

City of Lewistown Study Commission
June 12, 2015
Lewistown Civic Center

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

Call to Order: Krillenberger called the meeting to order at 11:13 AM.

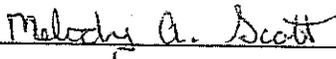
Roll Call of Members Present

Disposition of Previous Meeting Minutes: Dunnington approved the minutes for May 26, 2015.

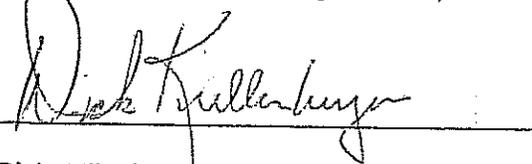
Budget-Paid Expenses and Current Balance: Scott reported that the amount spent to date is \$3,734.00 and the amount remaining is \$2079.00.

Open Public Participation and Committee Member Comments: Don Knotts shared his thoughts on city property and action being taken by the city. He feels that those who live out of town have no representation and are victims of the city. The city has money, staff and lawyers which are all things that the public does not have. Knotts shared that he is at this meeting looking for an ally and a means to get representation, not to persuade the study commission to take his side in the annexation issue. He expressed his concern that the city is being heavy handed without caring about people's feelings and would like for out of city residents to be able to have a voice. Dunnington asked why the county commissioners don't represent the out of city residents. Suzanne Westhoff replied that they can not get the county commissioners to care or to represent them. Frank Westhoff shared about the annexation resolution and gave paperwork about the annexation to Krillenberger. Copies of the paperwork will be made for the study commission to review. More discussion was held on the annexation, water and sidewalk issues. Krillenberger asked if the public thought these issues were due to the government form. He also read an anonymous letter that made the accusation that Doney is at the meetings to spy on the study commission. The state mandates that a city commissioner serve as a government liaison to the study commission and Doney has been chosen to the liaison. McKenzie commented that the city commission depends on voters and that is very difficult to get the public to run for the city commission positions. Discussion was held on the length of the timeline, the reasoning for planning to place a proposal on the 2016 ballot and how that proposal might be worded. The rumor that the study commission members are paid by the city was corrected. The study commission members are all volunteer and the money in their budget comes from state required mill levys. Discussion returned to how to word a proposal on the ballot. Krillenberger pointed out that if the public chose to vote to change the government form but like the job that Kevin Myhre has done, that Myhre could run and be elected as mayor. Dunnington presented a motion to pay for a booth for the Chokecherry Festival as a means of educating the public on the study commission and what their task is. Ellestad seconded the motion. Krillenberger presented the motion. The motion passed.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Krillenberger at 12:05 PM. McKenzie seconded.



Melody A. Scott, Recording Secretary



Dick Krillenberger, Chairman