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# Summary Study Commission Report

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS	PRESENT FORM OF GOVERNMENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	EVALUATIVE COMMENTS
#1. To require all county boards be created by an ordinance with specific requirements.	Currenty, the Charter contains no specific requirements for creating county boards.	Would require each Board to be created by an ordinance with specific requirements, such as defining power & duties, duration, frequency of meetings, etc.	Provides a standarized method of creating boards. All boards will know their purpose, responsibilites and duties.
#2. To give the A.D.L.C. Chief Executive veto power over ordinances and resolutions, subject to override by the County Commission	The Chief Executive currently has no veto power.	Would allow the Chief Executive to veto ordinances and resolutions. The County Commission may override the veto by a vote of 4 Commissioners.	Provides check and balances between the Commission & Chief Executive. Now that the Chief Executive is elected, veto power will promote better cooperation between the Executive & Legislative Branches.
#3. To eliminate the Advisory Council & change the method of filling vacancies on the County Commission	15 member Joint Advisory Council, consisting of 3 members from each Commission District. Commission vacancies are appointed from the Advisory Council by the County Commission	Advisory Council eliminated. Commission vacancies filled by candidate for that District who received second highest vote total in previous election. If that candidate is not eligible, Commission takes applications and appoints.	Advisory Council has no real authority. There is a lack of citizen interest, as shown by 7 vacant seats on the current council. Procedure for filling vacancies more precise. Vacancy would be filled by someone who actually ran for office.
#4. To change the method of election of the County Attorney from Partisan to Non-Partisan.	County Attorney elected on a partisan ballot.	County Attorney elected on a non-partisan basis.	All other County elected officials are already elected on a non-partisan basis. Gives all Citizens a chance to vote for Co. Attorney, regardless of party affiliation.
#5. To define the duties and limitations of the Chief of Law Enforcement.	Currently, duties and limitations of Chief of Law Enforcement are not defined in the City-County Charter. Chief may be appointed to head other departments.	Specific duties and limitations would be clearly defined. Chief would be prohibited from heading other departments except as specified in the Charter.	Now that the Chief of Law Enforcement is elected, duties should be defined in the Charter as other County Officials duties are defined. The Chief of Law Enforcement position already has numerous responsibilities: Police, Jail, 911 Center, Animal Control, & Search & Rescue. We believe any additional duties over extend the position and should be handled by other officials.
Full Final report of the A.D.L.C. Study Commission is available at: Room #101, Courthouse, 800 S. Main St. Anaconda, MT 59711			

Presented By The Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Study Commission September 13, 1996