

AGENDA
ANACONDA-DEER LODGE COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETING
6:00 PM TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026
COURTHOUSE - COURTROOM

RULES OF THE COMMISSION

Everyone is respectfully asked to follow these few Commission Rules of Procedure:

- Please turn off or silence all cell phones and electronic devices.
- To address the Commission, please approach the podium and state your name & address for the record.
- Please speak loud enough for the entire room to hear your comments.
- Please address all comments to the Commission as you are not in a debate with other presenters or members of the audience.
- Please be respectful to other speakers, presenters, and members of the audience.
- If you wish to address any individual Commissioner, Public Official, or presenter you must request authorization from the Chair.
- Please try to limit your comments to three minutes or less.
- No sidebar conversations will be allowed. Private conversations and whispering in the audience during the meeting are very disruptive so please step out of the room for any such conversations.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Minutes from the Commission Meeting of February 17, 2026, and the Commission Work Session of February 24, 2026.

At this time, the Commission could take action to approve the minutes from the Commission meeting of February 17, 2026, and the Commission Work Session of February 24, 2026.

III. Approval of Claims

At this time, the Commission could take action to authorize the payment of claims numbered XXXXXX through XXXXXX in the amount of \$XXXXXX.XX

IV. Reports of Boards, Committees and Officials

- Commissioner Ed Beaudette:
- Commissioner Steve Gates:
- Commissioner Paul Smith:
- Commissioner Mike Beausoleil:
- Commissioner Kevin Hart:
- CEO Bill Everett:
- CA Morgan Smith:

V. Unfinished Business

A. ADLC Head Start Grantee Board Training Materials and Responsibilities

At this time, the Commission could take action to approve ADLC Head Start Grantee Board Training Materials and Responsibilities.

B. ADLC Head Start Review and Approval of Non-Federal Share Policy and Forms

At this time, the Commission could take action to approve ADLC Head Start Review and Approval of Non-Federal Share Policy and Forms.

C. Resolution No. 26-07, A Resolution Designating Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Holidays for Calendar Year 2026 and Amending Resolution No. 25-21

At this time, the Commission could take action to approve No. 26-07, A Resolution Designating Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Holidays for Calendar Year 2026 and Amending Resolution No. 25-21.

D. Request for Appointment to the Board of Adjustments by Joe Ungaretti

At this time, the Commission could take action to approve the Request for Appointment to the Board of Adjustments by Joe Ungaretti.

E. Request for Appointment to the County Tax Appeal Board by Nicole Cline (Letter Attached)

At this time, the Commission could take action to approve the Request for Appointment to the County Tax Appeal Board by Nicole Cline.

F. Special Event, Anaconda Hurricanes, April 2026 through September 2026, at Charlotte Yeoman (Pending Certificate of Insurance)

At this time, the Commission could take action to approve Special Event, Anaconda Hurricanes, April 2026 through September 2026 at Charlotte Yeoman, Pending Certificate of Insurance.

VI. New Business

A. Request for Qualifications Audit of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County's Communication System – CEO Everett

At this time, the Commission could take action to approve the Request for Qualifications Audit of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County's Communication System.

B. Request to Apply for and Administer a Montana Historic Preservation Grant through the Montana Department of Commerce

At this time, the Commission could take action to approve the Request to Apply for and Administer a Montana Historic Preservation Grant through the Montana Department of Commerce.

C. Request to Advertise for Bids for the Concessions Contract at the Yeoman Softball Complex

At this time, the Commission could take action to approve the Request to Advertise for Bids for the Concessions Contract at the Yeoman Softball Complex.

D. Resolution No. 26-08, A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Execute Special Event Permits Pertaining to Easter Egg Hunts on County Property

At this time, the Commission could take action to approve Resolution No. 26-08, A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Execute Special Event Permits Pertaining to Easter Egg Hunts on County Property.

E. Motor Vehicle Graveyard Grant for ADLC JV Graveyard – Chad Lanes

At this time, the Commission could take action to approve the Motor Vehicle Graveyard Grant for ADLC JV Graveyard.

F. Request for Reappointment to the Public Housing Authority Board by Camille Erickson (Letter Attached)

At this time, the Commission could take action to approve the Request for Reappointment to the Public Housing Authority Board by Camille Erickson.

G. Request for Reappointment/Appointment to the Planning Board by Dan Reardon and Jo Anne Mitchell (Letters Attached, 1 Vacancy)

At this time, the Commission could take action to approve the Request for Reappointment to the Planning Board by Dan Reardon, or the Request for Appointment to the Planning Board by Jo Anne Mitchell.

H. Special Event, Dead Ringer Horseshoe Club, Doubles State Horseshoe Qualifier, May 30, 2026, at the Horseshoe Pits at Washoe Park (Pending Certificate of Insurance)

At this time, the Commission could take action to approve the Special Event, Dead Ringer Horseshoe Club, Doubles State Horseshoe Qualifier, May 30, 2026, at the Horseshoe Pits at Washoe Park, Pending Certificate of Insurance.

VII. Miscellaneous

- Commissioner Ed Beaudette:
- Commissioner Steve Gates:
- Commissioner Paul Smith:
- Commissioner Mike Beausoleil:
- Commissioner Kevin Hart:
- CEO Bill Everett:
- CA Morgan Smith:

VIII. Public Comment – This is the time for members of the public to comment on items **NOT** appearing on this agenda that **fall within the Commission's jurisdiction.**

IX. Public Meeting Dates

X. Adjournment

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Public Meetings
Board Vacancies can be viewed on the A-DLC website: <https://adlc.us>

March 3, 2026 – 6:00 PM – Commission Meeting
Courthouse

March 4, 2026 – 7:00 PM – West Valley Volunteer Fire
Fire Hall

March 5, 2026 – 9:30 AM – Historic Resources Board
Community Service Center, 3rd Floor Conference Room

March 9, 2026 – 5:30 PM – Head Start Policy Council
Head Start

March 10, 2026 – 6:00 PM – Commission Meeting
Courthouse

March 12, 2026 – 10:00 AM – DUI Task Force
Community Service Center, 3rd Floor Conference Room

March 12, 2026 – 12:00 PM – Historic Resources Board, Speaker Series:
“The History of Anaconda High School Wrestling with Jerry Arneson”
The Forge Hotel

The first part of the paper discusses the importance of understanding the underlying mechanisms of the observed phenomena. This is followed by a detailed analysis of the data, which shows that the results are consistent with the theoretical predictions. The final section concludes the paper by summarizing the findings and suggesting directions for future research.

In the second part of the paper, we explore the implications of the findings for policy-making. We argue that the results suggest that there is a need for a more comprehensive approach to addressing the issue at hand. This approach should take into account the various factors that influence the outcome, as well as the potential for unintended consequences.

The third part of the paper provides a critical evaluation of the existing literature on the topic. We find that while there is a growing body of research, there are still significant gaps in our understanding. In particular, more research is needed to clarify the role of the various factors and to develop effective interventions.

In conclusion, the paper highlights the need for a more holistic and evidence-based approach to addressing the issue. By understanding the underlying mechanisms and the implications of the findings, we can develop more effective policies and interventions. This will require continued research and collaboration between researchers, policymakers, and the public.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 1 introduces the topic and outlines the objectives of the study. Section 2 presents the theoretical framework and the hypotheses. Section 3 describes the data and the methods used for the analysis. Section 4 reports the results of the analysis and discusses their implications. Section 5 provides a critical evaluation of the existing literature. Section 6 concludes the paper and suggests directions for future research.

ANACONDA-DEER LODGE COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETING
6:00 P.M. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026
COURTHOUSE COURTROOM

Present: District 2 Commissioner Steve Gates, District 3 Commissioner Kevin Hart (Chair), District 4 Commissioner Paul Smith (Vice-Chair), District 5 Commissioner Ed Beaudette, CEO Bill Everett, County Attorney Morgan Smith, and Clerk of Commission Jessica Dailey

Excused Absence: District 1 Commissioner Mike Beausoleil
Members of the Press: James Rosien, The Anaconda Leader

Members of the Public: Per Sign-In Sheet

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

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the Commission meeting of February 3, 2026; and the Commission Work Session of February 10, 2026.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to take action to approve the Minutes from the Commission meeting of February 3, 2026; and the Commission Work Session Meeting of February 10, 2026; Seconded by Commissioner Beaudette.

Motion Carried 4-0

Approval of Claims

Commissioner Beaudette – I emailed all of the commissioners about my objections, or questions, concerning a couple of claims. The first one being claim number 148970 to Boone Karlberg in the amount of \$750.00 for legal services that was allotted against the law enforcement budget. This follows up with my objection months ago concerning the same type of assessment against the fire fund, I don't believe that we have any indication that our levy allows for the payment of management's legal fees out of our law enforcement levy, and I would object to that. Claim number 149035 was for a bus rental to Heather Edwards with no indication of what that bus was used for. It could have been a bachelor party, or it could have been any number of things, and we don't know what it is, so I don't think it should necessarily come out of our budget unless we know what it is.

- **Chairman Hart** – CEO, I think you have information on that?
- **CEO Everett** – Absolutely, I can help you with both. First of all, as far as a county, we actually use CPA's, not people wanting to pretend they're accountants, it doesn't work like that, it's like you don't use people pretending like they're attorneys.
- **Commissioner Beaudette** – Like you pretend like you're an attorney occasionally.
- **CEO Everett** – Yeah, okay. So, our auditors who are CPA's whose done this, it's their discretion and they get guidance on this, and their guidance is that this is how it should be accounted for. Obviously, we need to go

with our accountants, and they give us our report and our audit, so that one is pretty easy. The next one was actually a pretty fortunate situation we had last week. Most of you commissioners I've been able to share it with, Ed, obviously we exclude you. The conversation was pretty interesting. We actually had some very affluent people fly in, actually two jets, landed in Butte last week, looking at perhaps putting in a pharmaceutical manufacturing company. To put the significance of it, the people that were on that plane, you would know their names, Dr. Oz and RFK Jr.'s son. This was D.C.'s biggest and baddest of the pharmaceutical type companies. It came together with kind of short notice, and this was a referral from the Governor's office. The Governor has been doing a great job of giving us assistance in business development, and I am very appreciative of it. He doesn't have a lot of background on these people but was able to steer them in the direction of Anaconda so I am very grateful for that. They're all flying in and they wanted to look at an area of where they could possibly put this pharmaceutical company. As far as representing Anaconda, I actually had John Fitzpatrick with us and he was able to join us along with Carl Hamming, and then an attorney in Town, John Stoppler joined us. That's who represented Anaconda, along with myself. We had about twenty-two of us. We also had a conference room at the Forge once we picked them up. On twenty-four-hour notice there are basically two ways that you can get a vehicle in Anaconda that can carry twenty people. My wife, who is a special ed teacher and a very nice lady, thought she could probably get us the special ed bus from the school. Although I thought it might be kind of comical, I'm not sure it would be appropriate to pick them up in that vehicle, so I didn't want to pursue that avenue. Luckily, the only other thing that picks up twenty people is I know Heather Edwards has what I call the "party bus". It's one of those situations you have to make light of because we're not going to hit you with elegance, we're hitting you with functionality that just might work, so we picked them up with the "party bus" and Heather was able to do that for us. We hired her for eight hours for her and her bus and she drove twenty-two of us around at the airport and different areas we were looking at, and it was an excellent day. Also, Tammy Mattson at the Forge did an amazing job for us. She had it all laid out in the conference room with little fruit cocktail things for people to eat while we discussed, and it actually went all day. It was a long situation and for some reason a couple of them wanted to walk the airport, so believe it or not, they were walking through the airport as Carl and I went to the bus and told them we would follow behind them in the bus. I don't know what the hell they were doing. Whether anything comes to fruition on this, we don't know, but so many things like this is where we throw something against the wall and see what happens. There are some potential things but it's a long way to really be a public topic by any means, but it would be really interesting if it does come. Fitz, do you have any comments on that or any thoughts about that meeting in your perspective?

- **John Fitzpatrick (from audience)** – We'll be patiently waiting to see a business plan.

Commissioner Beaudette – I think the explanation on the bus is legitimate and makes sense, but I think we all should have known what it was for, prior to having it set forth as a claim. On the other matter, lawyers read the laws and interpret the laws, and the law says that you cannot use funding from a special levy for things that are not appropriately set forth within the levy. As with the fire, nobody within the structure of our financials could tell me what the actual terms of our fire levy are for the Anaconda, and I assume that that's probably the same for our police budget, so I continue to say that until we can see that our levy says that under the law we can use that tax levy to pay management's attorney fees, I am going to object to that claim. I would request that the County Attorney make an investigation into that to make sure we're not violating the law by following generally accepted accounting principles.

Chairman Hart – For the claim for Heather Edwards and the bus, it came up within twenty-four hours and it's not like that was going to be all announced in advance. Nonetheless, a lot of things the CEO puts together we the commission who meet every week may not necessarily know about that, and I think that's a legitimate claim. The Boone Karlberg claim, I think that you're saying that we don't have knowledge that that can be taken out without any documentation that it can, so based on those accounting principles and the past practice, I feel that that \$750.00 is a legitimate claim as well -

- **Commissioner Beaudette** – If I continue to object, do I have to vote against all of the claims or can I vote against only the one that is in dispute concerning the attorney's fees?
- **Chairman Hart** - I think that you have voiced your opposition to one claim, but we are voting on the claims as a whole.
- **Commissioner Beaudette** – Okay, thank you.

CEO Everett – On the claims, and I think last time that Ed didn't understand it. The CPA wrote a letter to the commission that said this is how it's done and this is how you allocate it, so if you want another copy of it. And actually, an interesting thing is that letter actually cost more than that claim was because it was a half hour claim, but if you want another letter, I would be happy to have the CPA do that. Unfortunately, it's going to cost the taxpayers more money to hear the same thing we've heard before but that would be at your discretion.

- **Commissioner Beaudette** – Mr. Chairman...May I speak?
- **Chairman Hart** – Go ahead.
- **Commissioner Beaudette** – I object to the insinuation that I didn't understand the letter. I fully understood it, but it wasn't an opinion by a lawyer, it was an opinion by a CPA, and this is a legal question.

CA Morgan Smith – I will indicate that I understand Commissioner Beaudette's request for an opinion from me which I will look into, as I don't know the specific language within the levy either. I do think for purposes of claim approval today I would also note that it's my understanding that Chief Sather did approve claims, so I think there is not, internally at least, a concern as to where those funds are coming from which I think does provide some difference today. I agree with you, Commissioner Beaudette, in that this is something we should look at addressing and I will take that on, but this is not something I have for you today.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to take action to authorize the payment of claims numbered **148960** through **149038** in the amount of **\$172,327.72**; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 3-1

Dissenting Vote: Commissioner Beaudette

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

- **Commissioner Beaudette** – The Golf Course Authority Board met last night. This was the meeting in which we got the final reconciliations of the budgets for this past year. We were all very happy to see that there was a substantial profit well above the budget for the golf course operations overall. One of the issues that was a big one was the fact that, well the biggest thing it could be attributed to, was extremely good weather, particularly on weekends. They had rounds well above projected. The other thing is that the management company, at the request of the board, is moving forward with a very extensive long-term planning process to develop a plan for major items replacement, upgrades of facilities, and that sort of thing. It's a large process but it's moving along very well, and I think we should be happy with the status of the golf course at this point
- **Commissioner Gates** - Nothing to report.
- **Commissioner Smith** - Nothing to report.
- **Commissioner Hart** - Nothing to report.
- **CEO Everett** – I reported what I wanted to, guys, just to tell you about the pharmaceutical possibilities.
- **CA Morgan Smith** – Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approval of Designated Polling Locations for the 2026 Federal Election

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to approve Designated Polling Locations for the 2026 Federal Election; Seconded by Commissioner Beaudette.

Motion Carried 4-0

Facilities Use Agreement with Anaconda Public Schools

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Beaudette to take action to approve the Facilities Use Agreement with the Anaconda Public Schools for the upcoming election season; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 4-0

Recommendation by the Economic Development Board to Pledge \$50,000.00 for Construction of a New Playground at Lincoln Elementary

Chairman Hart – Carl, do you have anything further to add to that from last week?

- **Carl Hamming** – Nope.

CEO Everett – It's a great project. That school definitely needs it and those kids need it, and that's kind of what we have that money for to help out some of these non-profit ideas to help with fundraising issues.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Beaudette to take action to approve the Recommendation by the Economic Development Board to Pledge \$50,000.00 for Construction of a New Playground at Lincoln Elementary; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 4-0

Fifer Creek Restoration Project Agreement

Chairman Hart – Carl, any additional information?

- **Carl Hamming** – Nothing further.

Commissioner Beaudette – I would just like to say that this project is in my district, and I believe that it's going to be a real important addition to that portion of the district which basically surrounds our water well system and it's going to, I think, enhance that particular portion of the county, protect our water resource, and hopefully it's going to be a good public attraction also.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Beaudette to take action to approve the Fifer Creek Restoration Project Agreement; Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion Carried 4-0

Georgetown Lake Road Overlay Project Bid Award

Chairman Hart – Sara, do you have any additional comments on that?

- **Sara Cline** – I have nothing to add.

Commissioner Beaudette – As I stated at the work session, it is common under construction projects for the owner of the project to look closely at the qualifications and performance of the individuals who make bids. I believe our action, as recommended by our engineers, is appropriate due to the nature and the need for the quality of this particular road due to its circumstances as being probably the most difficult weather situation we have in the county and in my district.

CEO Everett – Just to clarify, I know the commissioners received a letter from Hollow and just to address that, “hey, why won’t I get that if I’m the low bid?”, we are prepared to answer that very straightforward and very solidly. I see zero issues with us taking the second lowest bid, it’s just the right thing to do.

CA Morgan Smith – I think the primary reliance is on the email that Sara sent out today in response to Hollow’s questions, but I think the County certainly has an obligation to the taxpayers to do their diligence before awarding contracts. I think us contracting with WET that there should be some reliance upon the findings and their recommendation that you accept the second bid.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Beaudette to take action to Award the Bid of the Georgetown Lake Road Overlay Project as presented by our engineers; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 4-0

Resolution No. 26-04, A Resolution to Place on the Primary Election Ballot a Question for Determination by the Qualified Electors of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County for the Levy of Three (3) Mills to Support Operations of the Smelter City Senior Citizens’ Center

Chairman Hart – I would state that I think all three of these items that we are going to discuss now for placing on the ballot for both the senior center and Head Start are very, very crucial for us and I think they are very good and responsible individuals that take care of these budgets. These are very important to our community, and I certainly hope that the community does support these.

CEO Everett – I would just echo Chairman Hart; these are good mills that need to be passed. These are great organizations and they do a heck of a job, and Anaconda relies on them. I would ask the commission and anyone else in this room to go out and support these ballots.

CA Morgan Smith – All three Resolution’s that are before you for approval tonight meet legal criteria in terms of substance required for ballot language as well as the language required within the Resolution. I would note that the

commission, by passing is not indicating, though I understand individually you are indicating support and encouraging voter support for the Resolutions, but what is before the commission is merely the adoption of the Resolutions so the language can appear on the ballot and would just indicate this is the only process that agencies like the Smelter City Senior Citizens' Center at the Metcalf and that Head Start have for getting something on the ballot is the process must come before the local governing body. So, your approval today is merely for this language to appear on the ballot for citizens this spring.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to take action to approve Resolution No. 26-04, A Resolution to Place on the Primary Election Ballot a Question for Determination by the Qualified Electors of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County for the Levy of Three (3) Mills to Support Operations of the Smelter City Senior Citizens' Center; Seconded by Commissioner Beaudette.

Motion Carried 4-0

Resolution No. 26-05, A Resolution to Place on the Primary Election Ballot a Question for Determination by the Qualified Electors of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County for the Levy of Three (3) Mills to Support Food Programming of the Smelter City Senior Citizens' Center

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to approve Resolution No. 26-05, A Resolution to Place on the Primary Election Ballot a Question for Determination by the Qualified Electors of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County for the Levy of Three (3) Mills to Support Food Programming of the Smelter City Senior Citizens' Center; Seconded by Commissioner Beaudette.

Motion Carried 4-0

Resolution No. 26-06, A Resolution to Place on the Primary Election Ballot a Question for Determination by the Qualified Electors of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County for the Levying of Two (2) Mills Providing for the Operation of the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Head Start Program

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Beaudette to take action to approve Resolution No. 26-06, A Resolution to Place on the Primary Election Ballot a Question for Determination by the Qualified Electors of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County for the Levying of Two (2) Mills Providing for the Operation of the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Head Start Program; Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion Carried 4-0

Request for Resignation of the Urban Wildlife Task Force by Chad Gochanour

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to approve the Request for Resignation of the Urban Wildlife Task Force by Chad Gochanour; Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion Carried 4-0

Special Event, Anaconda High School Softball and Softball Divisionals, March 10, 2026, through May 30, 2026, Yeoman Complex (Pending Certificate of Insurance)

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Beaudette to take action to approve the Special Event, Anaconda High School Softball and Softball Divisionals, March 10, 2026, through May 30, 2026, using the Yeoman Complex pending the certificate of insurance; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 4-0

Special Event, Anaconda AOH St. Patrick's Day Race, March 14, 2026, AOH Hall (Pending Certificate of Insurance)

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Beaudette to take action to approve the Special Event, Anaconda AOH St. Patrick's Day Race, March 14, 2026, beginning on Cherry Street at the AOH Hall; Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion Carried 4-0

Special Event, Anaconda AOH St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2026, AOH Hall (Pending Certificate of Insurance)

Commissioner Beaudette – The Anaconda AOH is the longest running established AOH division in the entire United States. This has been an annual tradition basically since the 1880's. This is something that we need to continue to support, and I believe to enhance the Irish heritage of the people who built Anaconda and also, it's a very good promotional activity for people to come and visit Anaconda in March, so I would highly suggest and request that we approve this special event.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Beaudette to take action to approve the Special Event, Anaconda AOH St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2026, beginning at the AOH Hall and following the route as described in the application, pending certificate of insurance; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Verkada Camera Proposal, Pine Cove Consulting

CEO Everett – Last fall when we had our emergency situation with the murders in town, fortunately it did bring different things to light, such as weaknesses we have. One of the questions asked as we were sitting with law enforcement was, "what cameras do you have going in and out of town just trying to figure out whose moving where, what other cameras you guys might have city wise that might pick up something?". We don't have any city

cameras and that's very odd and rare at this time in a community our size. I'm not saying they would have solved anything quicker, but it is just part of evolution that we need to move into. This is not something that we have budgeted, but we have plenty of cash and resources so that's not a problem, but it will be a budget adjustment if the commission does decide to do this. We looked around and talked to a lot of different people trying to find ideas. I am going to hand this over to Ryan Eamon in just a moment. Ryan did the work on this and put in the footwork, so I'll let you go from there Ryan, if you would.

Ryan Eamon, Detective Sergeant with ADLC PD – Less think of this like a Big Brother project and more like we need to look at the infrastructure that exists here. We looked at camera projects for our building, this building, Parks and Rec building, and even the areas of Parks and Rec. It quickly became apparent that we have multiple contracts for different agencies. For an example at the Police Department, we have over twenty-seven cameras that watch the inmates for liability purposes and activity, and in that circumstance, we have three different contracts for who runs those cameras. Then we looked at the parks, and I've been involved in investigations out at the parks where there has been criminal conduct against county property. We look at the camera systems that are there and that's another contract. It's a private contract for the cameras that were put up there that aren't being utilized for what they should be utilized for. What I mean by that, is those cameras exist but we're not utilizing them to their potential. We're watching over the pool for liability and that's great, but those cameras aren't covering the parking lot, it wasn't included in that initial project to cover that parking lot, and we have the A's stadium, we have county property behind the stadium, so issues existed there. Within the courthouse, this floor is the only floor that has any type of camera system. So, any activity in this building on the first and second floor have no camera surveillance. Looking at that, now we have another contract, and I believe I'm up to five contracts. We also have an interview room that's in the Police Department that we utilize to interview suspects, it's recorded, it's legal criminal justice information that's provided to the County Attorney's office, and that's another contract making it six contracts. Butte Security had set us up with panic buttons in the courthouse which I thought existed in like five offices, there were eleven offices that had panic buttons and none of them worked. I don't know how long they haven't been working but we pushed every one of them and they don't work. As part of this project, it's protection for the courthouse. Any office that is here with people alone inside of that office that's open to the public and anyone can come in; they would have access to a panic button. That panic button will sound an alarm that will automatically call dispatch that will alert us to come here. 90% of the time there is somebody inside of the station and it's usually not patrol guys, it's usually guys like me that are writing paperwork all day. That was the first task to kind of get over, and then the camera systems. We looked at the jail first, which was my part of the project really. We looked at the cameras that existed in the jail since we have issues that go on in the jail such as people sliding notes under the doors, and just typical time on their hands figuring out ways to get around that. The other part of that is the outside of our building has absolutely zero coverage. In the case of liability as we're transporting inmates across from the jail to the courthouse, you can see the parking lot today is a perfect example. It's a sheet of ice, we walk them over, they're in belly chains, there's liability that exists there. I think having a camera cover that area would cover us in some liability in the long run of a lawsuit that came up where they said, "this guy was handcuffed and fell on his face in the parking lot." That might be the case but at least we have the footage to provide to say, "this wasn't malicious or intentional in any way". Then, our review of the parks and the courthouse. Like I said, we have had some issues in the parks. Earlier today I found fourteen reports of criminal mischief, four of those were solved based off of surveillance and none of that surveillance came from our camera systems, it came from civilians that provided that footage. What I mean by that is somebody recorded it with a cell phone and we got it. The lack of any kind of coverage for that area is concerning. We do have activity that happens at the parks, high school kids hang out there at the courts, the Smelter Stack viewing area, and we get tons of complaints. Those complaints can do two things; they can help lead us to somebody and they can help acquit somebody. We can sit down and say, "hey, this isn't as drastic as you think, the kids left out some McDonald's bags. I can talk to the SRO and get the kids down there to pick up their trash and clean it up." With the camera project we talked about on the east and west side of town having cameras. Those are cellular types of cameras; that's an addition to what these guys are going to talk about today. With this project, I think it's important to note that it is a big dollar amount but it's a ten-year project. With that ten years that's cameras installed, the software updates that come in, and that's a ten-year contract with this company. I know there's going to be some discussion about the business side of things like bids and things like

that, but we did have another company come in. I can tell you alone with their bid before we even got fully into negotiation with them, the Police Department's side to it would have cost almost equal to what this was. The Police Department itself, twenty-seven cameras with the dome style cameras outside would have actually cost us probably about \$111,000.00. This is \$162,000.00 with the addition of the courthouse and our parks. It also gets us under one contract, where the Police Department budget isn't paying a check for three different companies to work on the camera systems, it all goes to one place. We would have administrators for that building, Chief of Police, the Captain of Detention, etc., for the person that is deemed the administrator they would have access to that system and then we could view that system. They could download the clip, request it through the cloud service, which is another part these guys will talk about, but it holds ninety days on their cloud system. We hold sixty days in the courthouse, ninety days in the jail, no matter what. Each camera has a solid-state recording device on it too which can be accessed in the event of power failure, or multiple events. If the cloud is down, we can pull the chip out of the camera and download that footage, it's not lost and gone forever. In my time in Anaconda, I've been a Police Officer for eighteen years, I was here for fourteen years, I traveled with the Montana Division of Criminal Investigation for four years, I went to every courthouse in Montana. I've been to Terry, Montana, Winnett, Montana, little, tiny towns and they all have camera systems with access to those camera systems. Their law enforcement has access to those in the event of an emergency. In the event of that emergency, I've been to this courthouse multiple times over somebody calling from the courthouse saying, "hey, we need help over here. There's a guy that supposedly has a gun" "there's an unruly person in court". How that process is happening is not effective. The judge sitting there from the stand calling 9-1-1 when we're across the street when he should have a button that he could just push, to not have to pull a phone out of have a clerk call, that makes sense to me. I am going to leave it to these guys, Verkada and Pine Cove, and they are the professionals.

Keaton Lash, Verkada – Thank you for having us. Ryan, very well said. I reside in Scottsdale, AZ where our company is. Pine Cove is local here to Montana. To repeat some of the things that Ryan mentioned, he said ten-year contract. It's a ten-year warranty on all of the equipment; there's zero ongoing operational costs for the county for the next ten-year period. So that \$162,000.00 mark you're looking at is the cost for the ten-year period and if anything fails, we would drop ship overnight, products installed, and it's always the newest and latest from a feature functionality standpoint. Overall public safety, there are a lot of AI applications involved in this to better protect the citizens of this county. If there's ever a warrant out for someone's arrest, you can use the cameras here to detect that individual with some of the face analytics here. On just customers in general and the contract that was a big area of conversation here tonight, we are using the NASPO Contract AR2472 which is recognized by the State of Montana, and we have Lewis and Clark County here also that uses the State contract. The State contract guarantees government pricing. You can go check that government pricing we've actually exceeded that mark as well. On the installation and the project as a whole, and my partner Kyle will talk a little more about that as to where the cameras are going. Thank you for your time.

Kyle Rygg, Pine Cove – I am just over the hill here in Bozeman. These guys kind of covered everything so I will just make it kind of brief. We're a Montana based company, we do all of our installs in-house, and we don't utilize any of our subcontractors. We have a team in Bozeman, we have employees in Missoula, Billings, and kind of spread across the State, but our main service tech that will be responsible for this project is in Bozeman with me as well. Just a quick overview of the project like Ryan mentioned, twenty-seven cameras I think was the total count over at the jail, twelve or so cameras at the parks that is the one with the splash pads and the community park, and the other chunk of the bid you'll see is the network. With the parks being kind of remote locations, there's a little bit of work that goes into supporting these cameras since they're all cloud-based all over the internet, so we do some cellular and Wi-Fi stuff as well to get all of that to work. The jail as well, a bunch of dome cameras as Ryan mentioned earlier, twenty-six of those in total. At the jail there interior and exterior, seven cameras total in the courthouse with eleven panic buttons, and then the hubs to make all of these panic buttons work. The panic buttons are obviously wireless, so we end up ceiling mounting a little hub that connects all of this stuff together, and then the associative licensing and stuff as well. Our installation cost, we broke it down by location as well. We're assuming this would all be done in one trip, as far as timelines I think we're pretty open. We originally joked about making it a late spring project to avoid the weather, but with how this winter is going I think we'll probably

be ready to move forward and get things installed sooner than we had initially anticipated so we can discuss that as well. That's pretty much it. Like I said, we're a Montana company and local here to support you guys as we've gone through this as a ten-year plan.

CEO Everett – That's kind of the overview. Please correct me if I'm wrong, but this gets us started and we can add cameras to this anytime we need to. It can be an evolving thing but for the next ten years basically we have \$160,000.00 by ten years, which is \$16,000.00 which doesn't sound so bad. I think it's something we need to do, especially the jail feature, guys, we don't have that choice, and it needs to happen for legal reasons. Just what it adds to the community and other fashions as well. I know Mr. Gates has hit me probably three different times, "hey do you have cameras on the splash pad yet?". No, but we're trying like hell, but this will have it and it's needed. Helena uses these guys and worships them very highly. They speak beautifully about you guys so I think it would be a good go and needs to happen. If there are any questions I can answer, please let me know.

Commissioner Beaudette – We're buying this equipment for ten years, what happens if something does fail? Are we charged for replacements or is that included in our initial payment?

- **Keaton Lash** – Everything is included in your initial payments. To answer your question, ten-year warranty across all equipment. Anything that fails, just say for example we don't make that model that was originally purchased, we will give equal to higher model at no cost. Obviously, we're not going to warranty equipment that's going to fail at ten years in one day, our equipment is meant to last for sixteen, seventeen plus years and that's a long time because technology changes. We have automatic software updates, cameras can't go more than 4K high megapixels, right? Maybe in the future, but software is the most important part so anything new Verkada ever comes out with is rolled automatically into your software overnight. There are no additional charges, no hidden fees, this is the cost you see unless you guys add cameras along the way of course. This is the project at hand.
- **Commissioner Beaudette** – One other thing, obviously the intent is to have camera coverage at our most critical spots throughout the County; how is this going to be monitored? Is there going to be somebody in the park and rec office looking at a laptop? Are they going to also be able to see what's going on in the Police Department or is that discreetly separated out amongst the other divisions? Similarly, is our secretary going to have to be watching the cameras down in the office for everybody in the courthouse? How is that going to work logistically?
- **Ryan Eamon** – We have what's going to be a full monitor, and it's ran through the Wi-Fi network, probably Apple TV is what you guys said. That will be put inside the dispatch center. Our dispatch center is housed 24/7 so at any point that monitor would be live for the cameras. Those cameras inside the courthouse, when it's down time, we're probably not going to run those. We're not going to waste the time when nobody should be in the building other than some type of entrance camera in case somebody did make entry. Those cameras would stay live within dispatch, and those guys would be able to monitor those at any time. By department, the plan is to have each department that has cameras within it, like in Jess's case or the secretary downstairs, the County Attorney's secretary if they wanted access, to clerks for the court all the way upstairs, somebody in all of those departments would be given an administrative password to be able to access those cameras.

Commissioner Gates – I'm just going over this and maybe I'm just missing this, but as far as an APU backup, especially in law enforcement if the power is disconnected and taken out, what do you have for backup power supply?

- **Keaton Lash** – As of right now, all of these cameras are powered ethernet. So, they require two things, they require power and they require some type of Wi-Fi connection. If Wi-Fi connection fails, the cameras are always still recording. Every camera these days needs power. Until power is restored, we can have a backup generator as needed, but as of right now as power fails, the cameras will be offline until the power is restored.
- **Commissioner Gates** – So, should that be part of the bid?

- **Kyle Rygg** – We don't have anything on there right now but as he said, power and internet is what they need. If internet goes down, the cameras do still have power to continue recording. Once the internet comes back online it will update all of that footage that was missed during that outage. We don't have it currently on our quote but there are products out there UPS's, uninterruptable power supplies, that is very common in the IT world. So, we could look at adding those if you guys have a County IT department, they might have those in place already. We did that similar project in Lewis and Clark County. Their maintenance building was losing power frequently, so we added some UPS's, gave it about thirty minutes of run time where most of their outages were five to ten minutes, we added those on at a pretty minimal cost and now all of their cameras even during outages are still receiving power and not missing any footage. I'm assuming the jail has something like that existing –
- **CEO Everett** – The jail has a backup power system.
- **Kyle Rygg** – So if there's something here existing, we could –
- **CEO Everett** – There is not in the courthouse. I have another question that I was just thinking about. Let's say you have a camera down at the parks, there would not be any kind of power backup system for that, would there?
- **Kyle Rygg** – Correct, that would be a tough one since we're not running with full power.

Chairman Hart – I just want to say that you have a list of Montana counties and cities that are currently using the system which is Lewis and Clark, Butte Silver-Bow, Missoula County, City of Billings, City of Missoula, City of Whitehall, and I think that kind of speaks volumes to the type of program that you do have. I think it's important for the parts of security of the properties from vandalism to anything else. The splash park just cost us a ton of money to be able to put that in, so I think not only for the safety for vandalism but the safety of individuals that are using the park and splash park. The jail and detention are critically important. As you all know, I work at the Montana State Prison and have for twenty-five years, and they are getting more and more cameras down there and I can't even tell you how many there are. I don't know if there's any place you can go at the prison, inside and outside of any building, that you're not on camera. It's for legal purposes and safety purposes. Ryan will know what I'm talking about PREA, Prison Rape Elimination Act, it's hugely important for cameras to be in a lot of those places, and the jail and detention center just cannot be without them. The courthouse inside and out; we've had thefts from the parking lot out here. I'm hoping that there's going to be at least one camera in the parking lot, maybe out in front of the building. I certainly would like to see something on the pavilion at Benny Goodman Park that's been vandalized numerous times, and the Charlotte Yeoman complex. We have a lot of properties that we put a lot of money into, and I think we owe it to the taxpayers to make sure we're doing the best we can to protect those properties and protect the individuals that are using them. In this day and age, I think it's just come to the point where cameras are important. I like the idea that with this system we can add cameras to it as we go along, and I think with all of the information they've provided this is a very, very good investment.

CEO Everett – This is something we need to do. One other interesting aspect in part of the interview, zooms, and all that stuff as they had another lady with them, it was more their tech lady.

- **Kyle Rygg** – Project manager.
- **CEO Everett** – Yeah, and I was asking them about the warranty too and asked how that worked with the equipment and what if they don't make that equipment anymore. Just so comfortably and nonchalantly she was like, "well that's kind of the good news because then you get the newest and latest thing too because everything just gets upgraded the way it works.". It was just kind of cool how it was presented that they just take care of stuff in kind of the same vision and voice you heard from these guys. Obviously with phone calls we made to other communities, everybody else said you guys back it too, you guys are doing a very respectable business so thank you. Basically, what we're looking at is \$16,000.00 a year. This will be allocated over the next ten years. We'll pay it all upfront but then it's allocated on an annual basis over the next ten years, \$16,000.00 we'll break that out, if approved, obviously detention will take a good part of it for all those cameras but then we'll allocate it all out fairly as well. I truly assume within the next year multiple cameras will probably keep getting added to it, so I think it would be a pretty cool thing.

CA Morgan Smith – I echo a lot of the sentiment just vocalizing from the use of cameras or requesting of cameras, I think one having a streamlined access and having consistency in all of our departments or agencies when we're looking to review cameras would be a great asset, certainly to my office as we're requesting cameras when it's involved in some sort of criminal prosecution. I do think, and I want to kind of express from a liability standpoint the assistance that cameras would be for any type of accidents that occur, also independent from criminal conduct and things of that nature. I also think it's very important to indicate that all cameras would be placed on county property and they will be overseeing county property. So, there aren't going to be cameras installed that are otherwise encumbering anyone's privacy interest, these will be in publicly available spaces or places that are open and available to the public such as inside of the courthouse and things like that. I think there's huge value in an overhaul in having streamlined and up to date cameras, which I can't speak enough to having cameras in interview rooms in the station that are reliable. Right now, just for transparency, law enforcement is bringing body cams and setting them on tables in rooms because we don't have faith that the recording is always going to store or be accessible, so we're doubling up on some of those things right now. Streamlining or having a refresh of some of those cameras are going to be really important. For your purposes today in terms of this being for you as new business, it was mentioned in their presentation as well, but the State of Montana does have a contract which provides for special government rates which does create an exception to the bidding or advertising requirement for contracts before the commission. Generally, anything over \$80,000.00 would need to go out to bid, but Montana Code 7-5-4303 does indicate that for a government agency where a government contract that exists for funds that are available at a reduced rate, there is an exception for the need to go out for bid. So, you are able to take action on this today without having the item to go out to bid for other proposals.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Beaudette to take action to approve the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Verkada Camera Proposal as Presented by Verkada and Pine Cove Consulting; Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion Carried 4-0

Public Health Professional Liability Insurance Policy Renewal – Lauren Bolton, Public Health Director

Lauren Bolton – This is just our annual renewal application for our professional liability insurance where we just talk about all of the visits that we did last year and hopefully get renewed again for this upcoming year.

CEO Everett – The reason why this is is we're insured through MMIA. Most other counties are insured through MACo. MACo actually insures public health departments, but MMIA, since they primarily insure just cities, does not insure health departments so there's a couple things we have to go outside the box for like this and our airport, and you'll see these.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to approve the Public Health Professional Liability Insurance Policy Renewal; Seconded by Commissioner Beaudette.

Motion Carried 4-0

Request for Approval of Preliminary PLAT of Krystal Springs Estates – Carl Hamming, Planning Director

Carl Hamming – I think you're all familiar with the Krystal Springs Estates Subdivision, the twenty-nine lot subdivision in the West Valley off of Jones, North Cable, and just north of Highway 1 there. The preliminary plat does not change from the public hearing a few weeks ago, but I did want to draw your attention briefly to the memo I included where I tried to update a little bit of the proposed conditions of approval. There are ten listed there, one in particular was some added language in response to Commissioner Beaudette's discussion item from the evening of the public hearing. The Planning Department does recommend conditional approval with these conditions, but if there are any other items that you would like to consider for conditions of approval, I would be happy to entertain additions or edits to those, again in response to the lengthy public comment that this subdivision has received.

Commissioner Beaudette – I don't necessarily know if Carl is going to answer this but the developer's representatives, but when I had the opportunity to review the Homeowners' Association agreement, I was unfortunately surprised to see there is a provision in there for two cows and two horses on these 1.8-acre properties. Not being in agriculture myself, but I do know that 1.8 acres is not sufficient ground for harboring potentially four pieces of livestock. After the last time we had the public hearing, I was assured by the developer's representatives that they were not going to have horses and cattle in this area because of the adjacent to the Anaconda Saddle Club where the horses could be maintained. I just don't see where the idea of having a couple of cows next to a high-end house is going to be an attractive way to develop the subdivision. I would like to have that addressed or dealt with. I have no problem with having two cats and two dogs, that's fine with me, but when you get into cows and horses in the proximity of this type of neighborhood, I don't think it's reasonable.

- **Carl Hamming** – If I may, I would turn that over to the developers and their agents for a response.
- **Ken Jenkins, Montana Northwest Company** – After our discussion in the parking lot, we did make some tweaks to the covenants, and I failed to get that in front of Carl. But what we're doing in order to have that livestock; the owner would have to have three continuous acres. So, in other words if they wanted to have two horses, they are going to have to buy to lots, is the change we made in the covenants to help address that. I think that will eliminate the possibility to some degree. The other change to the covenant was that the animals would have to be penned and there would be no open pasture grazing. So, in other words, if they wanted to have a horse, take it over to the equestrian center during the day, ride it around and do whatever, there's language that we changed to the covenants so that it wouldn't be allowed to graze the lot down to the bare rocks. That's the changes that we've made.
- **Commissioner Beaudette** – And you think those changes are sufficient? Believe me, I am not an agriculture person by nature, but I do know plenty of people that do and I know people who are trying to put horses, cows, and pigs on three quarters of an acre and it doesn't work very well –
- **Ken Jenkins** – Yeah, I agree.
- **Commissioner Beaudette** – There are plenty of places to ride your horse, but the Saddle Club is a place to have your horse stabled, and I see no reason for having cows whether there are three acres or not, in a residential subdivision. And I would like those changes made, whatever changes are made to the Homeowners' Association before we get to the point of approving this subdivision.
- **Sebastian Guilhemotonia** – I really would like to talk about the spirit of the intent of this element. Nobody wants to have a bunch of livestock on residential lots, that's not the intention, but this is also Montana, we're not trying to limit completely how people live their life. With the horses specifically, the intent is that area of town, this area of Montana, this is some fantastic outdoor recreation area. Now, the intent is not to have people graze their horses to the ground and down to the nubs, as that's not going to make the community prosper. But what we do want to have the option is for someone to bring their horse, unload it for a week while they're getting ready to go hunting, or whatever activity they are doing. Also didn't want to create verbiage that mandated that business be steered towards the Saddle Club that limits homeowners and private property owners from freedom of choice of where they do business with their animals. As the HOA manager at the moment, these are definitely considerations that we want to participate in this

community and the greater community of the development. Horses, definitely useful tools, especially in Western Montana. Cows, now there are all sorts of different types of cows, there are cows that are your typical feed cows, there's also cows that are these tiny miniature highland crosses that are almost like a big dog. These are the types of things that we want to allow the homeowners of that area, and as we pass off the HOA management to those homeowners, they can dictate the community that they want to live in. We don't want to have cats, dogs, like you said we don't want to have pigs running around with horses, chickens, like it's not a petting zoo for the ag land. The intent is to allow people to reasonably enjoy their property and what this community has to offer.

- **Commissioner Beaudette** – I understand what you're saying, but nonetheless, if somebody wants to have a horse, they should lease grazing land for it. There are no valid reasons to recreate anywhere and then come and park your horse for two weeks on your front yard. Same thing with cows; there isn't anybody that I know that's out there looking to have a miniature cow on their yard, they are going to want to have a full-grown cow, and you don't get to take him over to the Anaconda Saddle Club and run him around and then bring him back. So, if you're trying to say that people are going to only have pet cows of miniature size, well it better be very specific as to what you're going to do, but that's not what you have. You have something that people are going to push to the limits and it's going to be a hassle for everybody that you try to sell this property to, and it's going to be a problem for everybody else who tries to live out there. This is our responsibility and I know you're the major person of the Homeowners' Association, but you better get it together because there is no way that I feel that we should approve this subdivision with this type of a Homeowners' Association when you're going to leave it wide open with two cows and two horses. It ain't going to cover, sorry.
- **Chairman Hart** – I grew up in the West Valley. I spent the first not only the eighteen years of growing up and going through High School, and I was only a block away from where this development is going to happen. We had one lot in West Valley, that is 100x150, roughly a third of an acre, and we had as many as mostly four horses at one time and for short periods of times we had six. We were also as kids required to clean up after the horses, we never had a problem with neighbors regarding smell or anything else, and I think that's a big part of this. Less than a block away from where this development is going to be, is a lot in West Valley on Pintler Street that has two horses on it and that lot is only a third of an acre. There are many lots out in the West Valley that have horses on them and to my knowledge very few are there complaints about them. Now there are some that do, I'm not going to say that there are not, but I think that if the Homeowners' Association is going to impose some requirements of cleaning up after these animals making sure that it is properly maintained, I don't see that it's a problem. I think you just have to ride around West Valley and we're talking about a couple of animals on what would be three acres. A regular lot in the West Valley is roughly a third of an acre, so you're looking at almost half of the block in West Valley that you're going to have these two, three or four animals –
- **Commissioner Beaudette** – That's not what the Homeowners' Association says.
- **Chairman Hart** – I do not feel that that is unrealistic in that area that people in the West Valley are very accustomed to having livestock in that area. This development is going on a ranch where there were cows, they did the growing of the hay, the animals, and there have been a couple of very well-known ranches there. There is a lot of livestock in that area, and I feel to have this on three acres of property, I do not feel is uncalled for at all, and I don't think that is an issue for this development.
- **Commissioner Beaudette** – That's all well and good but that is my district and I do get complaints by people of animals that are being abused out there by being kept in pens perpetually, essentially. They're not being properly taken care of, and the point being is the language that's in the Homeowners' Association agreement that they want us to approve tonight does not have the three acre adjoining pieces of property within it, it doesn't have any restrictions on small cows versus big cows, it doesn't have any restrictions at all about only having your horses there when you're wanting to rest them up or be ready to ride off in the morning. The point being is that if this is what they want to do and they want to sell it to us, it better be in that Homeowners' Association agreement and it better be something that we can enforce.

- **Chairman Hart** – Okay. Carl, if I'm not mistaken this is for preliminary plat approval, there still has to be the other approval that comes after some of this stuff and we can be assured at that point that the things are being stated by the developers will be in that, is that correct?
- **Carl Hamming (from audience)** – Correct, the final plat approval will be after all of the improvements are done and finalized versions of the HOA will be before you.
- **Commissioner Beaudette** – Carl, can we put this in just as the connection to the irrigation system as a requirement enforceable by the county also be included?
- **Carl Hamming** – Just to clarify, you're requesting that the condition of approval that it's included within the HOA documents -
- **Commissioner Beaudette** – Correct.
- **Carl Hamming** – dealing with the livestock?
- **Carl Hamming** - Yes.
- **CEO Everett** – One, with these homeowners', local government usually doesn't oversee Homeowners' Associations. I've been a part of many of them and government has nothing to do with Homeowners' Associations, first that I know of anyways, so that's really not within our boundaries. Another thing you have to keep in mind is they can present us with a homeowners' plan that says, "no animal whatsoever could ever live on it.". But they have the full right, as soon as this is approved, tomorrow to change it that every animal can be approved and that's within their powers as well, so you guys are arguing about a very moot point, it's within their discretion and we have no say over it. The other thing is, as local government, we don't see homeowner infractions, that's within their own Homeowners' Association, us as a local government, that's not what we do, we have boundaries there. Just to clarify those.
- **Commissioner Beaudette** – That clarification is incorrect, we do have the authority to control some of these things, it's in our conditions of the approval for the irrigation system and that sort of thing. Local government has complete say under the current subdivision regulations. We're the ones that make these decisions; we're the ones to make sure these people are following what we want for the development in our county. If they want to get them straightened out, fine. But just to say, "oh we're going to do that in the future", because that's what they told us a month ago, the last time they were here they spoke to me directly and they didn't do it. There's also an indication within the Homeowners' Association agreement that those things that we do have within our conditions of approval cannot be changed once it's done, and that's the position we need to take on this because we need to control how development proceeds within our county.

CA Morgan Smith – I have a question and Carl I don't know if this is most appropriate for you or Mr. Jenkins, but there was reference by Mr. Jenkins that there have been some covenants changed. Ken if that's you, or if it's Carl, can you speak to what substance of that has changed in terms of what was actually included in preliminary plat approval, and Carl do you know how many changes, recognizing there were some kind of changes as it relates to livestock and the number of lots, what you're seeking for the commission to act on today's preliminary plat approval which would include all of those covenants as previously proposed, right?

- **Carl Hamming** – I think we're mixing two different things right now.
- **CA Morgan Smith** – Yes.
- **Carl Hamming** – So we've got within the memo itself within your commission packet there are ten proposed conditions of approval, those would run with preliminary plat approval so that you know what sort of approvals need to be done to the land so that the developers can come back with the request for final approval, after those conditions have been met or satisfied. I believe what Mr. Jenkins was referring to were changes within the draft HOA covenants -
- **CA Morgan Smith** – Oh, okay.
- **Carl Hamming** – and that document it sounds like it has changed but we don't have the most current version before us tonight. But as previously mentioned, it could be a finalized version that goes before you with the final plat approval request whenever that may be, if conditional approval of preliminary plat is granted.

- **Commissioner Beaudette** – Mr. Chairman –
- **Chairman Hart** – County Attorney, please continue.
- **CA Morgan Smith** – Can you clarify to me, from the standpoint of planning, does the planning recommendation change in terms of compliance with Montana statute if there is knowledge that there are some changes within the HOA documents?
- **Carl Hamming** – Changes within the HOA documents of the subject matter that we've been discussing tonight don't change the department's opinion about a recommendation for conditional approval. As Commissioner Beaudette was mentioning, things that the county's most concerned about as far as things that we do want to see enforcement of in to the future, those are baked into the conditions of approval to ensure that they are met before final plat approval or there are things we can follow up on after final plat approval has been granted, things such as metering of the wells to ensure they are within their exempt water right that the combined appropriation does not exceed what the state allows for the ten acre feet per year. That's where things can kind of meet in the little a little bit when HOA documents have references to subjects that are within the conditions of approval, but again, the Planning Department's recommendation for conditional approval does not change based off of what the HOA livestock is about.
- **CA Morgan Smith** – Carl, if you don't mind that I put you on the hot seat just since I know this is kind of your bread and butter; you and I had an opportunity to discuss this prior to the meeting as well, but understanding that part of the subdivision approval process contemplates local government review and is required for approval, is there anything that you see within your working with these developers and your familiarity with Montana code, that you believe there is sufficient reason recognizing that the county would be in a position to need to issue written findings of fact if the commission is to decline approval. Do you see anything within the documents that you have warranting legally the commission's non-moving forward with preliminary plat approval?
- **Carl Hamming** – No, I do not see a justifiable reason to deny the subdivision application as presented to the county.
- **CA Morgan Smith** – And concerns within specifics including potentially changes to some of the HOA language could be navigated in preliminary and final plat approval, but you have listed ten items that you specifically believe that the commission, if they are to approve, that they approve with these conditions as contained in your memo drafted February 12th. World's longest question, Carl, I'm sorry. Where you're at, these ten conditions are the Planning Department's recommendations of what needs to be included. This isn't flat approval; it would be approval with these ten conditions included.
- **Carl Hamming** – Correct.
- **CA Morgan Smith** – Okay, thank you, sorry for the wordiest questions. Nothing additional for me, Mr. Chairman.
- **Commissioner Beaudette** – Carl, if we approve this tonight, then that's going to allow for the initiation of sales of lots, is that not correct?
- **Carl Hamming** – Pre-sales of the lot, because you wouldn't be able to actually transfer any land until final plat approval is granted, where there is a new lot actually being created within updated legal. So, pre-sales are allowed in Montana, but it wouldn't actually be transferring any property.
- **Commissioner Beaudette** – So, as of right now we don't have an updated Homeowners' Association agreement addressing the livestock issue. Are pre-purchasers going to be able to go with the Homeowners' Association draft that's done now, or are they going to be subject to something, if they make the improvements or changes to the Homeowners' Association regarding the livestock as they have indicated they intend to do with the joint parcels before we end up with the final plat approval.
- **Carl Hamming** – I think that would be a conversation between the developer and any –
- **Chairman Hart** – Carl, I think that you have an answer to that right behind you. He's been trying to get my attention.
- **Ken Jenkins** – Apologizing that we're spending so much time talking about livestock, just to assure everyone, the only change that we made to the covenants was the livestock thing. The big part of that is that you would have to have three continuous acres. These lots average I think between an acre and a quarter,

and 1.7 acres or something like that, so you're going to have to have at least two of them. Just to get us past this tonight, I might suggest that we add an eleventh condition to the preliminary plat approval which would be that the covenant that addresses livestock, requires a continuous three acres. We can add that as a condition tonight for preliminary plat approval that way that final plat, you'll see the final version of the covenants would have that in it, just a suggestion to get past this.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to take action to approve the Request for Approval of Preliminary PLAT of Krystal Springs Estates; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Commissioner Beaudette – Point of Order, does that include the representation by the subdivider's representative that the continuous three acres will be a portion of the covenants that will be required?

- **Chairman Hart** – Yes, I believe that they just voluntarily added that eleventh condition and Carl was busy writing it down, so I am saying yes, it is.
- **Commissioner Beaudette** – Thank you.
- **Chairman Hart** – We have a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gates. Is there any further commission deliberations?

Motion Carried 4-0

Request for Approval of MDP for King Enterprises

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Beaudette to take action to approve the MDP for King Enterprises to allow residential use of that particular lot; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 4-0

Montana Historical Society, Montana 250 Grant Program – Carl Hamming

Carl Hamming – I am covering this one on behalf of Gayla Hess this evening. She submitted for this Montana Historical Society, Montana 250 Grant Program, and was successful with a \$9,000.00 award. The grant application was to record additional oral histories, something the HRB undertook a couple of years ago with some CLG funding from the State. However this time around, in working with Clark Grant who that contract is the next agenda item, Gayla is intending to edit the oral histories to condense them down from a two or three hour format into something that would be more similar to a thirty or forty-five minute podcast that would be a little bit more cleaner and digestible for somebody who may not be so familiar with the oral history person. That was the first grant and then like I alluded to the next agenda item that we'll get to is for the actual work. The 250 Grant is for \$9,000.00 and then the oral history with Clark Grant contract is also for \$9,000.00.

CA Morgan Smith – I did have an opportunity to go over both of these from a private stage with Gayla Hess a little bit. I mostly wanted to vocalize that Gayla is the ideal person to be navigating a lot of this. I wasn't familiar with the prior oral history recordings. Gayla was able to pull some anecdotes from some of the stories. Carl, I don't know if you remember any of the names, but I believe previously they sat down with eight individuals and had people just kind of tell stories about Anaconda. Her anecdotes from them I thought were very cool but they're in this large format that no one knows how to share. I think Jeff Frank was in the first go, and we've all heard Jeff Frank tell

stories and I think being able to listen to them is incredible but having to ingest all three hours at one time is probably not something everyone is going to do. But to be able to then not only move forward in conducting more of these but then also get these in a format that the County can kind of navigate what that's going to look like in a platform of making them available. I just think it's a really cool opportunity, certainly as a younger generation a lot of that information isn't always shared, or I had a Grandpa who loved to tell stories, so I learned a lot of that but I think we have a changing population and people are losing access to a lot of this information. I think it's really cool that the County is making efforts to identify people that are great storytellers, that are willing to tell stories and kind of capture that forever, so I think it makes a lot of sense to get this into a format that is consumable by other folks. Thanks to Gayla because I know she is putting a lot of effort but also heart into this, along with grants, she's good at finding money, so I think that's invaluable to the County, so I just wanted to kind of echo having had the chance to speak with Gayla about what a neat project this is.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to take action to approve the Montana Historical Society, Montana 250 Grant Program; Seconded by Commissioner Beaudette.

Motion Carried 4-0

Agreement for Recording of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Oral History – Carl Hamming

Carl Hamming – One thing I should mention with Clark Grant is that he is the one who conducted the original eight oral histories, and I believe Ms. Rose Nyman was one of the lucky interviewees for that initial project, so I think there is a good report out from Clark's efforts and how professional he is. There is already an established track record in working with Clark, so I think Gayla is comfortable in moving forward with him for this contract.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to approve the Agreement for Recording of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Oral History; Seconded by Commissioner Beaudette.

Motion Carried 4-0

Bowman Field/Anaconda Airport Improvement Projects, Record of Engineering Selection and Contract Negotiations – Carl Hamming

Carl Hamming – Really this item and the following three agenda items are all part of the same upcoming work with RPA, our airport engineer. The first one was the independent fee estimate which is something that is required by the FAA for when you are projecting to do work of this amount, so just verifying that the cost that RPA was quoting us are in line with what other airport engineers would also charge. That one came within 2% as you can see actually RPA's value at \$251,130.00 for the proposed work is a little bit less than what Morrison-Maierle came up with with their independent fee assessment. If you'd like, I can just roll through what the projects are for this coming year and what we're talking about.

- **Chairman Hart** – Okay.
- **Carl Hamming** – The first one is the project administration just to continue to seek the funds from both the Feds and the State, and then the next two are to actually discuss what the work is. We are looking at doing an update to the airport layout plan, more of a simplified version than some of the fancy ones that other communities' do for quite a bit more money, but this is something that is still essential to keep the federal

dollars flowing and to fund future improvements at Bowman field. One of those things that the Airport Board and RPA suggest is to look at if a instrument landing procedure could be developed so that is part of what work is going to be done this year as well, so then that would inform a bid of the airport layout plan as well. All of this work is expected to cost a little over a quarter of a million dollars, however with the federal match of 95% and then the local match being primarily covered by successful grant application by RPA to the State, the County would be looking at \$1,500.00 for all of this work to be done. It's amazing what you can do with grants.

CEO Everett – I just think it's excellent when we can develop that airport and it doesn't cost our local taxpayers any money.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Beaudette to take action to approve the Bowman Field/Anaconda Airport Improvement Projects, Record of Engineering Selection and Contract Negotiations; Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion Carried 4-0

Task Order Number 9, Agreement to Furnish Engineering Services to Anaconda-Deer Lodge County for Improvements to Bowman Field/Anaconda Airport, Project Administration – Carl Hamming

Chairman Hart – Carl, anything further on this?

- **Carl Hamming** – Nothing further.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Beaudette to take action to approve Task Order Number 9, Agreement to Furnish Engineering Services to Anaconda-Deer Lodge County for Improvements to Bowman Field/Anaconda Airport, Project Administration; Seconded by Commissioner Gates.

Motion Carried 4-0

Task Order Number 10, Agreement to Furnish Engineering Services to Anaconda-Deer Lodge County for Improvements to Bowman Field/Anaconda Airport – Carl Hamming

Chairman Hart – Carl, anything further?

- **Carl Hamming** – Nothing further.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Beaudette to take action to approve Task Order Number 10, Agreement to Furnish Engineering Services to Anaconda-Deer Lodge County for Improvements to Bowman Field/Anaconda Airport; Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion Carried 4-0

Task Order Number 11, Agreement to Furnish Engineering Services to Anaconda-Deer Lodge County for Improvements to Bowman Field/Anaconda Airport, Airport Layout Plan (ALP) Revision

Chairman Hart – Carl, anything further?

- **Carl Hamming** – Nothing further.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Gates to take action to approve Task Order Number 11, Agreement to Furnish Engineering Services to Anaconda-Deer Lodge County for Improvements to Bowman Field/Anaconda Airport, Airport Layout Plan (ALP) Revision; Seconded by Commissioner Beaudette.

Motion Carried 4-0

2026 VOCA Grant Application Approval – CA Morgan Smith

CA Morgan Smith – This is the grant application for our victim advocate position. There is one update for you from the letter that was submitted and it is in your commission packet from Lacie Stone. The grant application is finalized and there was an adjustment in the total amount, so the total amount that Lacie had indicated in the letter was \$109,344.00, the final grant request is in the amount of \$115,086.69. The setup of this grant is that it's 80% grant funded, or of the position is that it's 80% grant funded and 20% County. So, what that looks like it's a two-year grant application so the application right now would be for fiscal year 2026-2027 and fiscal year 2027-2028 so we'll be back before the commission in two years. What that would look like for fiscal year 2026-2027 is the Montana Board of Crime Control which is the source of this grant would cover \$41,671.68 and the County's funding portion of that would be \$10,417.92. I think Lacie did a really good job of indicating her position in the value of that in her letter. If I could just vocalize what an asset she's been to me, certainly in coming into office. Vera Hoscheid was previously our victim advocate and left that position in June of last year, so Lacie has been on not quite a full year but she's doing really incredible work with victims. We've built some additional bridges to law enforcement in our access to the victim advocate and victim services has improved pretty exponentially with some changes in structure and access. Certainly, I would be at a loss without Lacie in her position and I think victims in the community would be as well, so I am asking that the commission approve my application for Lacie's position as I think we would not have it but for the grant funding, so the final grant amount of \$115,086.69 and that's for two years to get us into 2028.

Commissioner Beaudette – I would concur with the County Attorney, victim advocates are critical to the proper functioning of the criminal side of the County Attorney's office, and this is an opportunity that we cannot pass up.

- **Chairman Hart** – I would concur with that as well. I think that any community that can have an opportunity to have a victim advocate office is in a way better position, especially with the County Attorney's office and the work they can assist with for that. I would agree that this is a very needed position.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Motion made by Commissioner Beaudette to take action to approve the 2026 VOCA Grant Application; Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion Carried 4-0

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Beaudette – I would like to ask the County Attorney, we got a notice today about the Montana Opioid Trust online meeting, and I was just hoping you could give us a little information on if that is a voting type of thing, if it's an informational type of thing, and do we have any issues with quorums of commissioners participating on that type of a situation.

- **CA Morgan Smith** – Commissioner Beaudette, I will need to look into it for you. Mr. Krakowka was previously the County's representative on the board, when I came on recognizing I was drinking from a firehose a little out the gate, Lauren Bolton through Public Health is serving as our appointee to the Opioid Abatement Region 4 area, so Lauren would be best to ask. I didn't receive the notice you are referring to so I might be better able to if I see that, and/or I'll follow up with Lauren and see if she can get you an answer because I'm not sure.
- **Commissioner Beaudette** – I'll forward it to you.
- **CA Morgan Smith** – Perfect, happy to get you an answer or see what Lauren can fill us in on.

Commissioner Gates – No miscellaneous.

Commissioner Smith – No miscellaneous.

Commissioner Hart – No miscellaneous.

CEO Everett – No miscellaneous.

CA Morgan Smith – No miscellaneous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were given.

ADLC MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Commissioner Hart - Read the meeting dates and times.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Jessica Dailey
Clerk of Commission

Kevin Hart
Commission Chair

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**ANACONDA-DEER LODGE COUNTY
COMMISSION WORK SESSION MEETING
6:00 P.M. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026
COURTHOUSE COURTROOM**

Present: District 2 Commissioner Steve Gates, District 3 Commissioner Kevin Hart (Chair), District 4 Commissioner Paul Smith (Vice-Chair), District 5 Commissioner Ed Beaudette, CEO Bill Everett, County Attorney Morgan Smith, and Clerk of Commission Jessica Dailey

Excused Absence: District 1 Commissioner Mike Beausoleil
Members of the Press: James Rosien, The Anaconda Leader

Chairman Hart – An announcement for tonight; Commissioner Beausoleil is still out, he had a medical procedure, so he is hoping to be back in the next week or two. Before we get started on anything, there was a question as to whether the commission wants to have a commission meeting on St. Patrick's Day or not.

- **Commissioner Beaudette** – No.
- **Commissioner Gates** – That settled it.
- **Chairman Hart** – Anybody else have any opposition to us not having a meeting that night?
- **Commissioner Smith** – No, I'm fine with it.
- **Chairman Hart** – We'll reschedule that or combine it with the following meeting.

ADLC Head Start Grantee Board Training Materials and Responsibilities – Heidi Ungaretti, Head Start Director

Heidi Ungaretti - Tonight I'm bringing forward our annual Grantee Board Training and Responsibilities packet for review. This is a required yearly governance activity under the Head Start Program Performance Standards and must be documented for compliance. This is the start of our new grant cycle, which makes it an ideal time to complete the annual review. This is a comprehensive training and reference packet that provides the Board with updated resources and required governance materials. The packet includes several policies and procedures that have already been approved by the Board and Policy Council but must be reviewed each year. These include Policy Council By-Laws, Code of Conduct and Confidentiality Agreement, Supervision of Children Statement, Conflict of Interest Policy, Procedures for Resolving an Impasse, and Procedures for Resolving Community Complaints. These annual reviews are essential for maintaining compliance and transparency. The second section includes training materials and direct resources designed to support the Governing Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities as the official Head Start grantee. Materials include Head Start policies and federal regulations, where to access program governance requirements, leadership and governance resources specific to Head Start, Head Start basics and program mission, overview of the Head Start Program Performance Standard, shared decision making between the Governing Board and Policy Council, and defined roles and responsibilities of both the Governing Board and Policy Council. Together these resources ensure that all governing bodies clearly understand their responsibilities under federal Head Start regulations and are equipped to provide effective oversight and leadership. No new action is being requested today since these documents have already been approved previously. The purpose of the agenda item is the annual review and training, and documentation for compliance. I am asking each commissioner to take time to review the training packet and please contact me with any questions as you go through it. This packet is provided for your ongoing reference in the identified governance and oversight areas. I am asking you to sign your packet and keep it for your personal use and just sign the Acknowledgement and Commitment sheet and return it to me. This documentation is required for compliance and will be included in the 2026 Policy Council, Grantee Board binder. This annual review supports strong program oversight, ensures shared governance remains clear, and keeps us fully aligned with federal Head Start performance standards.

Commissioner Beaudette – I am wondering what we're supposed to sign.

- **Chairman Hart** – I think it's that last page in the packet, the Acknowledgement and Commitment.
- **Heidi Ungaretti** – So, as you read through the packet there are areas that you will sign, but that is for your use just saying that you read the Code of Conduct. You will sign that, you will keep that in your packet, I just need that last page where you acknowledge that you've read each area, and that you've had the review.
- **Commissioner Beaudette** – Thank you.

Chairman Hart – For full disclosure and transparency, I've mentioned it other times that our daughter-in-law does work for Head Start. There is a spot in here for Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Head Start Commission Conflict of Interest, that states that the "Board Directors are prohibited from having immediate family members employed by Head Start." However, the exceptions under section 642(D) is if the individual holds an elected office, so this being an elected commission that is a Grantee Board, then her employment is allowed through Head Start. Heidi, thank you. This is a lot of work for you and your staff, and it is appreciated.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Place on Agenda

ADLC Head Start Review and Approval of Non-Federal Share Policy and Forms – Heidi Ungaretti, Head Start Director

Heidi Ungaretti – This item provides an overview of updated requirements related to the Head Start Non-Federal Share or In-Kind contributions. Under federal Head Start regulations, programs are required to provide a non-federal match, which may include allowable in-kind contributions that meet specific documentation and valuation standards. Our program is responsible to raise \$214,778.00 per year. Non-Federal Share In-Kind contributions must be necessary and reasonable for program operations, be allowable under federal cost principles, not be paid by federal funds, be properly documented and verified. The definition of an in-kind donation is clearly outlined in federal guidance, and programs must ensure all contributions meet this definition. For the current grant year, additional documentation is required, including a Non-Federal Share contribution chart, and a detailed Non-Federal Share budget for each program. These items were not required in previous grant cycles and represent an increase in federal reporting expectations. In addition, documentation standards for qualifying contributions have become more stringent. All contributions must now be supported with clearer valuation methods and verification. To ensure compliance, updated in-kind contribution forms have been developed and provided. These forms align with federal definitions of in-kind donations, strengthen documentation requirements, ensure proper valuation and verification, and protect the program during monitoring or audit review. The program may also count allowable volunteer time and approved activities that directly benefit the program, provided they meet federal criteria and are properly documented. This update is being provided to ensure the Governing Board is aware of the increased documentation requirements and the steps the program is making to maintain compliance. Examples of the updated In-Kind reporting forms have been included in your packet for review. Once you have had an opportunity to review this information, I am requesting that you approve the updated Non-Federal Share (In-Kind) Policy and the associated In-Kind Reporting Forms. The required Contribution Chart and Program Budget have already been reviewed and approved by the Office of Head Start for the 2026–2027 grant year. If you have recommendations on valuing contributions or calculating volunteer hours, we can incorporate those suggestions into next year's planning cycle. If you approve the use of these forms, please sign the documentation page. I am asking CEO Everett, County Attorney Smith, and Mrs. Dailey to please sign those forms also, because your time is just as valuable. In addition to your signature, if you could just note how much time you spent reviewing the packets and the time that you spent during your meeting, I would appreciate that so that we can put that on that documentation form and get those In-Kind hours. \$214,000.00 is a lot for a program our size, so thank you so much.

Commissioner Beaudette – Do we have any idea of how many hours these matters are presented before us? We should have a certain level of an understanding of how much time is actually spent as commission time versus the amount of time that any one of the individual commissioners might spend, as Commissioner Gates is on the Policy Board and has a lot more time, some of us are going to have more or less time reading these documents, but can we get an idea of how much time that is?

- **Heidi Ungaretti** – For example, Commissioner Gates' time will be different than your time because he will have heard the information at Policy Council, so I will have his time for Policy Council. Maybe it will be forty-five minutes reviewing the packet and fifteen minutes at the meeting. When it comes time for the commission meeting, his time may be only fifteen minutes to review because he's already seen the information. It depends on each individual and that's actually the documentation that Head Start wants to see when they do the audits. They don't want a blanket "it took the commissioners one hour", because they know that that's not accurate because it may take you forty-five minutes, it may take this person a half an hour. So, it's whatever time it takes each individual to review the packet and then if we only spent ten minutes during the meeting, then that's all you would document, Head Start was ten minutes during the meeting.
- **Commissioner Beaudette** – And we're expected to do this every time you show up, Heidi?
- **Heidi Ungaretti** – I don't show up that often. And if you want, I can give you kind of a guide as to what I need. I know when Commissioner Gates reviewed it, it took him twenty-five minutes.
- **Commissioner Beaudette** – I'm not opposed to this because obviously it's something we need to do, but I am just looking for a level of consistency that reflects truly the amount of time that we do spend as a commission working on these things so we can at least be consistent amongst ourselves. Whatever we do on our own is of course another different thing, but I just think we need to have some level of consistency.
- **Chairman Hart** – Heidi, what you're talking about tonight is specific to reviewing these documents and the time for this meeting.
- **Heidi Ungaretti** – Right. So, document review twenty-five minutes and fifteen minutes for the meeting.
- **Commissioner Beaudette** – And we're supposed to maintain these?
- **Heidi Ungaretti** – It's for your reference, nothing else.
- **Commissioner Beaudette** – But the In-Kind Contribution is what we're talking about, right? We can't keep it for ourselves.
- **Heidi Ungaretti** – Right. At the end of your meeting next week, you will just give it to Jessica, and I will pick it up and put it in the binder.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Place on Agenda

Resolution No. 26-07, A Resolution Designating Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Holidays for Calendar Year 2026 and Amending Resolution No. 25-21 – Chairman Hart

Chairman Hart – When we passed Resolution 25-21, it was very basic and some questions came up about what county departments are not able to be closed on certain holidays, because of the fact that we adopted the same holidays that the state has which they are all good for the other departments to be closed. However, for Juneteenth, June 19th, which is only an Anaconda-Deer Lodge County holiday and for November 27th which is Heritage day, which also is only an Anaconda-Deer Lodge County holiday, then some of these other departments were not able to be closed. So, as the bottom paragraph reads, "In compliance with Montana Code Annotated 7-4-2211, the Clerk and Recorder's office, Clerk of District Court, Treasurer's office, Justice Couty, and the County Attorney's office will be open during their normal business hours every day of the year except Saturdays, Sundays, and the above-stated holidays. However, these offices will remain open on Juneteenth and Heritage Day since they are County holidays

only and not designated as State holidays.”. That’s all that this Resolution is doing, is amending what we had already passed so that it does comply with State law.

CA Morgan Smith – I would just clarify that Juneteenth is a recognized Federal holiday as well, so we refer to it as only an Anaconda-Deer Lodge County holiday, but Montana Code adopts only State holidays and otherwise indicates these offices must be open unless it’s an accepted State holiday. Even if it is an accepted Federal holiday, some of the different unions within their collective bargaining agreements will have reference to Federal holidays but State Code refers to only State law which is why Juneteenth will fall off as well for these other agencies. Law Enforcement is also an included listed “must be open”, however Law Enforcement must always be open so they are not contained within this as Law Enforcement historically is open on all holidays, so for collective bargaining that will be navigated within their collective bargaining agreement. So, I just wanted to clarify that we refer to it as ADLC only, it’s also a Federal holiday, it’s just not a recognized State holiday.

- **Commissioner Beaudette** – County Attorney Smith, I just have a clarification of Heritage Day. My recollection is that, back in the day, the Montana Legislature gave every County the opportunity to have a Heritage Day in exchange for not having Martin Luther King Day, until Martin Luther King Day then became a Federal holiday. So, does that then change that? I’m assuming that other Counties have a Heritage Day related to whatever they want to do.
- **CA Morgan Smith** – I know the other Counties that have opted for recognizing a holiday or taking a holiday the after Thanksgiving in lieu of Columbus Day, how they’ve navigated that within State statute I am not sure. The State statute is pretty clear as to these offices having to be open on all days other than numerated holidays within the statute, and there is not in current statute any reference to the ability of kind of a floating holiday anymore, so whether there was I don’t know, but there wasn’t within the current code.
- **Chairman Hart** – The State of Montana opted for a floating holiday that all employees get instead of having Election Day during the general elections on those even years, so then all State employees get that floating holiday every year, but –
- **CA Morgan Smith** – Which is a “use or lose”, is that right?
- **Chairman Hart** – Right, it’s use it or lose it.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Place on Agenda

Review of Submitted Statements Regarding the County Tax Appeal Board

Chairman Hart – This item has been removed from the agenda and will be put on a future agenda.

Request for Appointment to the Board of Adjustments by Joe Ungaretti (1 Vacancy, Letter Attached)

Commissioner Beaudette – I know we struggle to have people on boards, but I don’t think it’s appropriate that we have a County employee, particularly a department head, be on the Board of Adjustments. There’s just too much opportunity for a view that it could be abused or that there could be some undue influence over the course of that type of thing. It doesn’t have anything to do with Mr. Ungaretti, he’s a great employee, I just think from a pure separation of interest standpoint, we should not have any County employees be on these particular types of boards.

Rose Nyman – I would respectfully disagree with Commissioner Beaudette. I think Mr. Ungaretti brings a wealth of knowledge to a position like that. For years, County employees have served on County boards and some of them have served very well, but his experience as Code Enforcement Officer is a good thing on this board. I’ve sat through some of their meetings so I would encourage the commission to approve his appointment.

Place on Agenda

Request for Appointment to the County Tax Appeal Board by Nicole Cline (1 Vacancy, Letter Attached)

CA Morgan Smith – I would just note this is a board we have had a vacancy on for quite some time, so I think echoing the sentiment that we're looking to fill boards, I am appreciative that we have folks that are interested.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Place on Agenda

Special Event, Anaconda Hurricanes, April 2026 through September 2026 at Charlotte Yeoman (Pending Certificate of Insurance)

Joe Ungaretti, Parks and Rec Director – This is the Sandoval's, they run a travel U10, 12, 14, and 16 travel softball teams. They are petitioning for practices with proof of insurance to come for the Charlotte Yeoman Complex.

- **Chairman Hart** – Okay. Is there any conflict with the schedules that are already down there for the Charlotte Yeoman Complex?
- **Joe Ungaretti** – The only thing is that they coach the High School also, so there is no conflict with the High School. The one thing is that practices come second, so games, little league, t-ball, machine pitch, and adult softball, games come first. Games have preference over fields, and we've worked it out so it's pretty much a decent rotation of fields and then the practices can fall on whatever fields are left.

CEO Everett – This is on this topic but a little bit of a controversial situation that I want to address to the commission to get any opinions that you may have. As you saw last year, we looked at a couple of different proposals, possibilities, of how we would do the concessions down there. Personally, to me guys it's not a big deal and I don't care how we do it, but we have to go into this as a group. As of right now, I was talking to Mr. Ungaretti today, my viewpoint is to go through the same bidding process as we've done for twenty years unless someone else has a different strategy, please let us know now. After we go through the bid process it's kind of stuck, so if someone has some comments or suggestions, we have to do it beforehand because we're probably going to get that out here pretty quick, aren't we Joe?

- **Joe Ungaretti** – It should be scheduled next week.
- **CEO Everett** – So if everyone's good, we're just going to go as we've done it before. The losers are always going to be unhappy, that's just the way this works, if you don't want to be the loser, bid higher and you get more money.

Chairman Hart opened the floor for public comment, but none was given.

Place on Agenda

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Beaudette: No Miscellaneous.

Commissioner Gates: No Miscellaneous.

Commissioner Smith: No Miscellaneous.

Commissioner Hart: No Miscellaneous.

CEO Everett: I apologize but I have multiple topics tonight, but we have some time tonight. First of all, something that I have already handed out to the commission, you will see a grant application, letter of authorization, signed by

me on behalf of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County authorizing the Friends of the Library to apply for a grant. Obviously, I would not usually sign something like this, but I had to sign it this afternoon since we're under a time crunch and Fitzpatrick needs it to push it through. I told him I would sign it and bring it to commission tonight and if anyone has an objection to this, we can have it ripped up beforehand, but we're just trying to get some free money. As long as no one has a problem, we're going to go ahead with that.

- **Chairman Hart** – Do we have to approve it next week then?
- **CEO Everett** – If you want to, it would be up to you guys. Honestly too when we do get the grant, which I think we will because Fitzpatrick is banging for us and we're usually successful, so if you want to turn it down at that time you can always turn the grant down. I don't know why we would turn down free money, but if you want to put it on next week to vote on –
- **Chairman Hart** – I say let's get it on next week's agenda so that way we can vote and get it approved.
- **CEO Everett** – The next topic is a really good topic. In regards to our Wastewater Treatment Plant; I don't know if you guys remember but I guess it was nine years ago when I first came in here, one of the first things I did when we were going through fees and licensing and things that we were charging, I made a recommendation to the commission to lower sewer fees by \$100.00 per resident. A lot of people said, "well it's going to go bankrupt and it's not going to be financially sufficient", well they were wrong. Our Wastewater Treatment Plant is very financially viable, reason being is because of the funds we were able to get from Atlantic Richfield to actually pay for it. Keep in mind, we just went through nearly \$5,000,000.00 relining of the bed, I don't know the terms guys, but anyways we put in \$5,000,000.00 and got all of this stuff out real nice. Something I informed you guys about is we're putting in new blowers and motors as well, we put that out to bid, it's over \$1,000,000.00 all total with the other stuff it's going to be about \$1,200,000.00. Through negotiations through Atlantic Richfield which I thought I would attempt, I was successful. I got 100% of the cost being paid for by Atlantic Richfield, and basically, we have a brand-new Wastewater Treatment Plant. The entire thing is brand new, and it's set up to go the next thirty years, completely paid for, not by our taxpayers, not one nickel. Realistically there shouldn't be any substantial cost for that Wastewater Treatment Plant for the next thirty, maybe even fifty years, so not only by lowering the fees it helps out our residents, we're still in a very profitable situation. Even with the maintenance that we have on it, done through Chase Wyant and Kurt Wyant who did a phenomenal job, as well as Wayne Wendt, that's kind of the three-man team to take care of that. It runs fantastic, guys, we're in amazing shape and for the next thirty years we shouldn't have any increase to our Wastewater fees. Right now, we are about if not the lowest in the State of Montana already, let alone for the next thirty years. If you ever hear about the commission ever wanting to increase that in ten years, get up here and tell them it's B.S, there's no reason it should ever go up. So, I'm really proud of that and we did really well with Atlantic Richfield on that negotiation, so that's part of the good news. The commission approved \$25,000.00 for the appraisal of Wells Fargo and I got an update. It looks like that appraisal is going good. The dollars we're looking for that we were expecting, seems to be within what they believe the guidelines will be. So, it's looking very likely we're going to end up with that building. The appraisal fees were substantially less than the \$25,000.00 we allocated so that's another good thing too, all is moving forward there in a great direction. The last topic is not quite as positive. Over the last nine years, as most of us have sat here together, we've spent considerable sums on our communications. We put in the tower down in the Big Hole, we got all new radios for the guys, a year and a half ago we've put \$105,000.00 in the new tower and that kind of stuff here. Unfortunately, I can tell you all that does not improve communications one iota. We knew we were having problems, we thought we were doing the right thing, this money spent doesn't seem to be working and those are facts. Last fall when we had our manhunt it really brought things to a head because we have every other Law Enforcement agency in the State here. Whether it was FBI, DCI, Lewis and Clark County, we had them all here. Everybody else had radios that worked except for the home team. It was pretty embarrassing. After that, basically they have a review of the whole situation; these are the weaknesses, and it's a joint operation where everybody looks at it and reviews, "hey, here are some things moving forward we could do better.". The State of Montana is using our example kind of for their forward-thinking process because it did shed a lot of light on deficiencies of the State of Montana as well as us as a

County have. The number one thing they're saying is, "your communication sucks". So, after that, Ryan Eamon who is our lead detective, reached out and said "Whose everybody using? How are things working? What do we do here? What is our first step?". The State of Montana as well as our adjoining County, like Silver-Bow County, recently switched up and they went to this company called Redtail Communications. They have offices in Billings, Missoula, and a couple of others. We brought them on to do a review of our communication system. We weren't sure how in depth it was going to get. Hopefully they would get in there, look at a few things, and say, "hey, you got to tweak a few things and you're good to go". Obviously, that was the hope, but that's not quite the situation that has happened. Speaking with them wasn't really positive so what I did was put together a Chief Executive Advisory Council, if you would, in regard to communication. On that board is Chief Sather, Chief Tocher, Jamie Hanson who runs our dispatch, Wayne Wendt who obviously runs our Road Department, Head of our Detention Facility Mr. Miller, who is a super good guy, a couple of our other detectives Marc Arment and Ryan Eamon, myself and Commissioner Gates on this board. We had a meeting last week to discuss where we're currently at and what we need to do to go forward. What us, as a collective group, decided and it was unanimous, was that we need a more intensive audit, if you would, review of our communication system. This is going to be very in-depth and probably pretty expensive, meaning we're going to go over the threshold the State of Montana allows us just to pick someone to do work for us. With that being said, we could be up to \$100,000.00, maybe \$70,000.00, I don't know but it's going to be pricy, but it's well needed. We don't know what we purchased, we don't know what our deficiencies are and I could go through a lot of details with you. More importantly I would rather do it in private if you wanted to come see me or talk to Mr. Gates, I would love to get you guys informed. I don't want to do it overly public at this point right now. So, what I'm preparing for right now and will have ready for you at the commission meeting next Tuesday, and I would rather it be on a work session first but I don't have the time to do that, but I am going to have a request for qualifications regarding a complete audit for our communication system for the County. This will obviously involve all different areas, fire, police, road, dispatch and all that kind of stuff. With that being said, it's not the flashiest way of spending money but it's something that really needs to happen. I'm also thinking that once we have this audit done, it's going to be the cheapest part of this whole thing. The amount of finances we're going to have to put into our communications is going to be substantial, so get ready, it's big-time money and this stuff is not cheap. What that will be, I don't know, and who we have do it, I don't know. That's another topic we just have to get to phase one first and that is this audit. I've been in touch with the State of Montana and they have \$40,000,000.00 set aside to increase communication in the State of Montana and that encompasses everybody. As they know, it's a huge deficiency. Our situation helped portray the need that we all have so I think we're going to be eligible for some of those funds, and I've already reached out and it sounds like we should be able to get in line for that. To let you know what some other communities have done, well, you work at the prison, you saw it. They changed their system, notice the difference?

- **Chairman Hart** – Yes, so several years ago they made some changes and most of the prison uses handheld radios, the walkie talkies. A few months ago, I was in the MDIU building. It's a concrete building with all concrete with steel doors. I radioed to the control center to open a door. Well, a staff member at Riverside, which is the women's prison over in Boulder, radioed me to let me know I was on the wrong frequency. When they put these radios in, they warned all staff, "be careful what you say because DOC in Helena can monitor all the radio transmissions at Montana State Prison. Here in Anaconda, there are times, and I have a scanner at home so I've heard it so many times that I can't even count it, where our Law Enforcement is not able to communicate with dispatch. Even when you get out of town towards the lake or anywhere else, even on the interstate, they've had numerous occasions when they did not have communications. When our Road Department goes over to the Big Hole, we have an obligation, I think as a community, to make sure that our emergency services can communicate and get help if needed, and I think it's a huge liability if we don't take these actions for better communication. I think we have been piecemealing it together for so long that now, like some of the State stuff that I said, it's gone beyond fix it and now let's replace it. I think that's pretty much where we're at right now where almost every community, every County, has better communications than we do, we're behind the times. I think that the CEO is correct that its come time that we need to do it.

- **CEO Everett** – If I could just bring examples of the last three months where we were in situations, this was since the manhunt. We had a multi-vehicle crash on Fairmont Hill where our officers helped respond. Granted it's outside of our border, we know that, but we all team up when there's a multi casualty situation. Unfortunately, our officers weren't able to communicate with our Fire Department here. They had to borrow Highway Patrol's communication to call our own Fire Station, and that's pretty damn embarrassing. Two weeks ago, you heard about the shooting in Philipsburg. Our team immediately responded, headed up to Georgetown Lake where the individual was supposedly headed, and our team of cops were up there and they couldn't communicate, once again. We have a guy with a gun and our guys can't talk. Pretty embarrassing. You heard about the Arlee Basketball situation at the gym. Our officers were there with their handhelds trying to call out, but they couldn't call out. Guys, we have a huge liability here that's going to hit us right in the rear if we don't react, and it's not going to be a cheap fix. Something interesting that they offered us was a couple of these new radios. What is the term?
- **Wayne Wendt (from audience)** – Truncated.
- **CEO Everett** – Truncated. They're going to let us borrow a couple of truncated radios. I think they will be here this week, so we get to try them out throughout the County. It's my understanding, and my knowledge of this sucks and Gates can help me out too, but if you have cell phone coverage, these things work crystal clear. The good news is the work that we've all done in creating new cell towers in the County, down in the Big Hole, guys, you have cell communication that's beautiful out there. The one on Fairmont Hill is beautiful all of the way to Butte. The one out in the Valley, stuff is crisp. Obviously going all of the way to Silver Lake now, it's beautiful. The good news is, and hopefully it stands true, that if we have cell phone service these radios will work good. So, very likely this will be a direction we're going to want to look at, and obviously that's two steps into the future, but at least we get to try some of this equipment before we start writing checks. Paul Smith, I remember calling you last year when we had a fire down by the triangle. I'm calling responders on my cell phone because the radios aren't working. We have a fire blazing, I thought Opportunity was going to go up, I called my Fire Chief, and he doesn't even know about it. I call Paul Smith, and Paul said, "I'm here, Bill. We saw the flames". They were out there before anyone and luckily they were out there. I called Lost Creek, and nobody had been notified, good thing I have good friends out there. We called people on their damn cell phone for a fire. Guys, we're not even in the game. I have a lot more information and details and things if anyone wants to go through, I got it all right here, and you will see this next Tuesday. I just wanted to forewarn anyone and if you have questions between now and Tuesday, please swing by my office and I would be more than happy to give you more details.

CA Morgan Smith: No Miscellaneous.

Chairman Hart – The other thing that I do want to bring up is that next week's agenda will also have what we do every year, which is a Resolution to allow the CEO to approve Special Event Permits for Easter Egg Hunts, so we will have that on next week's agenda as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rose Nyman – I know you don't want to hear this, but I would like to talk about snow removal. It's pretty common for the legislative body to not put more restrictions on people, but I live near a school, grades three through six. A neighbor on one side and a neighbor on the other, don't do any snow removal. So, then the sun hits it, and it cools down at night, then you're walking on ice and we have all of these little ones coming from Mount Haggin Homes and Cedar Park Homes. We had a snow Ordinance, what happened with that? It was never implemented.

- **Chairman Hart** – Yeah, I don't recall, Rose.
- **Rose Nyman** – Even if it's something in school zones, that would be helpful. It doesn't impact me personally; except I had to hunt down Jerry Lussy last week and I am walking on the ice. It just freezes and it's just like the ice-skating rink. I would like you to think about a solution for that, just to protect those children, thank you.

Meeting Dates

Commissioner Hart – Read the meeting dates and times.

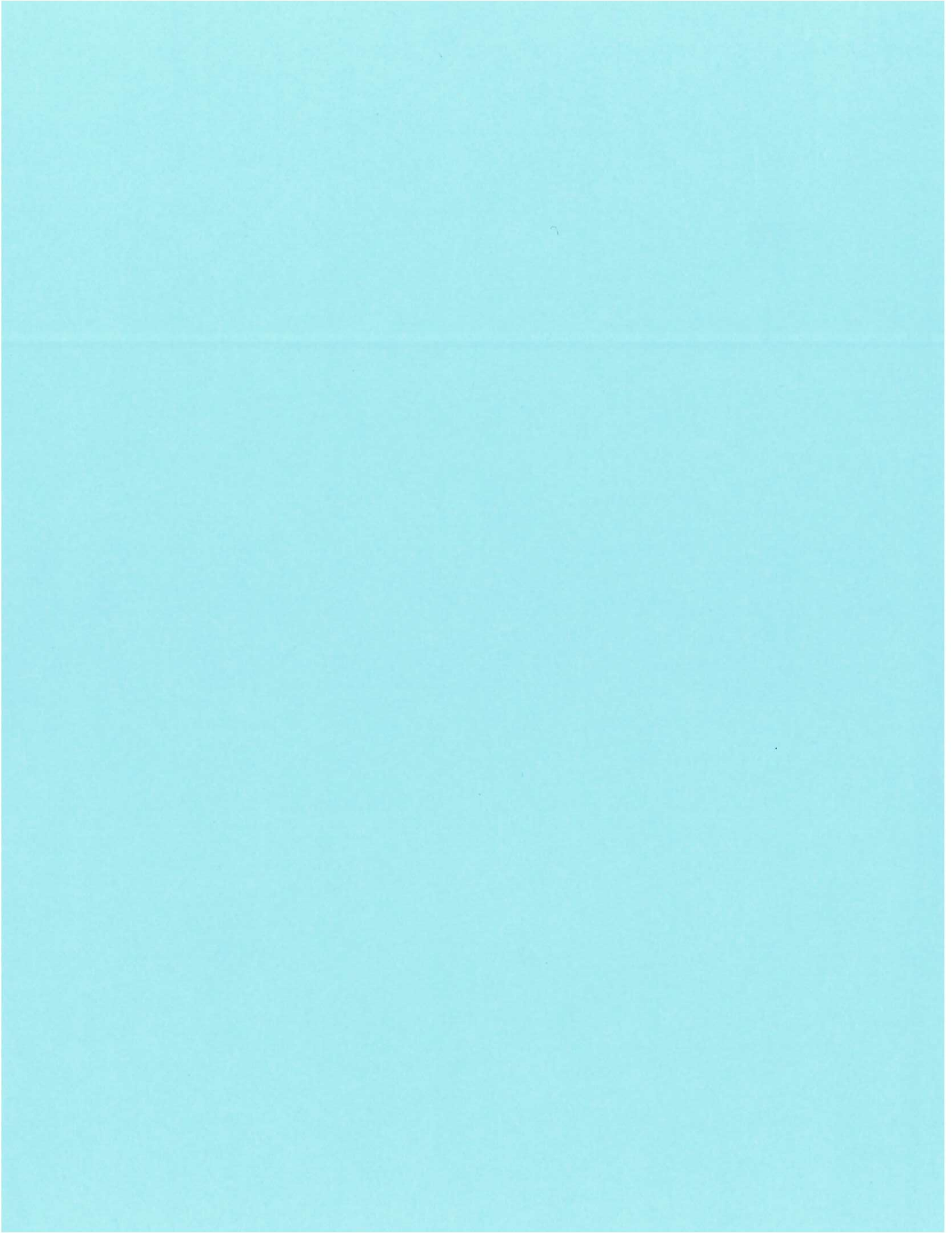
Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Jessica Dailey
Clerk of Commission

Kevin Hart
Commission Chair

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Re: EXTERNAL

From Nicole Cline <NCline@valleybankglacier.com>

Date Wed 2/25/2026 11:02 AM

To Jessica Dailey <jdailey@adlc.us>

Thank you, Jessica.

My name is Nicole cline I am 32 years old I work as A teller at Valley bank, I like to fish and just be outdoors anytime I can, I also am a huge family person. I grew up here and have a pretty big family as well. I Also like sports, am a huge die hard fan of the Griz, I also like Seattle Mariners, and Seattle Seahawks.

I am interested in being a part of the tax appeal board because I would like to get a part of the community. I have lived here my whole life and never really been a part of the community, and I would like to change that; I want to become more involved in the community. I would also like to make a difference not only for the community but for myself, especially when I start to look at property. I would also like to make a difference for MT, since we are the only state that does not have income taxes. I also am a team player, I believe in working together as a team member and coming to decisions together, not just one person who makes the decision, I like the idea of being on a board because of that reason, we can work together and try to come up with decisions together.

Thank you guys for taking the time to read this and to vote on my behalf as well

The first part of the paper discusses the importance of the research and the objectives of the study. It then presents a literature review of the existing research on the topic. The second part of the paper describes the methodology used in the study, including the data collection and analysis techniques. The third part of the paper presents the results of the study and discusses the implications of the findings. The final part of the paper concludes the study and provides recommendations for future research.

The results of the study show that there is a significant positive relationship between the variables studied. This finding is consistent with the previous research in the field. The study also found that the relationship between the variables is stronger in certain contexts than in others. These findings have important implications for the theory and practice of the field.

The study has several limitations, including the use of a cross-sectional design and the reliance on self-reported data. Despite these limitations, the study provides valuable insights into the relationship between the variables studied. The findings suggest that further research is needed to explore the underlying mechanisms of the relationship and to test the generalizability of the findings.

In conclusion, the study provides a comprehensive overview of the relationship between the variables studied. The findings have important implications for the theory and practice of the field. The study also identifies areas for future research and provides recommendations for researchers and practitioners alike.

The study was funded by the National Science Foundation. The authors would like to thank the reviewers for their helpful comments and suggestions. The authors also would like to thank the participants who took part in the study.

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County
Request for Qualifications
For External Radio Communications System Audit
Responses Due: March 18, 2026 by 2:00 PM

1. Project Objective

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County is seeking a qualified engineering or consulting firm to perform a technical audit and gap analysis of our external radio communication network. The goal is to ensure **interoperability, coverage reliability, and regulatory compliance** for our field operations.

2. Specialized Scope of Services

The consultant will be required to perform a "deep dive" into the following:

- **RF Coverage Analysis:** Independent verification of signal strength and dead zones across our primary operating area (using drive testing or predictive modeling).
 - **Infrastructure Health:** Inspection of base stations, repeaters, antenna systems, and tower sites for physical and functional integrity.
 - **Frequency & FCC Compliance:** Audit of current FCC licenses to ensure they match actual usage and protect against interference.
 - **Interoperability:** Assessment of the system's ability to communicate with partner agencies (e.g., mutual aid, local law enforcement, or municipal services).
 - **Fleet Assessment:** Evaluation of the age and condition of mobile (vehicle-mounted) and portable (handheld) units.
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3. Proposal Content

Responses should include:

- The firm's legal name, address, and telephone number
 - The principal(s) of the firm and their experience and qualifications
 - The experience and qualifications of the staff to be assigned to the project
 - A minimum of three (3) references
 - The proposed work plan and schedule for activities to be performed.
 - The proposed cost to complete the identified scope of services
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4. Selection Process

The selection of finalists will be based on an evaluation of written responses and in person interviews. The award will be given to the most qualified offeror, as determined by the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Board of Commission during a public Commission Meeting. Unsuccessful offerors will be notified as soon as possible.

Respondents will be evaluated on the following factors:

- The qualifications of the professional personnel and consultants to be assigned to the project
- Capability to meet project timeline and budget requirements
- Location
- Present and projected workloads
- Related experience on similar projects
- Overall quality of the proposal

This solicitation is being offered in accordance with federal, state, and local statutes governing procurement of professional services. Accordingly, Anaconda-Deer Lodge County reserves the right to negotiate a fair and reasonable scope of work for the services requested as well as the right to reject any and all responses.

5. Submission Instructions

All responses must be submitted to the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Chief Executive's Office at 800 Main Street, Anaconda, MT 59711 and received by **2:00 p.m. local time on March 18, 2026**. All responses **MUST STATE "Anaconda-Deer Lodge County RFQ for External Radio Communications System Audit."**

Additional Information

Questions or requests for more information may be directed to Jessica Dailey, Clerk of Commission of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County at (406) 563-4002, jdailey@adlc.us, or 800 Main Street, Anaconda, MT 59711.

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Owner: Anaconda-Deer Lodge County

By: Bill Everett

Title: Chief Executive

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The third part of the paper focuses on the methodological aspects of the study. We describe the data sources and the statistical methods used in the analysis. We also discuss the limitations of the study and the potential for future research to build on the findings.

In the final part of the paper, we provide a summary of the key findings and their implications. We emphasize the importance of understanding the underlying mechanisms of the observed phenomena and the need for more targeted interventions. We also discuss the challenges faced by policymakers in implementing such interventions.

The paper concludes with a final summary of the findings and a list of references. The references include a mix of academic papers, books, and reports, providing a comprehensive overview of the literature on the topic.

February 23, 2026

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County
Chief Executive's Office
800 Main Street
Anaconda, MT 59711

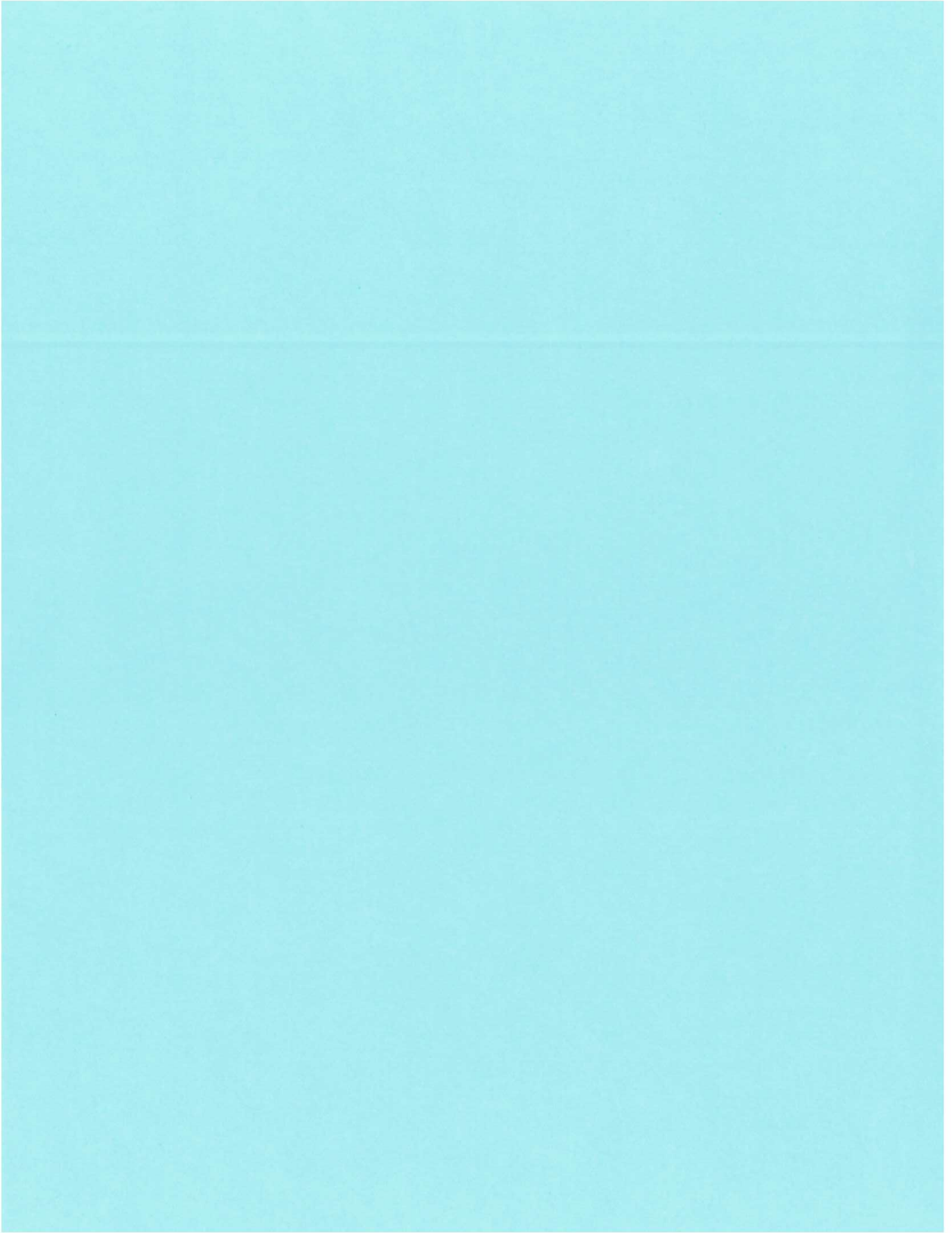
LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

Please be advised that **Bill T. Everett, Chief Executive Officer of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County** authorizes **The Friends of the Hearst Free Library** to apply for and administer a Montana Historic Preservation Grant through the Montana Department of Commerce for the purpose of upgrading the electrical and/or heating systems of the Hearst Free Library, an ADLC department.

I further state that should this grant be awarded to The Friends of the Hearst Free Library, Anaconda-Deer Lodge County will provide the required 20% cash and in-kind contributions not covered by donations raised by The Friends of the Hearst Free Library.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill T. Everett', is written over a solid horizontal line.

Bill T. Everett
Chief Executive Officer
Anaconda-Deer Lodge County



**PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID**

**Concession Contract
Charlotte Yeoman Softball Complex**

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County is accepting bids for a concession contract for the Charlotte Yeoman Softball Complex beginning May 2026 through April 2027. The Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Commission has established the contract with **a minimum bid amount of \$1,200.00**. Sealed written bids must be submitted to the Chief Executive's Office at 800 S. Main Street, Anaconda, MT 59711 **no later than 12:00 p.m. on March 19, 2026**.

Bidders must show proof of a business license and liability insurance with their bid. **A Food Permit will need to be issued to successful bidder through the Tri-County Environmental Health Department.** The successful bidder will be awarded the contract at the March 24, 2026, Commission meeting. Anaconda-Deer Lodge County reserves the right to refuse any and all offers.

Dated this 3rd day of March 2026

Bill T. Everett, Chief Executive

Anaconda Leader: Please publish – Legal Section

Date 1: March 6, 2026

Date 2: March 13, 2026

PURCHASE ORDER to be charged to Parks & Recreation

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-08
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS
PERTAINING TO EASTER EGG HUNTS ON COUNTY PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Commission requires Special Event Permits for activities on County Property, and

WHEREAS, many organizations host Easter Egg Hunts for the children of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County; and

WHEREAS, the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Commission will not have a voting session until after Easter Sunday and does not want to disappoint any organization willing to host an Easter Egg Hunt on County property.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Commission of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County hereby authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to execute Special Event Permits pertaining to Easter Egg Hunts on County property.

Dated this 3rd day of March 2026.

Kevin Hart, Chairperson
Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Commission

Attest:

Jessica Dailey
Clerk of Commission

STATE OF MONTANA VENDOR INVOICE		
VENDOR'S NAME ADDRESS		BILLED TO
800 S MAIN ANACONDA MT 59711-2999 BOARD OF CO COMMISSIONERS - DEER LODGE		DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MOTOR VEHICLE RECYCLING & DISPOSAL PO BOX 200901 1520 E 6TH AVE HELENA MT 59620-0901

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION OF GOODS DELIVERED OR SERVICES RENDERED	AMOUNT
	DATE: December 19, 2025 Budget for the implementation of the motor vehicle recycling and disposal program for your county for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, which has been approved and will be paid by the State of Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Waste Management and Remediation Division, Motor Vehicle Recycling & Disposal Program. Pursuant to Section 5-13-304(8), MCA. I recognize that Legislative Auditor is authorized to: "...audit records of organizations and individuals receiving grants from or on behalf of the state to determine that the grants are administered in accordance with the grant terms and conditions. Whenever a state agency enters into an agreement to grant resources under its control to others, the agency must obtain the written consent of the grantee to the audit provided for this subsection." Upon signing this vendor invoice and the receipt of funds, your program agrees that consent is hereby given to the Legislative Auditor to conduct the audit described in Section 5-13-304(8), MCA. ORG: #495722 OBJECT CODE: #66101	
	FY2026 Eligible Budget Less FY2025 Ending Balance	\$36,815.80 -\$27,903.67
	GRAND TOTAL =	\$8,912.13

STATE USE ONLY		I certify that this invoice is correct in all respects and that payment has not been received.	
APPROVED FOR PAYMENT		VENDOR'S NAME	Deer Lake County
		DATE PROCESSED	
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE		VENDOR'S SIGNATURE	
DATE		TITLE	



December 19, 2025

DDER LODGE COUNTY JV PROGRAM
800 S MAIN
ANACONDA MT 59711

Subject: **FY2026 COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLE GRAVEYARD GRANT for
DEER LODGE COUNTY JV GRAVEYARD ANACONDA II (JVCG-0078)**

To Chad:

Thank you for submitting your Fiscal Year **(FY) 2026** grant package with the itemized accounting form for **FY 2025**. I have reviewed the budget and the itemized accounting breakdown and approved them as submitted. Enclosed is one vendor invoice totaling \$8,912.13. This payment plus the FY2025 balance of \$27,903.67 remaining on the books equals the full eligible grant of \$36,815.80 for FY2026. Please have the commissioners sign the vendor invoice and return it. As soon as the invoice is received the funding will be processed.

During FY2025, according to your motor vehicle graveyard log sheets your program hauled **0 vehicles**.

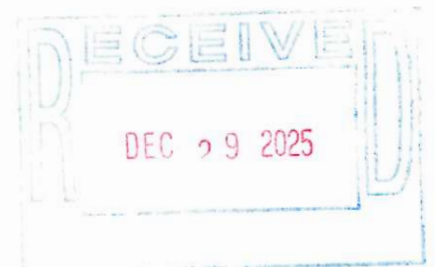
If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact me at (406)444-3493 or email me at astaley@mt.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrea Staley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ANDREA STALEY
Motor Vehicle Recycling & Disposal Program
Phone (406)444-3493
FAX (406)444-1374
Email astaley@mt.gov

Enclosure: FY2026 Vendor Invoice



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Tri-County Environmental Health Department
Anaconda/Deer Lodge - Granite - Powell Counties
Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Courthouse
800 Main Street
Anaconda, Montana 59711
Telephone (406) 563-4035
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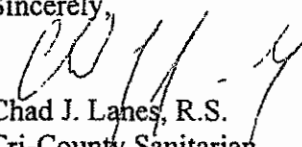
December 9, 2023

Mr. Brady Christensen
Motor Vehicle Recycling & Disposal Program
Dept. Of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 200901
Helena, MT 59620-0901

Dear Brady:

Enclosed is the necessary paper work to process the 2024-25 fiscal year Junk Vehicle Program Grant for Deer Lodge County. I am still waiting on the Itemized Accounting Form from Powell County. As soon as I receive that the Powell County grant will follow. There should be adequate information submitted to process the Deer Lodge County grant. Please notify me of any deficiencies or problems with this paperwork via mail, e-mail at clanes@adlc.us, or via phone call at (406)560-3190.

Sincerely,



Chad J. Lanes, R.S.
Tri-County Sanitarian

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MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal Program Budget Form

Dee-Ling Co.

Fiscal Year:

2025

1	AMOUNT BUDGETED FOR CURRENT YEAR (State Grant)	34,280.40	
2	OTHER AMOUNTS		
3	TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE: (Add Lines 1 and 2)		34,280.40
4	ENCUMBERED EXPENDITURES FROM PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR: (Fill in the Blanks)		
	a.		
	b.		
	c. TOTAL PRIOR FISCAL YEAR ENCUMBERED EXPENDITURES:		0
5	PERSONNEL EXPENDITURES:		
	a. Project Director	8000	
	b. Retrieval Vehicle Operator		
	c. Fringe Benefits	3500	
	d. Other (Describe)		
	e. Other (Describe)		
	f. TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENDITURES:		11,500
6	TOTAL TRAVEL EXPENDITURES:		2000
7	OPERATING COSTS:		
	a. Advertising	3000	
	b. Telephone & Postage	2500	
	c. Office Supplies	1000	
	d. Office Equipment	3500	
	e. Insurance	500	
	f. Maintenance/Improvements of Graveyard	500	
	g. Maintenance of Vehicles (Parts, Repairs, Gas, Oil, etc.)	26,800.40	
	h. Contracts for Vehicle Retrieval	500	
	i. Rent or Lease of County Graveyard	600	
	j. Trucks and/or Trailers		
	k. Mobile Homes and/or Campers		
	(no more than 20% of grant)		
	l. Other (Describe)		
	m. Other (Describe)		
	n. TOTAL OPERATING COSTS:		20,700.40
8	TOTAL BUDGET (Add Lines 4c, 5f, 6, 7n.)		34,280.40

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND ACCURATE

SIGNATURE:

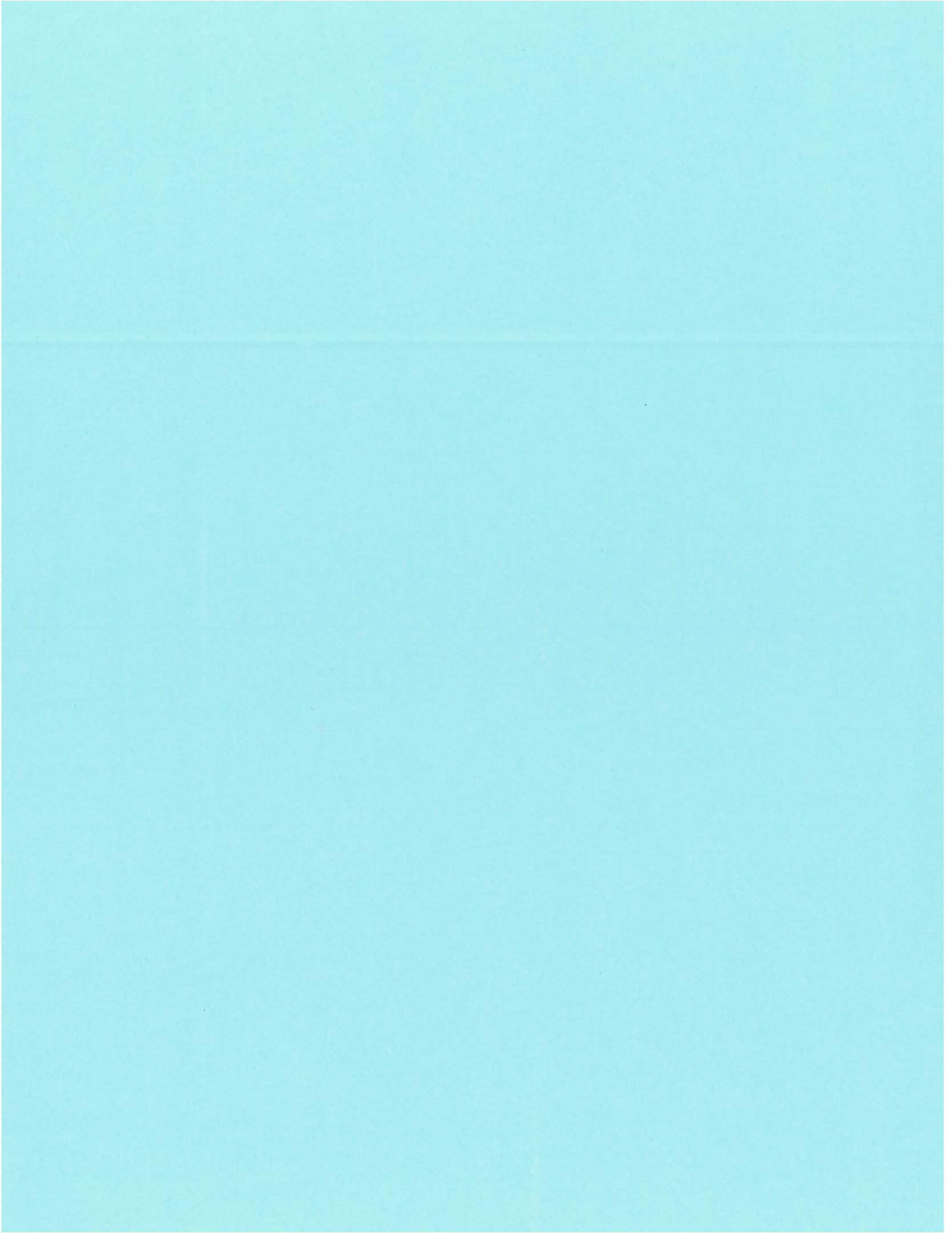
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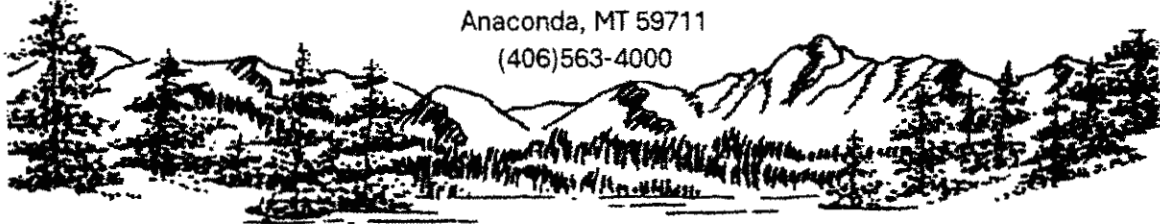
CTV Program Director

DATE:

12-3-2025



Anaconda-Deer Lodge County
Courthouse
800 Main Street
Anaconda, MT 59711
(406)563-4000



February 1, 2026

Camille Erickson
VIA EMAIL – camille.erickson@mt.gov

RE: Public Housing Authority Board

Dear Ms. Erickson:

Your position on the Public Housing Authority Board is due to expire on March 2, 2026. We cannot tell you how appreciative we are to have your services in volunteering on this very important board.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to re-apply for the vacancy by signing this reappointment letter. If you are interested in reappointment, please check the box below the signature line. If you have no intentions of re-applying, please check that particular box below the signature line.

I have enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope for ease in returning this letter to the CEO/Commission Office. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Seanna T. Zacher
Executive Assistant

 (signature)
☒ Yes, Reappointment ☐ No, Reappointment

The first part of the paper discusses the importance of the research and the objectives of the study. It highlights the need for a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter and the role of the researcher in this process. The second part of the paper presents the methodology used in the study, including the data collection methods and the analysis techniques. The third part of the paper discusses the results of the study and the conclusions drawn from the findings. The final part of the paper provides a summary of the key points and offers suggestions for future research.

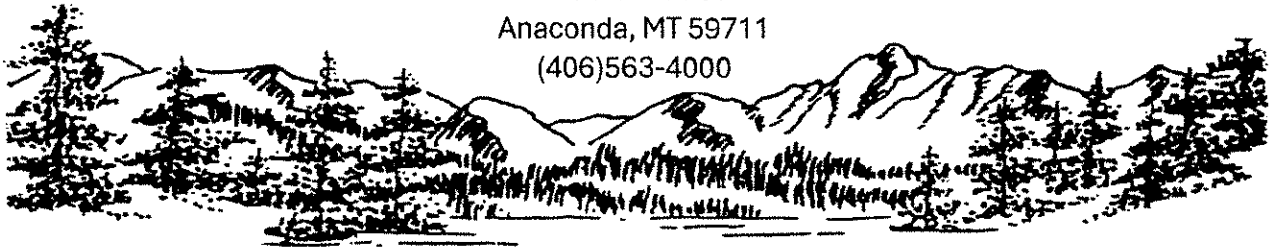
The research was conducted in a systematic and rigorous manner, following the principles of scientific inquiry. The data was collected from a representative sample of the population, and the analysis was performed using advanced statistical techniques. The results of the study indicate that there is a significant relationship between the variables under investigation, and this finding has important implications for the field of study. The conclusions drawn from the study are based on the evidence presented, and they provide a clear and concise summary of the findings.

The study was limited by several factors, including the sample size and the scope of the research. Despite these limitations, the study provides valuable insights into the subject matter and contributes to the existing body of knowledge. The findings of the study are consistent with the previous research, and they provide a new perspective on the issue. The study also identifies areas for further research and suggests ways in which the research can be improved.

The research was conducted in a transparent and ethical manner, and the results of the study are presented in a clear and accessible format. The study is a valuable contribution to the field of study, and it provides a solid foundation for future research. The findings of the study are based on the evidence presented, and they provide a clear and concise summary of the findings. The study also identifies areas for further research and suggests ways in which the research can be improved.

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February 1, 2026

Dan Reardon
1608 Tammany Street
Anaconda, MT 59711

RE: Planning Board

Dear Mr. Reardon:

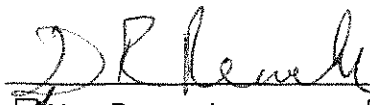
Your position on the Planning Board is due to expire on March 5, 2026. We cannot tell you how appreciative we are to have your services in volunteering on this very important board.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to re-apply for the vacancy by signing this reappointment letter. If you are interested in reappointment, please check the box below the signature line. If you have no intentions of re-applying, please check that particular box below the signature line.

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Respectfully,


Seanna T. Zacher
Executive Assistant

 (signature)
☒ Yes, Reappointment ☐ No, Reappointment

Jo Anne Mitchell

607 Pine Street

Anaconda, MT 59711

PH: 406 559 6795

Email: jami6250@gmail.com

February 26, 2026

TO: Jessica Daily, Commission Clerk

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Commission Office

800 Main Street

Anaconda, MT 59711

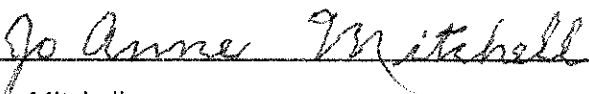
RE: Application for Planning Board

Dear Ms. Daily and Members of the Commission, I am writing to formally express my interest in the Planning Board vacancy in Anaconda-Deer Lodge County. As a dedicated resident of Anaconda for 20 years, my goals are:

1. Encouraging sustainable growth
2. Ensuring fair and efficient development standards
3. Maintaining the historic character of Anaconda

I believe my experience and my desire to serve the community make me a strong candidate for this board. I look forward to the possibility of discussing how I can contribute to the team.

Sincerely,



Jo Anne Mitchell

February 26, 2026

RESUME:

Jo Anne Mitchell, (aka, Jo Anne Kurenda)

607 Pine Street

Anaconda, MT 59711

PH: 406 559 6795

Email: jom6250@gmail.com

OBJECTIVE:

Planning Board Submission

EDUCATION:

Professor of Art and Art History, European Study, 13 years

BA Advanced in Art

BA Advance in Art History

University of Saskatchewan

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 1978-2000

RESEARCH INTEREST:

Historical preservation, Montana architecture, Anaconda as a 'destination city', long term progressive economic growth of Anaconda, manufactured housing.

WORK HISTORY:

Government of Saskatchewan, 1991-1994

Secretary for MLA Walter Jess, Redberry Constituency, (19 Indian Reservations)

Regina, Saskatchewan.

My interest was in much needed manufactured housing.

POSITIONS:

CEO of Canamex Emprise LTD. (oversee company).

I was called a 'visionary in Canadian manufactured housing.

CEO of Maymont Structures LTD. (lumber yard)

Box 10 Maymont Saskatchewan, SOMITO

DUTIES:

Researched manufactured housing for 10 years

Built Business Plan, registered businesses, banking, etc.

Raised cash investment of \$250,000, 10 Shareholders

Purchased and renovated old K-12 school house in Maymont, Saskatchewan, pier structure.

Purchased manufacturing machinery in Souix City, Iowa

Purchased Closed Cell Urethane and Injector from Provo, Utah

Stocked Lumber yard

START UP

Hired 35 employees

Built 1 house a day and erected it on the second day, on site. Fully insulated panel structure job completed 2nd day with crew of 5.

FULL OPERATION

Paid taxes of 54%.

RCMP shut down business with one sentence. I shut down. I was never told why this was done. I was told I would never know the reason for it.

Laid off employees

Dismantled plant

Government never paid unemployment to employees, even though they were paid in full.

I left Canada.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Ran successful manufactured housing plant.

Professor of Art and Art History, European Study

Retired in Anaconda, MT for last 20 years, while watching the town blossom.

NOTES:

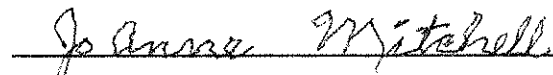
USA Citizen, born in Iowa

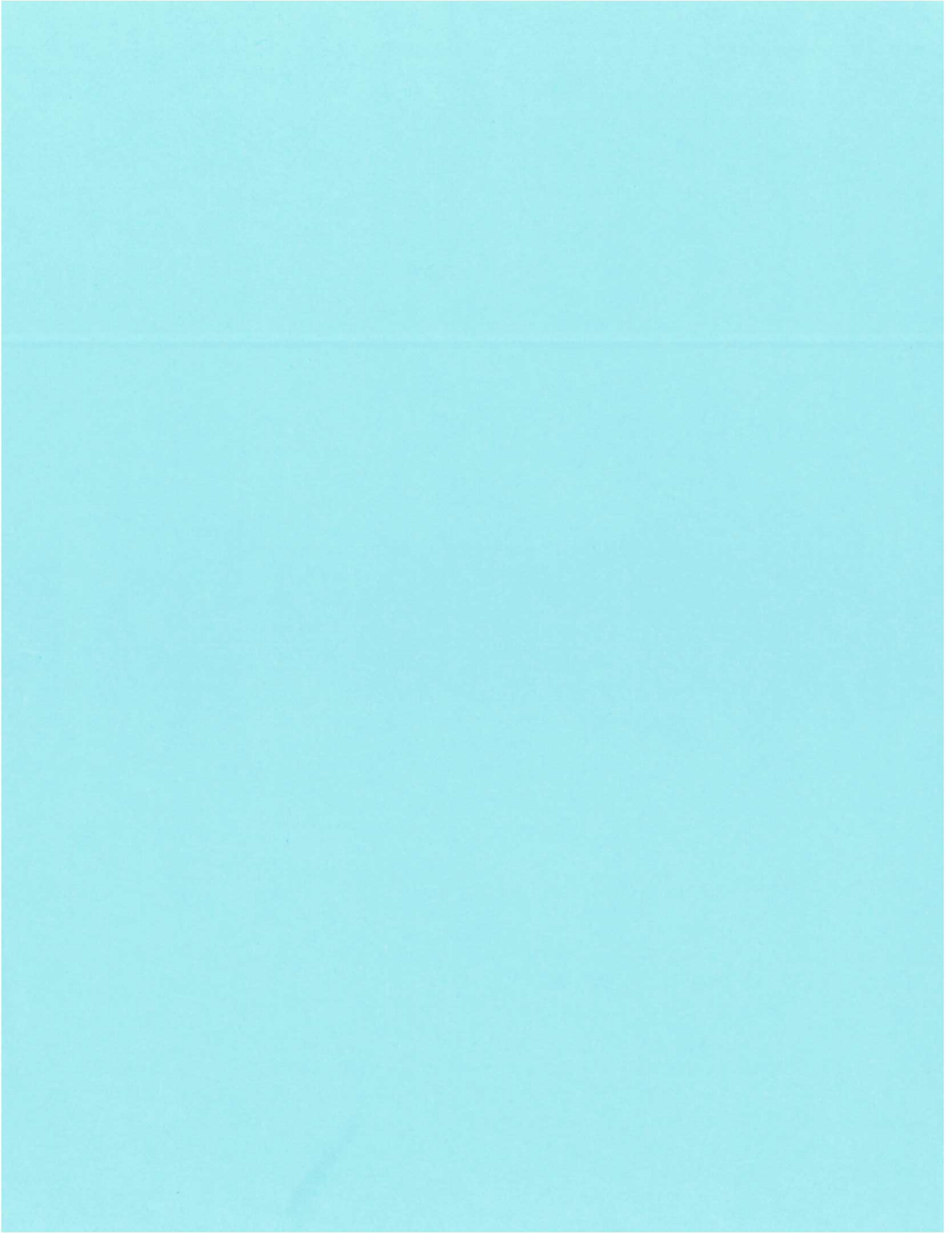
Canadian Citizen, 1983

I live with my daughter, Julie.

I am single.

I am 76 years old.


Jo Anne Mitchell



**ANACONDA-DEER LODGE COUNTY
SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION**

Reference: ADLC Ordinance #120, Ordinance #63-A, Resolution #10-32, MCA 7-1-4124

Special Event: An event that makes use of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County public owned property including streets, parks and/or other facilities. All events using public property must submit an application for their special event at least 30 days before the first day of the event to guarantee time for processing and approval.

Sponsor: DEAD RINGER Horseshoe Club
Event Coordinator: Tolene Sestrich Renny Josephson
Address: 420 Cherry Anaconda
Phone: 490-9423(J) 560-2758(R) Email: _____
Purpose of event: Doubles State Horseshoe Qualifier
Event Location: Horseshoe Pits Washoe Park
Event date: 5-30-26 Event time: 8:00 AM
Alcohol being served: Yes _____ No X

*** Please attach a letter detailing all pertinent information of the event including a map of the area you wish to use

*** If the closure of any street is required, a map for traffic control must accompany the application for Law Enforcement, Fire, and Road department approval, and my include proper detour signage to the Anaconda Community Hospital.

Basic Emergency fire lanes must be provided in coordination with the ADLC Fire Chief per International Fire Codes.

CHARLOTTE YEOMAN COMPLEX: (weekdays only)
Must coordinate with the ADLC Recreation Director for previously scheduled league events
Number of fields: _____ Hours of usage: _____

Please read and initial that you understand that you are responsible for the following:

Garbage / recycling receptacles and regular trash removal	<u>RJ</u>
Health permits for food vendors and locations	<u>RJ</u>
Law Enforcement (if required)	<u>N/A</u>
Proof of responsible beverage service and sales training for individuals involved with the sale of alcohol	<u>N/A</u>
Secure permits for business license if required by the county ordinances	<u>N/A</u>
Proof of liability insurance in amounts required by ADLC prior to event	<u>RJ</u>
Controls in place to prevent pets and animals, leashed and unleashed, inside the designated special event area, excluding animals participating in the event and all service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards.	<u>RJ</u>
To allow and recognize free speech on the site, including the right of free speech.	<u>RJ</u>
Provide port-a-potties.	<u>RJ</u>
If tents and coverings are being used, there is NO stakes allowed. WEIGHTS ONLY!!	<u>N/A</u>
Payment of Fee (if applicable) prior to event and payable to ADLC	<u>N/A</u>

Violators of any ADLC Ordinance and/or Resolutions regarding Special Events and use of ADLC public parks will be cause to immediately terminate the event, and the possibility of up to \$500 fine and up to six month jail per Ordinance 63-A.

Please sign and date this application:

RJ
Applicant/Event Coordinator

1-6-26
Date

Please submit application at least 30 days prior to the first day of the event to guarantee time for processing and Commission Approval. Thank you.

This page is for office use only

SIGNATURES OF APPROVAL

Chief of Law Enforcement (or designee):

Comments:

Approved:

Bill Sath

Date:

1-13-25

Fire Chief (or designee):

Comments:

Approved:

Bob Toller

Date:

1-12-26

Planning Director (or designee):

Comments:

Approved:

Col. Hegin

Date:

1/13/2026

Road Supervisor (or designee):

Comments:

Approved:

Wayne R. Ward

Date:

1-12-26

Parks & Recreation Director (or designee):

Comments:

Approved:

Paul H. Smith

Date:

1-12-26

Sanitarian / Environmental Health Department (or designee):

Comments:

Approved:

Mark Swenson

Date:

1/13/26

Application date:

Permit #:

Commission:

Approved:

Denied:

Date insurance certificate received:

User fee (if applicable) \$

Special provisions:

ADLC CEO approval:

Date: