

**ANACONDA DEER LODGE COUNTY
COMMISSION WORK SESSION
6 P.M. TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 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

Old Works Road – Request to Advertise for Bids

Sarah Jones – We are building 1000 feet of road from the corner of Deer Lodge drive to unused exit at Old Works Golf Course Parking Lot. It will be asphalt, no curb/gutter. We are working with NorthWestern energy for some approved lightening. The engineers estimate is included in the package. I believe it is high and will be fine tuning it. Would like to advertise this for bid. Will get a more refined engineers estimate I anticipate bidding this in early July. It should be about a month project for a contractor so we should have no trouble getting this finalized in this constructions season.

- CEO Everett – This will accomplish a few objectives; it will provide a direct route off the highway to the golf course; direct access from our RV park which is beginning construction this summer and it will also provide a direct route from our hotel which will break ground on August 1. You also see coming forward a proposal to change the name of that road; we would like it to be called “Old Works” Road. Also believes the bid is high . . . higher than we have been paying for asphalt. There is a large number of construction crews in town and would not be surprised to see a current contractor in town take a shot at this.
- Sarah Jones - Another item in the future will be to amend the easement under the transmission lines. They are waiting to have a final layout on the lighting system. I will get the easement in front of you for review.
- Commissioner Hart – Clarified where the road would be located. Gave his understanding of the road, from the industrial park by the armory, toward the golf course, and then there is a dirt road behind the Charlotte Yeoman Complex, and then coming into the backside of the golf course.
- Sarah Jones – That is correct. Note that the Existing dirt road will not be used; there will be a new more direct route and will remove existing dirt road. We will maintain access to the softball fields

and the old works maintenance yard. The existing road will be taken out so that there are not 2 roads running parallel. Everything that is accessed will continue to have access.

Place on Agenda

Resolution No. 20-15, A Resolution to Reduce Residential and Commercial Wastewater Treatment District (Sewer) Fee Rates

CEO Everett – We have a substantial sum from Atlantic Richfield in the settlement. The funding agreement is roughly 5.5 million to pay off any bonds and any debt with the wastewater treatment plant. The benefit is that we will be able to pass the savings onto the taxpayers. This will reduce sewer fees for every home in town by nearly one-third. This is approximately \$100.00 per house and reduce commercial users down to \$90.00. This leaves over a million dollars in the capital account for the wastewater treatment plant for future uses. Money that will be brought in on an annual basis for the treatment plant far exceeds our expenses. We should be able to accumulate roughly 150 thousand to go towards maintenance.

- Commission Smith – Questioned if there will a reduction to the pumper trucks servicing the rural areas on septic.
- CEO Everett – Those will be looked at. Preliminary we are looking at a 20% reduction for those.
- Commissioner Huotte – Does this take care of getting the West Valley people who are not hooked up and getting them charged?
- CEO Everett – That will be something else and we will have to bring that before the Commission as well, so they are assessed a sewer fee in the West Valley. I have worked with the Treasurer's Department and Planning Department so that we can provide financing for those individuals who have yet to hook up to the sewer system. This will be a low interest loan and can be paid off either with their taxes or make payments on an annual basis. About 57 individuals are not hooked up.

Place on Agenda

Agreement Between Anaconda-Deer Lodge County and Teamsters Union Local No. 2 – Detention Unit – July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

CEO Everett – Making great progress with negotiations. Nine out of ten are finalized. This has a 1.5% increase and freezing the health insurance. Very minimal changes.

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Agreement Between Anaconda-Deer Lodge County and Butte Teamsters Union Local #2 – International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America (Clerical Teamsters) July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

CEO Everett – Exactly the same concept 1.5% across the board, no changes to health insurance and minimal changes.

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Request for a Public Hearing to accept the proposed changes to Chapter 24 of the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, MT Code of Ordinances; known as the Development Permit System (DPS Regulations). Proposed amendments relate to changes to the ADLC Superfund Program arising from the 2020 Settlement.

Carl Hamming – Referred to Mike Grayson, as he helped the planning board wade through the proposed amendments.

- Mike Grayson, Attorney – We spoke about this briefly to the planning board. There are about 42 pages of red lined amendments to the DPS ordinance. These were negotiated between Atlantic Richfield and the county. Finalization was about February. These changes have been looked at by the planning board. Explained some of the changes due to delisting the site as a superfund site eventually. It is a lengthy document and is available on the Planning Department website. These are good changes and clarify the ordinance and recommend them.
- Commissioner Hart – Looking at Setting a Public Hearing, looking at July 21st. This gives time for advertising and working around the July holiday. Best time would be July 21st.

Public Hearing Date Set for July 21, 2020

The Planning Board on June 8, 2020 Moved to appoint Colleen Riley as the ninth member of the ADLC Planning Board for a term. Colleen would serve in place of a conservation district member, as the conservation district declined the appointment.

CEO Everett – Do not know all the details but Colleen does a fantastic Job.

- Carl Hamming, Planning Director – Recalled that Rose Nyman was reappointed and there were 2 applications and only one vacancy. The 9th board position for the conservation district opening was still open. Colleen is interested and we are excited to bring her on board.
- Commissioner Hart – Provided a synopsis regarding the conservation district position being declined. On recommendation of the planning board they will be able to fill the conservation district opening.

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Healthy Montana Families (Parents as Teachers Home Visiting) Task Order from 2019-2020 attached as reference) Updated task order is expected by end of next week. Included is an email referencing the award amount.

Leigh Ann Holmes – This is the 5th and final year of the cycle. The amount is \$70,344.00 for the year. It serves Deer Lodge and Powell county. In the last 5 years we have served 77 clients. (Kids under the age of 5 in their home). Preparing them with early childhood learning to be prepared for school. We have made 1,229 home visits. We end up referring a lot of people from this program to other services, so they receive services as needed.

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Subcontract from Butte-Silver Bow Health Department (2019-2020 attached as reference) for Chronic Disease programs – Montana Asthma Home Visiting and Tobacco Prevention. Updated task order is expected by the end of next week.

Leigh Ann Holmes – This is for the Montana home visiting program. We do a number of home visits. We try to get 15 families or clients to do home assessments and help them cope with their asthma to reduce emergency room visits. Tobacco prevention is \$78,624.00 and Asthma home visiting is \$30,000.00.

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2020-2021 Contract with Granite county to provide public health services.

Leigh Ann Holmes – Attended the Granite Commission meeting this morning. We have been providing minimal services for the last 2 months. At our end Deb Robinson is doing a good job of providing services. We propose they pay us for our services about \$68.00 an hour or \$5,600.00 a month. Grand total is \$75,597.60 plus mileage.

- CEO Everett – This shows how our public health has turned itself around. Six months ago, we were the county needing help and now we are the ones being viewed in a positive light. This Provides us to optimize some of things we can offer by having a larger public health. The goal is not just to provide to Granite County and maybe Powell County in the future; but provide a better health for our community as well.

Place on Agenda

Introduction of Jennifer Robinson, Tri-County Tobacco Prevention Specialist

Leigh Ann Holmes – Unfortunate that this is not in person. We have hired Jennifer for the Tri-county tobacco prevention specialist.

- Jennifer Robinson – Excited to be part of this wonderful group. Can't wait to work with all of you in the county.
- Commissioner Hart – Welcomed Jennifer and informed the Commission that this is not an action item.

No action by Commission necessary.

Worksite Wellness Program for ADLC employees.

Leigh Ann Holmes – We have been invited by Butte Silver Bow. They have a worksite wellness program that they do through the chronic disease program at the state. There is no cost to us, and this will be optional not required. This is to do some worksite wellness such as to encourage tobacco cessation and healthy behaviors such as walking breaks. We are working on this with our regional partners to create healthier communities.

- Commissioner Hart – Not an item that needs commissioner approval. This is an executive branch issue that can be taken care of in that fashion.

No Commission Approval required.

Resignation of Ray Haffey from the Anaconda-Deer Lodge Historic Resource Board.

Commissioner Hart – Letter sent informing Mr. Haffey of his term expiring and he stated that he did not wish to be reappointed.

Place on Agenda

Request for Reappointment of Tim Flynn to the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Solid Waste Board

Commissioner Hart – Letter sent, and he did wish to serve another term

Place on Agenda

Special Event Permit – Sidewalk Sale, Park Avenue and Outlying Businesses, August 7, 2020, Pending Certificate of Insurance.

Commissioner Hart – Voiced concerns that maybe the CEO can address. We are looking at 2 events that will possibly have large numbers of people. Even if approved it would have to be with the caveat that it may be cancelled at the last minute.

- CEO Everett– I understand what you are saying and a little nervous about it. I walked around last year and there were not enough people for concern. This one doesn't concern me as much as the next one. Not bad, but things could be changing again with new cases in Montana. Everyone must be aware with the understanding that this could be off at a moment's notice.
- Commissioner Hart – The concern is that the State of Montana is one of 12 states to have set record highs in new COVID-19 cases. Since Friday we have added 180 cases in 12 days. Wonder if this is prudent for the organizer. People are worried that we might have to go back to Phase 1.
- Mary Johnson, Chamber of Commerce - We know there is a concern and could change. The only place that had a crowd of about 15 people was Beautiful life clothing. We are not having extras such as the fire safety truck, no face painting, or children's activities. This one is easily cancelled. Hopeful that the sidewalk sale can take place. Merchandise is moved outside, and people do not have to go into the store.

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Special Event Permit – Cow Pie Bingo, 100 Block of Cherry Street, August 7, 2020, Pending Certificate of Insurance

CEO Everett – This one I don't understand what it entails.

- Mary Johnson, Chamber of Commerce – It was done several years ago. Squares are marked off on the street, sell 200 numbered tickets in advance, draw numbers in a random order. A local

farmer brings in a cow and fencing. It could last 10 min or 3 hours. Whoever's square is pooped on wins about 50% of the pot.

- County Attorney Krakowka – Could be a fun event, not anticipating huge crowds.

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Miscellaneous

Commissioner Huotte – Informed that he would not be in attendance August 4th.

Commissioner Gates – No Miscellaneous

Commissioner Smith – No Miscellaneous

Commissioner Vermeire – No Miscellaneous

Commissioner Hart – No Miscellaneous

CEO Everett – A few items to report: First is Resolution 20-16, a Resolution establishing salaries for Anaconda-Deer Lodge County employees who are not in the unions. It is an increase of 1.5 % for all personnel with no changes to insurance.

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CEO Everett – Updates on the Cobra lights at Kennedy Common and down main street will be removed this week. Able to put in the historical street lighting in that area. We are trying to make things as original as possible and it will class up downtown. Completed 4 streets of paving on Monday and hope to pave another 4 this Friday. That leaves 44 more for this summer; plus, the paving project out by the hotel and the project that Sarah brought forward tonight. Asphalt that was placed this week looks fantastic. The bad news on paving . . . is a Project done last year down by Jefferson street. We put down new asphalt last summer and Century link with their contractor destroyed half the street. We will be dealing with them tomorrow morning. We don't want it just patched and will propose they repave. It is like a mole went under the road and pushed the asphalt up for about 40 feet.

- CEO Everett – Some other Bad News . . . There is a group of people planning to do the 4th of July parade at Georgetown. We did not give permission for this event. Looking for ideas and thoughts from the commission.
- Commissioner Hart – We not only didn't authorize this we actually said it could not happen. Do not know who the organizers are. Simply hope the organizers see the merits of being responsible citizens to this community.
- CEO Everett – Hope to not be in the position to combat with our own.

County Attorney Krakowka – I was contacted by County Attorney from Powell County with proposals regarding the fair. Not sure of the Commission's stand on participation in the fair.

- CEO Everett – Need more information I am getting mixed signals from different people. Need to talk with our 4H and Kimberly Richardson who is involved with the project. I thought we were clear that we would not be involved with the fair.
- Lee Ann Holmes, Public Health– Received a Letter from the Powell County that after a thorough risk assessment, all traditional events are cancelled. The youth 4H animal show be allowed to proceed but closed to the public.
- Kimberly Richardson, MSU Extension – We are still trying to figure out the directive in that is vague. It mentions animals, but we have different groups such as, market group and breeding group. Waiting to see what this will look like to proceed. I do have Specific guidelines from the Montana State University. We have not come up with a plan. Relieving to know that Powell sent out the directive that eliminates the public which was a giant concern. We are not able to enforce social distancing and sanitization. Will keep the Commission, County Attorney and the CEO appraised of what I have and will send out the MSU Extension 4H/directive from the state office. This goes into explicit detail about holding a 4H function.
- Commissioner Hart – Could get an Update on this for next week.

Public Comment – No Comments given

ADLC Public Meeting Dates

Commissioner Hart read the meeting dates and times.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 7:01 p.m.



Lori Sturm
Clerk of Commission



Kevin Hart
Commission Chair