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Comparison of Forms of Government!

Anaconda - Deer Lodge

CHARACTERISTIC	PRESENT FORM OF GOVERNMENT	PROPOSED FORM OF GOVERNMENT	EVALUATIVE COMMENTS
Form of Government	Charter Commission-Manager	Charter Commission-Chief Executive	The proposed form of Government with the elected Commission will add an elected Chief Executive. This will allow the electorate of <u>Anaconda-Deer Lodge County</u> to have control over both the Legislative and Administrative powers of the government.

Powers	Self-Government Powers - Legislative body may exercise any powers not prohibited by State law.	Self-Government Powers - Legislative body may exercise any powers not prohibited by State law.	Self-Government Powers, not limited by State Law, allows local problems to be met at local levels.
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Chief Administrative Officer.	The appointed manager is the Chief Administrative Officer.	The Elected Chief Executive is the Chief Administrative Officer.	The electorate will choose the Chief Administrative Officer thereby assuring County-Wide Administrative representation.

Appointment Powers	Commission appoints and removes County Manager, members of Boards and Commission.	Commission appoints all Boards and Commissioners. Chief Executive appoints all non-elected department heads with Commission approval other elected officials appoint their own assistants subject to collective bargaining agreements.	The appointment power is decentralized among several offices assuring better responsiveness to the electorate.
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Budget Preparation	Manager prepares budget and submits to commission for modification and approval. Manager executes the budget.	Chief Executive prepares budget in consultation with elected Department heads and then submits to the Commission for approval.	Preparation of the budget is the responsibility of the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive must consult with Department heads for concurrence. This allows for more county-wide input.
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Governing Body	Five (5) Elected Part-time Commissioners nominated from and residing in each of five (5) districts	Five (5) Elected Part-time Commissioners. One (1) Elected Executive.	
Size	and elected at large for overlapping terms of four (4) years. The Commission elects its chairman.	Five Commissioners nominated and elected by district in a partisan/non-partisan election for overlapping terms of four (4) years.	All areas of the County are assured equal representation since the Commission is both nominated and elected by their districts.
Presiding Officer	Commission is Legislative and policy making body.	Commission elects its chairman.	The Elected Chief Executive would be the representative of the county, elected at-large.
Duties	Manager, hired by Commission is the Administrator of the policy set by the Commission.	Commission exercises all legislative powers and determines policy. Chief Executive nominated and elected at-large in a partisan/non-partisan election for a term of four (4) years. The Administration of the government is the responsibility of the elected Chief Executive.	The proposed form maintains a distinct separation of Legislative and Administrative functions. The elected Chief Executive will act as the head of Government.

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Other Elected Officials.	County Attorney Justice of the Peace Fifteen (15) Members of Advisory Council.	Sheriff County Attorney Clerk and Recorder Treasurer Clerk of the District Court Justice of the Peace Part-time Superintendent of schools Public Administrator	The elected officials will share the Executive Branch of the Government with the Chief Executive. The electorate of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County will once again have the opportunity to enjoy a freedom of choice in selection of Elected Officials.
			Because the Survey conducted by the Study Commission showed that 65% of the people contacted wanted an elected manager and sheriff it is assumed the electorate wishes to reclaim their right to vote for elected officials.

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Service Delivery Structure	The Commission organized services into Department which are under the direct supervision of the appointed manager.	Will be performed by the Chief Executive and other Elected Officers.	The proposed form will continue to maintain one law enforcement officer (elected), one road department, joint fire districts and will add one elected administrator.
Citizen Participation	Elected Advisory Councils to provide communication between people and commission.	District Councils may be appointed at the Commissions discretion. Each Commissioner may appoint a three (3) member council from the Commissioners respective District.	The District Councils will serve at the pleasure of the Commission. The council could provide for more citizen participation at the grass-root level.