda

Designation of Deer Lodge County Earmarked Alcohol Tax Money

CEO Everett – We do this on an annual basis. There are some dollars that are very specific what they can be used for; we have one non-profit in our community that provides those services. My recommendation that we allocate in the same direction this year.

- County Attorney Krakowka – Concur with the CEO
- Commissioner Hart – For the record the provider would be Western Montana Addiction Services.

Place on Agenda

Resignation of Milo Manning from the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Historic Resource Board

Commissioner Hart – Milo has been a valuable resource for this board. He has a lot of knowledge about Anaconda-Deer Lodge County.

Place on Agenda

Resignation of Ot Lemm from the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Communication Board.

Commissioner Hart – He has been on the board for a lot of years and his participation has been well received.

Place on Agenda

Request for reappointment to the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Fair Board by Amanda Morley. (letter attached)

Place on Agenda

**Special Event Permit – Anaconda Community Market at Kennedy Common, Tuesday Afternoons
4-7 p.m. – July 21 – September 8, 2020, Pending Certificate of Insurance.**

CEO Everett – This is something that falls within the governor’s orders. The restrictions are extremely stringent; If it goes through, they must move in a circular form. They believe they can fulfill the obligations and provide this feature to the community. I give it my blessing

- County Attorney Krakowka– This is something we can try and do and see how it works out. Would be nice to have some type of event this summer.
- Commissioner Hart – We do not have the insurance certificate, so this is subject to getting the insurance certificate. We don’t know what the situation will be when this starts. Hopefully we progress in a positive way.

Place on Agenda

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Huotte – Thanks to CEO Everett and the Public Health Director Leigh Ann Holmes in the work in getting the state to approve the Pole Bending clinic for the saddle club.

Commissioner Smith – No Miscellaneous

Commissioner Gates - No Miscellaneous

Commissioner Vermeire – No Miscellaneous

Commissioner Hart – No Miscellaneous

CEO Everett – The B.U.I.L.D. grant is almost ready to go. We are putting some fluff on this document. All the substantial engineering information has been completed; that goes forth on Monday. We have the Support of Senator Tester, we received a letter of support from Daines, one from the State of Montana and the Forest service. All the big players are supporting this move. This is for about 15 million dollars.

- This is also the busiest construction season. I have already heard from people who are frustrated. We will have to get used to this. I also met with Mike Johnson, the Hotelier with Best Western Entities. He is getting things in line and they are moving full steam ahead. They plan to break ground the first of August and be operational in the spring.

Commissioner Hart – Asked if the CEO was going to bring up the Mental Health Coordinator Position Description

CEO Everett – Yes, we received more funding. Leigh Ann has been doing a fantastic job raising funds, part of working in government is finding the funds to operate. She accessed \$80 000 create another position to help facilitate the community. This will be in conjunction with another county and will administered by our county. We look forward to everything they are doing. The Mental Health Coordinator is only a 12-month position and believe it will be renewed. This position is more essential in our community due to the influx of people from the Warm Springs facility. and hopefully will be renewed.

Commissioner Hart – You would like this position description approved next week.

CEO Everett – “Yes”

County Attorney Krakowka – This sounds like a position this county desperately needs given the proximity of the MT State Hospital.

Place on the Agenda

CEO Everett – As far as approving different events. It was nice last week going through different events with the Commission. We are still being bombarded daily. Would like everyone to know the process. We look at what falls within the Governor’s authorization. If it does not fall within the Governor’s authorization, we do not approve it. We try to forward it to the Governor’s office if we think it is reasonable that he might approve it; and we must wait for the response. With the Pole Bending activity they gave us a specific response and acceptance of it. We are not making up the rules as we go. We don’t have the authority; and this is the process we are taking. This is a state regulation and we need to follow it.

County Attorney Krakowka – Last summer I wrote several grants for the county to obtain some money for archery targets. Northwester Energy stepped up and so did the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. The targets were delivered on Monday. We will be setting up the archery range tomorrow.

Public Comment

Rose Nyman – Friday May 15th is Fallen Officers Memorial Day. Read the names of the fallen officers lost in Anaconda-Deer Lodge County.

- Patrick Dougherty – Died from internal injuries breaking up a street fight Last watch March 6, 1905
- Albert Oldhaber, Deputy Sheriff - Died from a Gunshot at Sladich Bar – Last Watch June 6, 1939
- Edwin “Ed” Stuart, Assistant Chief of Police – Died from a Gunshot at Sladich Bar - Last Watch June 6, 1939
- Lieutenant Timothy “Sox” Sullivan – Gunshot due to Domestic Violence response – Last Watch February 10, 1985

As you know Sandi Wenger and I have hosted a reception for first responders every year, but with COVID-19 . . . it will be put on hold.

Rose Nyman - Asked if any arrangements been made for Budget hearings?

- CEO Everett– We are going to try and do them live, but to be honest nobody shows up. We have never had a budget hearing with more than 6 people. We are going to try and have a Cisco Web Meeting so people can call-in or just listen. Those should start taking place at the end of May. John Sholey has those scheduled and those will be released to the public in the next week or so.

ADLC Public Meeting Dates

Commissioner Hart read the Meeting dates and times. Most meetings have been cancelled due to the virus.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40



Lori Sturm
Clerk of Commission



Kevin Hart
Commission Chair