

**ANACONDA DEER LODGE COUNTY**  
**SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M. TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019**  
**COURTHOUSE COURTROOM**

Present: District 1, Commissioner Terry Vermeire (Chair), 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: Kathie Miller, Anaconda Leader

Members of the Public: Per Sign-In Sheet

Commission Chair Terry Vermeire called the meeting to order at 9:37 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Resolution 19-10, A Resolution for a Moratorium on Out-of -County Septage and Pumpable Waste Dumping at the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Wastewater Treatment Plant Septage Receiving Station.

Commissioner Huotte – This is something that needs to be done. There is obviously a reason the surrounding counties are not letting them dump in their counties. It is not fair to our taxpayers to take on that risk. I am in support of this.

Commissioner Hart – In reading the resolution this is a temporary fix until we are back in full operation. At that time we may need to continue this practice.

Commissioner Gates – The fees need to be reviewed.

Commissioner Smith – There are a lot of people who pump septics around here and go to Phillipsburg, Deer Lodge etc. They charge those people extra for that delivery fee, do we charge them extra. We may want to look at this in the future. We may need to raise the out of town rates once the temporary hold is solved.

Commissioner Vermeire – The wastewater treatment or septic receiving station needs to be operational. For many years those trucks have just been dumping in the ponds.

CEO Everett – Temporary should not be the word, it needs to be permanent. We need to take care of our residents, Georgetown Lake, Fairmont and Racetrack. We are not responsible for other residences waste. We cannot collect for this unknown. Our taxpayers have zero responsibility for a septic tank in P-Burg. This needs to be permanent. This is toxic stuff coming into the ponds, the chemicals etc. This could kill the whole system. We are not a state facility, we are a county facility. Even the charges for our locals are too low. I will be putting a proposal to the solid waste to raise fees to be more in line with other counties. This will be addressed with a smaller committee. In general we will still be able to lower sewer fees.

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Neil Warner – Agree with the CEO that we should not be taking other counties issues. The Septic fees are out of line, that sludge can be harder on the treatment plant.

Motion made by Commissioner Hart to take action to approve Resolution 19-10, A Resolution for a Moratorium on Out-of -County Septage and Pumpable Waste Dumping at the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Wastewater Treatment Plant Septage Receiving Station; Seconded by Commissioner Huotte.

Motion Carried 5-0

**Miscellaneous**

Commissioner Huotte – No Miscellaneous

Commissioner Smith – No Miscellaneous

Commissioner Hart – No Miscellaneous

Commissioner Gates – No Miscellaneous

Commissioner Vermeire – No Miscellaneous

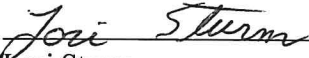
CEO Everett – No Miscellaneous


County Attorney – No Miscellaneous

**Public Comment** - No Public Comments at this time.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9: 48 p.m.

  
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Lori Sturm  
Clerk of Commission

  
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Terry Vermeire  
Commission Chair