

City of Lewistown Study Commission
April 10, 2015
Lewistown City Complex

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

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

Roll Call of Members Present

Disposition of Previous Meeting Minutes: Ellestad moved to approve the March 30, 2015 minutes. Dunnington seconded.

Budget-Paid Expenses and Current Balance: Amount spent to date is \$3,258.80 and the remaining balance is \$2,554.20. Scott's paycheck and bills from the Lewistown News Argus will be paid on the next payment cycle.

Study Commission Review of Surveys Received: Surveys were sorted by those for government change, those to leave the government the same and the unsigned. Estimated counts at the meeting were thirty eight unsigned, sixty eight signed to leave the government form the same and forty eight signed to change the form of government. Dunnington will compile the surveys into statistics for the commission to review at a later meeting. The surveys were passed around for members to review.

Outline of Study Commission's Timeline: Dunnington presented possible one and two year timelines. The two year timeline was chosen to be published. Meetings will take place the second Friday and last Monday of the month, except for holidays; then meetings will take place the last Tuesday of the month. An addition was made to the timeline to let citizens know that the meeting announcements will be published in the Lewistown News Argus, on KXLO/KLCM and on the Lewistown Government Review Commission Facebook page. Ellestad moved to accept the two year timeline as amended. Sturtz seconded the motion. Motion was presented and approved.

Open Public Participation: Karl Gies spoke of his time on the original study commission. Those meetings were very well attended. There were many contentious issues but no one pointed fingers at anyone, just at the form of government. The city needed professional management, not someone won in a popularity contest. The original study commission spent almost two years studying other town's forms of government and attending seminars. Gies said that the public are critical of the government, no matter what the form is. Lewistown is typical of small Montana towns with not enough money to catch up with things like street repairs. No form of government will change that fact.

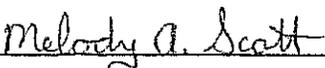
Clayton Dunlap said that the city is a big business and should be run as such. A mayor form is a good old boy system which is built for business. Businesses use managers to oversee their operations. Dunlap recommended keeping the system of government in place but look at changing the city commissioners in the upcoming elections.

Gies said that the city of Lewistown went through growing pains while changing to the manager system. Kevin Myhre was sent to the FBI academy in 2004 for ten weeks of management training.

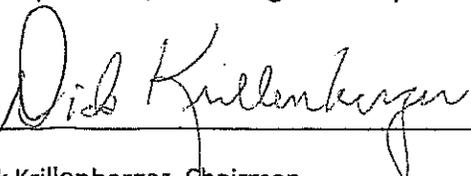
Suzanne Westhoff explained what parts of Lewistown are being annexed and her thoughts on the matter.

Committee Member Comments: Sturtz thanked everyone for attending. Krillenberger suggested the idea of two study commission members and the secretary going to interview one of the original study commission members and bringing a written report of their interview to the next meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting dismissed by Krillenberger at 11:46 AM.



Melody A. Scott, Recording Secretary



Dick Krillenberger, Chairman