

**ANACONDA DEER LODGE COUNTY
COMMISSION WORK SESSION
6 P.M. TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020
COURTHOUSE COURTROOM
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

Webex Facilitator – Kimberly Richardson

Members of the Press: Kathie Miller-Webex

Members of the Public: Per Webex

Commission Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Hart – Roll Call of Commission, CEO and County Attorney

Customer Agreement – NorthWestern Energy – Relocating the gas line in the East Yards.

CEO Everett – Currently the gas line flows at a 45-degree angle through those east yard lots. For current development or future development that line will be a huge issue. This will be a huge development and we should do it correctly. Trying to move a gas line when you already have buildings and developments already set forth is almost impossible. This will put the line closer to the highway and this will help the other east yard developments in the future. Currently the cost is about \$77,000.00. This price is our burden and we are trying to work on some details to put some of this on NorthWestern Energy. Time is of the urgency with the plans in the fall. and I urge commission to approve this. This is in our best interest.

Commissioner Hart – It is important to get this right the first time and get this relocated. Hopefully we can get a better deal on this. This has been placed on the agenda for a special meeting following this work session.

Agreement between Anaconda-Deer Lodge County and International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 400 July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 - Agreement between Anaconda-Deer Lodge County and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District Lodge W24 and Affiliated Local Lodge 88 July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

CEO Everett – We are at the process of renegotiating union contracts. The only change is a 1.5 percent pay raise and everything else stays the same. There is no increase to health insurance. Last year we made substantial strides in increasing the health insurance contribution. This year we renegotiated the cost of the health insurance. It won't cost the county anymore but the employee will benefit greatly by

implications we have coming forth; We have a lot of unknowns as we do the county budget such as the gas fund. We think there will be substantial cuts to that. We are being very conservative with any pay raise we are allowing this year. The goal is 1.5 percent for all the unions. It is a bit less than the past years, but they understand why it is so. The unions truly look at the betterment of the community. I ask for you to approve this. It is still a good offer.

Place on Agenda

Agreement between Anaconda-Deer Lodge County and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District Lodge W24 and Affiliated Local Lodge 88 – July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

CEO Everett – This is a mirror image of the other increase offered to the operating engineers. It is a 1.5 percent increase. Again, they are very understanding of the economic situation we are in. We put our best foot forward to give them the best raise we could possibly come up with.

Place on Agenda

Review and Approval of Old Works Golf Course 2020 Budget.

CEO Everett – I don't have much knowledge of this budget. A representative from the golf course will be here next Tuesday night and they will go over it with all of us in detail. Understand we will get a detailed review from CourseCo.

Place on Agenda

Request for reappointment/appointment to the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Planning Board by Rose Nyman and Colleen Riley. (letters attached). There is 1 vacancy.

Rose Nyman – Explained to the Commission that technically there are 2 vacancies. The state of Montana requires a representative from the conservation district. Within our county ordinance is a mechanism for filling that position if no one from the conservation district is willing to serve. The planning board can approve an application to fill the Conservation position and then it goes before the Commission to be approved. I have served for two years and there has not been a representative from the conservation in that time. I believe it goes back further than that. This is a golden opportunity to fill this position. It is not ex-officio; they would have the same powers and duties as the full board. When the 2-year term expires we must try again to get someone from the Conservation District to fill that position.

- Commissioner Hart – Does the planning board have to approve that other member and send that request to the Commission or can the Commission fill that at this time?
- Rose Nyman – They cannot. It must go to the Planning Board and there is a meeting scheduled on June 8th.

Place on the Agenda.

Request for reappointment/appointment to the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Fair Board by Amanda Morley and Reed Roseleip. (letters attached). There is 1 vacancy.

Reed Roseleip – I am doing this for the kids. I want it to be a better community for them.

Place on the Agenda

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Huotte – No Miscellaneous

Commissioner Gates – No Miscellaneous

Commissioner Smith – No Miscellaneous

Commissioner Vermeire – No Miscellaneous

Commissioner Hart – No Miscellaneous

CEO Everett – As of Monday we go into Phase II and will loosen some restrictions in the county to keep in line with the Governors directive. We received 660 gallons of hand sanitizer. It came in two 330-gallon vats. I obtained some 1-gallon containers, Commissioner Vermeire made up labels for bottles; and there is a fact sheet of hazard materials to go along with the sanitizer. We went to several businesses and handed out 1 gal containers of hand sanitizer. We will be handing this out in the next few days to more businesses. Anyone who wants some sanitizer can come up to the courthouse and get some. We can't fill up small mini containers, but it should help the community. There is still a huge shortage of sanitizer.

County Attorney Krakowka – No Miscellaneous

Public Comment - No comments were given at this time.

ADLC Public Meeting Dates

Commissioner Hart read the meeting dates and times.

Rose Nyman – The planning board is planning an in-person meeting and the ability to phone in for participation.

Commissioner Hart – Immediately following this is a Special meeting for the relocation of the NorthWestern energy gas line.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 6.24 p.m.



Lori Sturm

Clerk of Commission



Kevin Hart

Commission Chair