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Department of Commerce  
Capitol Station  
Helena, Mt. 59620  
Att: Study Commission Coordinator

Dear Sir;

Enclosed please find two (2) copies of the "Baker Government Study Commission" final report.

I must apologize for the tardiness of this report, but this study commission was a total failure. One study commissioner left town for employment (who was incidentally, the chairman) and insisted he could make it back for meetings. The other study commission member (the vice-chairman), owner of a local bar, would not attend meetings after a local group of "concerned citizens" attempted to ban the activities of "Go-Go" girls from his establishment, when I advised him I would be supporting the group of "concerned citizens."

I am enclosing a copy of the minutes I wrote concerning the adoption of the final report.

I would like to express my opinion of the study commissions in general. I know the local voters here had no idea what they were voting for, when they voted for this study commission. The city is in dire financial straits (as alot of small communities are) and I feel they thought this commission would bring some answers to finances. I am not totalling blaming the lack of enthusiasm on the public, because a great deal of it was due to lack of enthusiasm on the part of this commission also. What I would recommend, is perhaps more public awareness, maybe on local radio stations, local presses etc., before this goes to the ballot, so the voter knows what it's all about, and know that it is a waste of mill levies, if the public does not participate. The only answer to poor management in local governments, is public involvement.

Thank you,

*Cora Moser*

Cora Moser, Secretary of Baker Study Commission

BAKER GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION FINAL REPORT

To the Citizens of Baker:

The Baker Study Commission elected by the voters on November 6, 1984, present this final report to the citizens of this municipality.

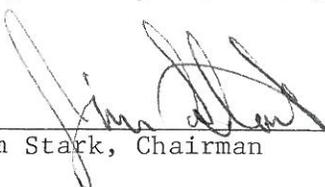
The purpose of the study commission, as defined in state law, is "to study the existing form and powers of our county government and procedures for delivery of local government services and compare them with other forms available under the laws of the State of Montana. If some change is deemed necessary,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

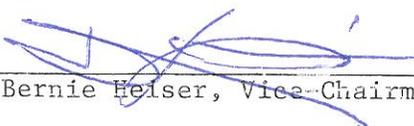
In the conduct of their review the study commission has sought advice and information from a number of people in the municipality. Opinions and recommendations were solicited from local government officials, community organizations and citizens. All meetings of the study commission were open to the public.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

As a result of discussions held with the people and groups mentioned the Baker Study Commission has concluded that there is general consensus that the existing Commission-Executive form of government has served this municipality well since its organization in 1865, and will continue to do so in the future. We therefore recommend no change in this form of government.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated May 5, 1986

  
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Jim Stark, Chairman

  
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Bernie Heiser, Vice-Chairman

  
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Cora Moser, Secretary

Baker Study Commission