



**Anaconda-Deer Lodge County  
Communication Board Minutes  
Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

**1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, ALDC Building**

Members Present: Gary Wenger, Chairman  
Pat Dunne, Vice-Chairman  
Chief Tim Barkell

Staff Present: Carl Hamming, Planning Director  
Wayne Wendt, ADLC Road Foreman (via telephone)  
Carlye Hansen, Planning Department Secretary

Guests Present: Mike Grayson, Attorney at Law (via telephone)

## **AGENDA TOPICS**

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Gary Wenger, Chairman

**Approval of Minutes:** September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

*Motion was made by Tim Barkell to accept the minutes from the meeting of September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020; seconded by Gary Wenger. Motion passes 3-0.*

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. **Back-up Power Replacement on "C" Hill**

At this time, the Back-up Power Generator is needing to be replaced. Wayne Wendt, Road Foreman, has been in contact with Levi Hughes from Western States/Caterpillar, out of Missoula, and they have sent in their proposal for a total of \$15680.00. This includes a \$1,420.00 generator enclosure. At this time, new generators are much larger, so the best options is to put down an 8' x 4' cement pad to place this generator on, so they will be looking at getting someone to do the concrete work for an additional charge. Mr. Wendt stated that he can get this ordered and that it will be here in early November. He will also check with several cement layers in regards to this.

*Motion is made by Gary Wenger to approve the Back-Up Power Replacement on the C-Hill, totaling \$15680.00, with an additional cost for a cement pad to be placed Under the generator; seconded by Pat Dunne. Motion passed 3-0.*



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2. Verizon Lease Renewal Update

Carl Hamming, Planning Director, and Mike Grayson, Attorney at Law, both took part in a conference call with Matt Brennan, Representative from American Tower, the company in which the lease was assigned by Verizon. In 2022, the current lease agreement will end and American Tower wants to renegotiate a new lease. The County is requesting the same lease and same payment to be received as they have negotiated with Alltel. American Tower says they absolutely cannot afford this sort of lease agreement. What they are willing to offer is the possibility of a profit sharing lease in which they would make a minimum of a \$1000.00/month, and with the possible addition of AT&T and/or Sprint, they would be able to make higher payments based on the monies gained from these companies. They will continue to pay upkeep and maintenance of this. At this time, they will rewrite a proposal and send this back to Mr. Grayson and Mr. Hamming. Mr. Hamming said that what it comes down to is the overall value of the tower and the placement of it as such, and that this should be some incentive to find the other carriers out there. Mr. Hamming went on to commend Mr. Grayson in his negotiations with both Alltel, as well as American Tower. Pat Dunne seconded this and asked that when this proposal does come in that it be shared with the members of the board. Mike expects to be notified of who owns the actual lease. Mr. Dunne also asked that he would want to see the information regarding all the towers and to be sure that they don't interfere with County Communications. He also stated that this will not be a fast turn-around and that this may be a long time in coming to a final lease that all are agreeable to.

3. Sheep Gulch Road

Wayne Wendt stated that the current condition of Sheep Gulch Road is that it just does not need a little work and grading. He states that this will be very expensive, will need culverts, and will need all new switchbacks in order to access the top of the hill. He also stated that there is a lot of snow in the canyon, so there will be a lot of runoff that will need to be addressed. He says that there may possibly need to be an evaluation by an engineer, but with the cost of this, he suggested that they get in touch with a heavy construction contractor such as Mungas or Steve Johnson, and at least get their recommendation for this project. There would also be a lot of repair work to do around the Sevores property as this was made very narrow by Mr. Sevores and there is an inability to turn around. There was a request by Mr. Wenger to check



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on the Garrels fence line and whether or not English Gulch Road goes through this property and to check on the easement in regards to this. It was discussed that this is a definitely needed alternate route if there was anything blocking the road access on the Mill Creek side of the hill. There was significant conversation in regards to all of the above issues.

At this point, there was nothing more from Mr. Grayson or Mr. Wendt, so they left the conversations via cell phones.

Matters from the Staff  
Nothing

Matters from the Board  
Mr. Wenger stated that at the next meeting, e will need to discuss the Communication Board Budget. A copy of this, for the accounting period ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 is attached.

Public Comment  
None

Next Meeting  
TBA

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

Respectfully Submitted,

*Carlye Hansen*

Carlye Hansen, Planning Department Secretary



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Miscellaneous / Public Comment    None.

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