

TOWN OF KEVIN GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION

FINAL REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Kevin:

The Town of Kevin Study Commission elected by the voters on November 5, 1984, present this Final Report to the citizens of the Town of Kevin.

The purpose of the study commission, as defined in State Law, is "to study the existing form and powers of our city government and procedures for delivery of local government services and compare them with other forms available under the laws of the State of Montana. If some change is deemed necessary, the study commission may submit such proposed change to the electors."

In the conduct of their review the study commission has sought advice and information from a number of people in the Town of Kevin. Opinions and recommendations were solicited from local elected town officials, Town Clerk, community leaders and citizens. All meetings of the study commission were open to the public. Public hearings were held to determine citizen opinion.

As a result of discussions held with the people and groups mentioned the Town of Kevin Study Commission has concluded that there is general consensus that the existing mayor-council form of government has served the town well since its organization and will continue to do so in the future. However, we also find that the Town of Kevin is not in compliance with the law in conducting non-partisan elections and recommend that non-partisan elections be held in the future to comply with State law. We also find that the ward districting is an unnecessary expense and recommend that the present two wards be abolished in the Town of Kevin thus allowing the mayor and four member council to be elected from the community as a whole rather than from specific wards. These two recommendations will appear on your ballot on Nov. 4, 1986. Copies of this Final Report are available for public examination at the Town Hall in Kevin, Montana.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN OF KEVIN STUDY COMMISSION

Robert M. Carlson  
Lloyd M. ...  
Pamela E. ...

TABLE OF COMPARISON

	Existing Form	Proposed	Comments
1. Form of Government	Mayor-Council	Same	No Change
2. Powers	General governing powers as defined by State Law	Same	No Change
3. Governing Body	Council is elected by ward, Mayor elected at large	Non-Partisan Mayor and Council elected at large	Would offer voters wider choice of candidates
4. Term	Four council member, four-year over-lapping terms, Mayor four-year term	Same	No Change
5. Presiding Officer	Mayor	Same	No Change
6. Duties	Council is the legislative policy-making body	Same	No Change
7. Chief Administrative Officer	Mayor	Same	No Change
8. Appointive Powers	Mayor with the consent of the council appoints and removes all department heads	Same	No Change
9. Budget Preparation	City Clerk prepares the budget with the approval of the Council	Same	No Change
10. Powers of Mayor	Presides over meetings, administers the local government, has the power of tie-breaking vote, has veto power subject to override of 2/3 of the council	Same	No Change

SUPPLEMENT TO FINAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF KEVIN  
GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION

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To: the Clerk and Recorder of Toole County

With copy to the Town of Kevin:

The Town of Kevin Study Commission as a result of their review of the existing form of government in the Town of Kevin makes the following additional recommendation:

"To abolish the present two separate voting precincts utilized for city, state and national elections and replace them with one voting precinct."

The Study Commission has concluded that this would save the taxpayers money by replacing two sets of elections judges with one. The present cost of rental of two voting places would be replaced with one.

Respectfully submitted,  
TOWN OF KEVIN STUDY COMMISSION

Chas. H. Carlson

Laura M. Mearns

Samuel E. Porter

7/23/86

7-3-113

Statutory basis for municipal council-mayor government.

(1) For the purpose of determining the statutory basis of existing units of local government, each unit of local government organized under the general statutes authorizing the municipal council-mayor form of government, which does not adopt a new form, shall be governed after July 1, 1987 by the following sections.

- 7-3-201
- 7-3-202(1),
- 7-3-203,
- 7-3-212(2),
- 7-3-213(3),
- 7-3-214(2),
- 7-3-215(2),
- 7-3-216(2),
- 7-3-217(1),
- 7-3-218(1) elected at large
- 7-3-219(2) nonpartisan basis
- 7-3-220(1),
- 7-3-221(3),
- 7-3-222(2),
- 7-3-223(2).

(2) This form has terms of 4 years for all elected officials. The size of the commission shall be established by ordinance, but it may not exceed 20 members.

Respectfully submitted"

TOWN OF KEVIN STUDY COMMISSION

Christine C. Cavanaugh  
James W. Cavanaugh  
Arnold E. Cavanaugh

CERTIFICATE OF EXISTING FORM OF GOVERNMENT

7-3-113

Statutory basis for municipal council-mayor government.

- (1) For the purpose of determining the statutory basis of existing units of local government, each unit of local government organized under the general statutes authorizing the municipal council-mayor form of government, which does not adopt a new form, shall be governed after May 2, 1977 by the following sections:

7-3-201, 7-3-202(1), 7-3-203, 7-3-212(2), 7-3-213(3),  
7-3-214(2), 7-3-215(2), 7-3-216(2), 7-3-217(1),  
7-3-218(2), 7-3-219(1), 7-3-220(1), 7-3-221(3),  
7-3-222(2), 7-3-223(2).

- (2) This form has terms of 4 years for all elected officials. The size of the commission shall be established by ordinance, but it may not exceed 20 members.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN OF KEVIN STUDY COMMISSION

Shirley M. O'Connell  
Laura M. O'Connell  
Pamela E. Paritz

CERTIFICATE

ESTABLISHING THE OFFICIAL BALLOT  
FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 1986 ELECTION

Instruction to voters: Place an "X" in the boxes  
which express your preferences.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

PLEASE VOTE ON BOTH ISSUES

1.

For adoption of the amendments to existing plan  
of government to include at-large elections as  
proposed for Kevin by the Study Commission.

For the existing plan of government with council  
elected by ward.

2.

For the adoption of the amendments to the existing  
plan of government to include non-partisan elections  
as proposed for Kevin by the Study Commission.

For the existing plan of government with partisan  
elections.

We, the Study Commissioners of the  
Town of Kevin do hereby certify that  
this is the official ballot approved  
by the Town of Kevin Study Commissioners.

Robert M. Carcione  
Laura J. ...  
Pamela E. ...

In testimony whereof, we set our hands.  
Done at Kevin, Montana, this 9<sup>th</sup>  
day of August, 1986.

ATTEST:

CLERK & RECORDER OF  
Toole County

Obert M. Carlsson  
Pamela E. Porter

KEVIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSIONERS

CERTIFICATE

ESTABLISHING THE DATES OF  
THE GENERAL ELECTION

FOR ESTABLISHING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
TO THE EXISTING PLAN OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
FOR THE TOWN OF KEVIN AND ESTABLISHING THE  
EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE PROPOSAL IF APPROVED.

The date of the general election for establishing the  
proposed amendments to the existing plan of local government  
for the Town of Kevin shall be November 4, 1986.

The effective date of establishing the amendments to the  
existing plan of local government for the Town of Kevin  
shall be July 1, 1987, if approved.

We, the Study Commissioners of the Town of  
Kevin, do hereby certify that these are the  
dates of the general election and the effective  
date of establishing the amendments to the  
existing plan of local government of the Town  
of Kevin approved by the Study Commissioners  
of the Town of Kevin.

In testimony whereof, we set our hands.

SEAL

Done at Kevin, Montana this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Aug., 1986.

ATTEST: CLERK & RECORDER OF  
TOOLE COUNTY

Obert M. Carlsson  
Pamela E. Porter

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSIONERS