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February 14, 1996

The Honorable Fred Brown  
Mayor, City of Libby  
P.O. Box 1428  
Libby, Mt 25523

Re: Local Government Study Commission of Libby

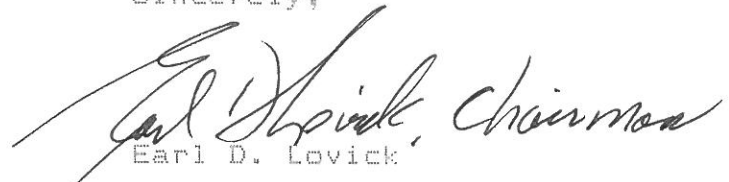
Dear Mayor Brown,

The Local Government Study Commission of the City of Libby hereby reports that it considers its mission completed. We have studied the present form and other forms available under the laws of the State of Montana and recommend that no change be made at this time.

A copy of the final report is enclosed. This was drawn up after a public hearing was called for February 12, 1996.

We consider our mission accomplished and the commission disbanded.

Sincerely,

  
Earl D. Lovick, Chairman  
Earl D. Lovick

cc: Local Government Center  
Montana State University  
Bozeman, MT 59717

LIBBY LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION  
FINAL REPORT 1996

SUMMARY

At the June 7, 1994 primary election voters of Montana were asked whether they wished to conduct a review of their local governments. It was voted that a study commission was to be elected for the City of Libby. The purpose of a study commission is to study the existing form and powers of a local government and procedures for delivery of local government services and compare them with other forms available under the laws of the state.

There were no filing for positions on the study commission and V. Lee Chandler, Daniel O. Larson and Earl D. Lovick were elected by write in at the general election November 8, 1994. The mayor appointed George Bauer as ex officio member to represent the City council. This report covers the activities and conclusions of the studies conducted since that election.

BACKGROUND

During the period of this study the study commissioners listened carefully to everyone who cared to share an opinion with us and studied all alternatives. The conclusion reached was that Libby should retain its present form of government. This is the Charter Commission-Executive Form.

This form was adopted in 1990. It has been working well and further time should be allowed to properly assess it. The Mayor and Council members, elected at large from within the City work well together and there is good coordination and cooperation between the various departments.

It is the belief that at some time in the future a change would be desired either to a Commission-Manager form or a City-County Consolidation. These forms could bring about more efficiency and/or consolidation of duties and responsibilities with savings resulting. However, it is felt that these are not practical possibilities at this time.

Respectfully submitted by Libby Local Government Study Commission.

V. Lee Chandler

Daniel O. Larson

Earl D. Lovick

George J. Bauer