

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Culbertson Local Government Study Commission, having thoroughly studied our present form of town government and the alternative to towns under state law, and having studied the future governmental needs of this town, recommends the following:

1. Retain the present Mayor-Council form of government but with added self-government powers.
2. The question on the form of government shall be submitted to the voters of Culbertson on November 4, 1986, in the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

BALLOT ON ALTERNATIVE FORM OF GOVERNMENT

VOTE FOR ONE

For the adoption of the present Mayor-Council form of Local Government, but with added self-government powers as proposed in the report of the Culbertson Local Government Study Commission.

For retaining the existing form of local government.

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CERTIFICATE

ESTABLISHING THE EXISTING PLAN OF GOVERNMENT FOR
THE TOWN OF CULBERTSON, MONTANA

If adopted by the voters, the government of Culbertson shall be organized under the following provisions of Title 7, Chapter 3, Part 2, M.C.A. which authorizes the municipal COMMISSION-EXECUTIVE FORM of government.

- (a) 7-3-201;
- (b) 7-3-202(2);
- (c) 7-3-203;
- (d) 7-3-212(2);
- (e) 7-3-213(2);
- (f) 7-3-214(2);
- (g) 7-3-215(2);
- (h) 7-3-216(2);
- (i) 7-3-217(2);
- (j) 7-3-218(2);
- (k) 7-3-219(2);
- (l) 7-3-220(1);
- (m) 7-3-221(3);
- (n) 7-3-222(2);
- (o) 7-3-223(2);
- (p) 7-3-224

These sections establish the following form of government which shall be called the MUNICIPAL COMMISSION-EXECUTIVE FORM.

7-3-201. Commission-executive form. The commission-executive form (which may be called the council-executive, the council-mayor, or the commission-mayor form) consists of an elected commission (which may be referred to as the council) and one elected executive (who may be referred to as the mayor) who is elected at large.

7-3-202. Nature of government. The plan of government submitted to the qualified electors shall determine the powers of the local government unit by authorizing self-government powers.

7-3-203. Duties of executive. The executive shall:

- (1) enforce laws, ordinances, and resolutions;
- (2) perform duties required of him by law, ordinance, or resolution;
- (3) administer affairs of the local government;
- (4) carry out policies established by the commission;
- (5) recommend measures to the commission;
- (6) report to the commission on the affairs and financial condition of the local government;
- (7) execute bonds, notes, contracts, and written obligations of the commission, subject to the approval of the commission;
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(9) attend commission meetings and may take part in discussions;

(10) execute the budget adopted by the commission;

(11) appoint, with the consent of the commission, all members of boards; except the executive may appoint without the consent of the commission temporary advisory committees established by the executive.

7-3-212. Administrative assistants. The executive may appoint one or more administrative assistants to assist him in the supervision and operation of the local government, and such administrative assistants shall be answerable solely to the executive.

7-3-213. Supervision of personnel. The executive may appoint, with the consent of a majority of the commission, all department heads and remove department heads and may appoint and remove all other department employees.

7-3-214. Veto power. The executive may veto ordinances and resolutions, subject to override by a two-thirds vote of the commission.

7-3-215. Preparation of budget. The executive may prepare the budget in consultation with the commission and department heads.

7-3-216. Administrative supervision and control. The executive may exercise control and supervision of all departments and boards to the degree authorized by ordinance of the commission.

7-3-217. Financial officer. A financial officer (who may be called the treasurer) shall be appointed by the executive with the consent of the council.

7-3-218. Selection of commission members. The commission shall be elected by districts in which candidates must reside and which are apportioned by population.

7-3-219. Type of election. Local government elections shall be conducted on a partisan basis.

7-3-220. Chairman of commission. The commission shall have a chairman who shall be elected by the members of the commission from their own number for a term established by ordinance.

7-3-221. Presiding officer of commission. The presiding officer of the commission shall be the executive, who shall decide all tie votes of the commission but shall have no other vote (the chairman of the commission shall preside if the executive is absent).

7-3-222. Terms of commission members. Commission members shall be elected for overlapping terms of office.

7-3-223. Size of commission and community councils. The size of the commission shall be four (4) and community councils to advise commissioners

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may be authorized by ordinance.

We, the Study Commissioners of Culbertson, Montana, do hereby certify that this is the existing plan of government as established by Section 7-3-113 M.C.A.

In testimony whereof, we set our hands.

Done at Culbertson, this 19th day of August, 1986.

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ATTEST: DeAnne M. Weeks

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