CITY OF LEWISTOWN GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION FINAL REPORT

To the Citizens of Lewistown:

The Lewistown City Study Commission elected by the voters and thereafter appointed, present this final report to the citizens of this city.

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." 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 city. Opinions and recommendations were solicited from local government officials 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 Lewistown City Study Commission has concluded by a majority that the existing city manager/commission form of government as well as its charter has served this city well, and will continue to do so in the future. We therefore recommend no change in this form of government.

As a supplement to this report, the Lewistown City Study Commission has agreed that two recommendations should be give to the city commissioners.

We therefore recommend the Lewistown City Commission consider payment to city commissioners.

This study commission also recommends the city continue to work cooperatively with Fergus County to combine services wherever possible in an effort to save taxpayer dollars.

Respectfully submitted on this Aday of March 2006,
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