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Study panel sets meeting

The Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Study Commission will conduct a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. March 30, at the courthouse for the purpose of announcing which form of local government will be studied further.

Commission Chairman Jake Maciag said public comment would be allowed during the meeting. "Although we've already had two public hearings on this issue, and received several letters, we always appreciate receiving more input from local citizens," he explained.

The commission can choose between the charter, commission, commission-chairman, commission-manager and commission-executive forms of government.

"This will certainly not be our final decision," Maciag said. "For example, if we choose to continue looking at the charter form, we could later choose either elected or appointed officials. There are numerous sub-options available under many forms, particularly the charter forms, and we will be holding additional public hearings whenever we deal with a new topic."