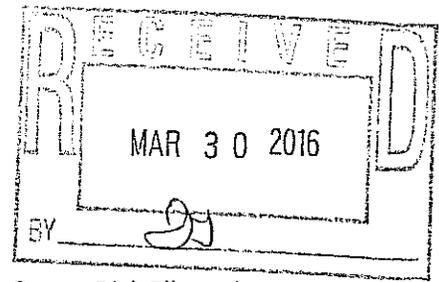


City of Lewistown Study Commission
March 11, 2016
Lewistown Civic Center



Attendees included Dick Krillenberger, Darryl McKenzie, Alexandra Dunnington, Butch Sturtz, Dick Ellestad. Melody Scott performed the duties of recording secretary.

Call to Order: Dunnington called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

Roll Call of Members Present

Approval of Minutes for February 29, 2016: Krillenberger made a motion to approve the minutes. Ellestad seconded. Motion passed.

Budget-Paid Expenses and Current Balance: Scott reported that there was \$1,463.25 spent and \$6,568.75 available.

Correspondence: No correspondence to share.

Old Business: No old business to review.

Discussion and Possible Action on Website: Dunnington shared that Chris Cooler has made an offer to help the study commission put together a website. Karen Kuhlmann mentioned that Cooler is out of town for the month. Discussion continued on the urgency of getting a website operational, whether to wait for Cooler to return or to try to create something themselves. Brad Mccardle gave a handout to the study commission members with suggestions for a website. Dunnington suggested listing the minutes and agendas. Kuhlmann shared her feelings that it would be important to list the core responsibilities so the public knows what the primary responsibilities of the city government are. Dunnington asked for other suggestions for what should be placed on a website. Dunnington made a motion to approve making a website for the study commission so that she can pursue the various avenues of doing a website. Krillenberger seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business: No new business to review.

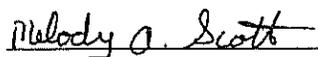
Open Discussion About Dan Clark's Presentation: Dunnington opened the floor for comments regarding Dan Clark's presentation and what the public learned from it. Gregory Clark felt that Dan Clark was a good speaker and that he handled the room well. G. Clark thanked the study commission for bringing D. Clark in to speak. Clint Loomis also thanked the study commission, saying the presentation helped clear the gap of understanding. Kuhlmann felt that D. Clark was very informed, professional and a great source for consultation. Loomis asked how the study commission felt about how the dialogue went. Dunnington and McKenzie said that it went very well, that good information was given and the responsibilities of the government and the public were clearly laid out. Mccardle said the presentation was an eye opener since many in the audience do not understand the government. He also mentioned that a website would be a good source to help the public make an educated decision if a ballot motion goes forth. Answers from Sturtz, Krillenberger, Ellestad stated that they thought the presentation was great and helped educate the public on the responsibilities of the study commission. McKenzie agreed with the other member's comments. G. Clark is eager to hear the next steps as the study commission prepares their report, etc. and how the community can help in that process. Dunnington said the decision is going to have to be made soon. She also explained the idea of having a public hearing to hear pros and cons for a suggested change of government. A member of the public felt that D. Clark would be a good moderator for such an event to help keep focus. Dunnington mentioned that D. Clark would be willing to be moderator and that if such an event were to take place, the time line would have to be republished. Walter Vannoy read aloud written comments, that he handed out to the study commission members, about suggestions for a new charter. Dunnington shared that by state laws, there cannot be term limits on the mayor and city commission. Ed Butcher rebutted saying look at the statute. Byerly commented, in response to Vannoy's comments, that a report on tax

money is available at all times at the city office. Kuhlmann shared that requiring city employees to living in city limits would preclude lots of talented people. G. Clark also commented that requiring the city manager to own property in city limits would be unfair and limit the possibility of hiring from outside of Lewistown. Tom St. John asked if a motion passed on the ballot, would a charter be prepared before or after the ballot measure. Dunnington replied after. St. John asked if the study commission remains in their position to revise the charter if a ballot measure passes. Dunnington said yes. If nothing goes to ballot, a final report is required before the study commission would disband. G. Clark said the study commission should consider what the cause and effect of a change would be. Butcher stated amendment proposal that goes before the voter would include transitional language. Clark commented the citizens need to know the risks associated with dramatic change. Kuhlmann would like to have a map of the city limits put on the study commission website. Krillenberger stated point of order. He does not think that such a map needs to be on the website since the city has them available. He does not want to clutter up the study commission website. Kuhlmann and Butcher discussed zoning and garbage in outer areas. Loomis commented point of order. Such discussion is not applicable. Mccardle asked where the study commission time line can be found. Dunnington mentioned that it is on the Lewistown Government Review Commission's Facebook page and on record at the city office. She also commented that if the time line is changed, it has to be republished. Byerly would urge the commission no matter what they intend to do to consider the tipping point, which is impacted by the population size and the complexity of issues that go with an increase with city size. This is when a city often chooses to go to professional management. Loomis said that it sounded like really effective mayors are often in for long periods. They live and breathe the city. Loomis feels that there is a problem with four year terms and the roll over. Butcher said discussed Chicago and state politics and terms limits. G. Clark disagreed with Butcher, due to personal experience with Chicago politics. Loomis advise avoiding terms like bought off or other inflammatory terms. People have good points but need to be cautious what kind of terms they are using. St. John mentioned that people seem to be thinking only the mayor or manager form. He personally feels the mayor/chief administrative officer (cao) form would be a good choice for Lewistown. Website should describe different forms of city government. Loomis gave idea is to show weakness and strengths for the various forms of government. St. John mentioned avoiding vibes. Weaknesses could be based on personal opinion. Vannoy mentioned, despite whatever form is in place, that the president and governor have term limits so this would be an important item in the charter. Butcher commented that all county boards have non paid members, who can have two consecutive terms, then must have one term off before they can run again. Discussion on how long it would be to change the majority of the city commission. Byerly commented that there are not people clammering to run for commission, so it could take longer. Dunnington mentioned that a cao would be harder to release from employment since they become an employee of the city. Doing so would require going through the legal system to do so. More discussion followed on the subject. Vannoy believes that whoever is in the position need to reside in the city and be affected by the taxes and laws they create. St. John commented that there is a lot more agreement in the room since the D. Clark presentation. The public appreciates the study commission's work.

Open Public Participation: No comments from the public.

Committee Member Comments: No comments from the committee.

Adjournment: Dunnington moved to adjourn at 11:56 am. McKenzie seconded.



Melody A. Scott, Recording Secretary



Alexandra Dunnington, Chairman