

City of Lewistown Study Commission  
March 30, 2015  
Lewistown City Complex

Attendees included Dick Krillenberger, Melody Scott, Gayle Doney, Darryl McKenzie, Alexandra Dunnington.

Melody Scott performed the duties of recording secretary.

**Call to Order:** Krillenberger called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call of Members Present**

**Disposition of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Doney requested removal of the announcement of the March 30 meeting since no such announcement was made. McKenzie moved to approve the amended March 20, 2015 minutes as presented. Dunnington seconded the motion.

**Budget-Paid Expenses and Current Balance:** Amount spent to date is \$3,258.80 and the remaining balance is \$2,554.20. Krillenberger mentioned the bills from the Lewistown News Argus for the publishing and making copies of the survey that will be submitted for payment this week.

**Outline of Study Commission's Timeline:** The study commission discussed what possible dates the meetings could be. The agreement was to do the second Friday of the month at 11 AM at the Civic Center and the last Monday of the month at 7 PM at the City Complex. In the event of a holiday on the last Monday of the month, the meeting will then be on the last Tuesday of the month. Doney mentioned that the timeline needs to be published within ninety days of the study commission's first meeting, which was January 12<sup>th</sup>. The timeline will be ready for review at the next meeting.

**Interview of City Commissioners:** Beth Putnam – This is her first experience with being with an elected entity. Governments can be very different from state to state. Expertise in the area of city manager is essential for dealing with roads, sewers, rules and laws. It would be easy as a commission member to make mistakes in these areas due to lack of knowledge and experience. A lot of is accomplished at the city meetings. The city commissioners enjoy having the public input from city residents but it is hard from input from citizens. It is very hard to have bad public response like name calling and be rude. Children are not allowed to act like that; why should adults be allowed to act that way? There have been a lot of improvements in the city. Back in the sixties and the seventies, running a city may have been easier and a part time mayor could handle things. Now rules and laws are more complex making a full time management position necessary.

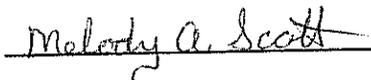
Patti Turk-She filled a vacant position in 2003 and is currently on her fourth term. In that amount of time, there has been a lot of changes. Discussion of new housing areas and the requirements of doing such. Turk said from personal experience in the work force, along with her twelve years as a city commissioner, has shown her that a lot of government and figure heads do not know how to run a business. Running a city is like running a business. A manager needs to have the expertise that a business owner would have. Turk gave high praise for the 911 system that the city has which is beneficial for both the city and the county. Mhyre looks at all avenues to find money to cover such projects like the 911 system. Turk was not involved in in politics during the time of city mayor but can see now the issues that have to be fixed due to that form of government.

Doney mentioned that the city clerk was often in charge of dealing with the budget since the mayor was only part time. Putnum mentioned that some city residents are bothered by the city using the international building code but the handshake and good ol' boy system have caused problems with building projects. A discussion followed concerning the fence rules. Krillenberger replied that these types of issues call for a good commission. Putnum said that no ordinance is perfect. City commissioners can make mistakes. Putnum mentioned that everyone likes the laws until they bump into it.

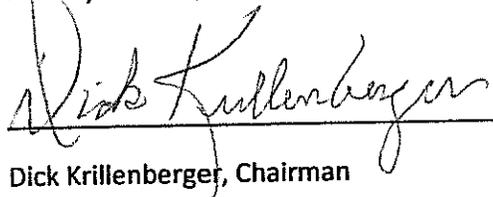
**Open Public Participation:** William McLendon commented on how the city should be patching streets to make them lost. Krillenberger recommended that city residents talk to their city commissioners about your concerns and thoughts.

**Committee Member Comments:** Doney thanked everyone for attending. Discussion continued about the roads in Lewistown.

**Adjournment:** Meeting dismissed by Krillenberger at 7:48 PM. Dunnington seconded.

  
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Melody A. Scott, Recording Secretary

  
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Dick Krillenberger, Chairman