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Commission report

Chairman lauds 'common sense'

By Grace Holm
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After almost two years of study of Anaconda County government, the Study Commission

what the members call a "common-sense final report."

The commission, chaired by Jake Maciag, offers five proposed charter amendments for the Nov. 5 ballot to strengthen the local government.

"We're asking voters to approve common-sense approaches to strengthen city-county government," Maciag said.

"We wanted to identify strengths and weaknesses within the current charter, and we have accomplished that," he added.

"These five proposed charter amendments, if approved by voters, will strengthen areas we found to be deficient in our city-county government," Maciag said.

Maciag said the study

commission's work is nearly completed, with the responsibility now in the hands of citizens, who will study and decide the fate of the five amendments in November.

"We are asking voters to consider the merits of each amendment separately," Maciag said.

"Voters should ask themselves whether each amendment will improve local government efficiency," and vote accordingly, the chairman said.

The five amendments are to:

- require county boards to be created by an ordinance with specific requirements;
- give the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County chief executive veto power over ordinances and resolutions, subject to override by the county commission;
- eliminate advisory councils, and to change the method of filling vacancies on the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Commission;
- change the method of the elec-

tion of county attorney from partisan to non-partisan; and

- define the duties and limitations of the position of chief of law enforcement.

Each voter in A-DLC will receive by mail a copy of the final report concerning the five proposed amendments. Copies also are available at the Metcalf Senior Citizens Center and Hearst Free Library.

Additionally, to enable as many voters as possible to examine the proposed amendments, members of the Study Commission will be available to speak to civic or fraternal organizations, discussing why the commission believes the amendments should be adopted.

To schedule a talk by a commission member, persons should call secretary Carol Gilluly, 563-4000, at the A-DLC courthouse.

Among with chairman Maciag, commission members are Tom Radonich, Ed McCarthy Jr., Shirley Kelly and Mike Grayson.