

1 **Minutes of the Public Hearing**
2 **Denali Borough Assembly**
3 **McKinley Village Community Center**
4 **March 13, 2019**
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7 **CALL TO ORDER:**

8 The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Jared ZIMMERMAN at 6:05 p.m.
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10 **ROLL CALL:**

11 Assembly members present: Jake HILL, Jared ZIMMERMAN, Jill BOELSMA, Tallon
12 SHREEVE, David EVANS, Don DEBLAUW, Eileen HOLMES and Krista ZAPPONE. Absent:
13 Joe CHATFIELD. Mayor Clay Walker was also present.
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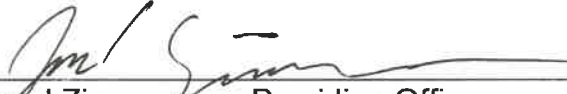
15 **ORDINANCE 19-02: Allocation for the Denali Borough required match for the Cantwell**
16 **School roof project.**
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18 There were no public comments.
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20 **ADJOURNMENT:**

21 The public hearing was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.
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24 APPROVED:



Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

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28 ATTEST:



Amber Renshaw, Borough Clerk

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31 Date Approved:

Apr. 10, 2019

1 **Minutes of the Regular Meeting**
2 **Denali Borough Assembly**
3 **McKinley Village Community Center**
4 **March 13, 2019**

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7 **CALL TO ORDER**

8 Presiding Officer Jared ZIMMERMAN called the regular meeting to order at 6:05 PM.
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10 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

11 Mayor Clay Walker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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13 **ROLL CALL**

14 Assembly members present: Jake HILL, Jared ZIMMERMAN, Jill BOELSMA, David
15 EVANS, Don DEBLAUW, Tallon SHREEVE, Eileen HOLMES and Krista ZAPPONE.
16 Absent: Joe CHATFIELD. Mayor Clay Walker was also present.
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18 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to excuse Mr. CHATFIELD. The motion was seconded. The VOTE
19 by show of hands was unanimous.
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21 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

22 Denali Chamber of Commerce Director Vanessa Juszczak reported that she has been
23 working in the school providing instruction to students on job related skills. The chamber
24 plans to host a job fair next spring. Ms. Juszczak also reported that the chamber is focusing
25 on winter tourism and ways to increase business opportunities in the winter. The chamber is
26 preparing to celebrate the Healy community centennial during their 4th of July activities.
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28 Otto Lake area resident James Gauvin reported that he has returned to our area seasonally
29 for the past 21 years and has been actively engaged with the borough for the past 5 years
30 regarding the impact of commercial operator use on public lands, specifically in the Otto
31 Lake area. Mr. Gauvin encouraged the borough to revisit this issue of developing a plan to
32 protect public lands.
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34 **AGENDA**

35 Eileen HOLMES MOVED to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was
36 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to approve the agenda was unanimous.
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38 **MINUTES**

39 **February 13, 2019 Denali Borough Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting**
40 **Minutes**
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1 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2019 Public Hearing and
2 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to
3 approve was unanimous.

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5 **REPORTS**

6 **JANUARY 2019 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

7 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to receive the January 2019 Financial Report. The motion was
8 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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10 **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

11 There was no planning commission report.

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13 **SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT**

14 Superintendent Dan Polta provided the attached (appendix A) written report.

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16 **MAYOR REPORT**

17 Mayor Clay Walker verbally highlighted information provided in the attached (appendix B)
18 written report.

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20 **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

21 Assembly members thanked those present for their attendance and thanked those that
22 provided a report in addition to the following comments:

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24 Eileen HOLMES apologized for missing the last meeting due to vehicle issues.

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26 Jake HILL congratulated Amber Renshaw on receiving the Mayor's Service Award.

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28 Krista ZAPPONE congratulated all the Healy Hockey players for a great season.

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30 Tallon SHREEVE apologized for missing the last meeting and announced that he
31 missed the meeting because he and his wife were welcoming their third child into the
32 world.

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34 David EVANS congratulated all the Healy Hockey players for a great season and stated
35 that Healy Hockey is a positive program for our community.

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37 Don DeBlauw asked if borough staff have made any progress on the borough's ability to
38 issue commercial use permits.

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40 **COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

41 Statement from the Alaska Municipal League and the Alaska Conference of Mayors regarding
42 Governor Dunleavy's budget proposal was received by the assembly.

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44 **DRAFT ORDINANCES**

1 **ORDINANCE 19-03: Fiscal Year 2019 budget amendment**

2 Tallon SHREEVE MOVED to introduce Ordinance 19-03. The motion was seconded. Mayor
3 Walker reviewed the proposed amendment.

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5 Krista ZAPPONE MOVED to add Banking Fees to the Finance Committee agenda. The
6 motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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8 The roll call VOTE to introduce Ordinance 19-03 was unanimous.

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10 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to postpone Ordinance 19-03. The motion was seconded. The
11 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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13 **PENDING ORDINANCE**

14 **ORDINANCE 19-02: Allocation for the Denali Borough required match for the Cantwell**
15 **School roof project**

16 Jake HILL MOVED to approve Ordinance 19-02. The motion was seconded. There was
17 discussion regarding the Cantwell School student enrollment. The roll call VOTE to
18 approve was unanimous.

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20 **RESOLUTIONS**

21 **RESOLUTION 19-07: Encouraging funds allocated for the construction of a South**
22 **Denali Visitors Center be reallocated to K-12 Education Base Student Allocation**
23 **Funding**

24 Krista ZAPPONE MOVED to approve Resolution 19-07. The motion was seconded. Mayor
25 Walker reviewed the resolution. The roll call VOTE to approve was unanimous.

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27 **RESOLUTION 19-08: Supporting Senate Bill 50 to raise new revenue for K-12 school**
28 **capital needs**

29 Eileen HOLMES MOVED to approve Resolution 19-08. The motion was seconded. Mayor
30 Walker reviewed the resolution. There was discussion about some of the details written in
31 the bill. The roll call VOTE to approve was unanimous.

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33 **RESOLUTION 19-09: Identifying pre-existing land use agreements requiring land**
34 **management plans**

35 Jake HILL MOVED to approve Resolution 19-09. The motion was seconded. Mayor Walker
36 reviewed the resolution. The roll call VOTE to approve was unanimous.

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38 **RESOLUTION 19-10: To approve and accept additional 2018 State Homeland Security**
39 **Program Grant funds**

40 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve Resolution 19-10. The motion was seconded. Mayor
41 Walker reviewed the resolution. The roll call VOTE to approve was unanimous

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43 **OTHER BUSINESS**

44 **Liquor License Renewal:**

- 1 a) License Number 4838; Sled Dog Liquor Inc., Package Store Renewal
2 b) License Number 4467; 229 Parks Inc., Restaurant License Renewal
3 c) License Number 4898; Panorama Pizza Pub, Beverage Dispensary License
4 Renewal
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6 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to not-protest the following license renewal applications:

- 7 • License Number 4838; Sled Dog Liquor Inc., Package Store Renewal,
8 • License Number 4467; 229 Parks Inc., Restaurant License Renewal, and
9 • License Number 4898; Panorama Pizza Pub, Beverage Dispensary License
10 Renewal
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12 The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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14 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

15 Susan Nowland provided an update on the marijuana license application she has submitted
16 to the State of Alaska, Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office and stated that their selected
17 location is in the Tri-Valley Gas Market in the community of Healy.
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19 **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

20 Assembly members thanked those in attendance in addition to the following comments:
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22 Jared ZIMMERMAN voiced his concern about Governor Dunleavy's proposed budget
23 and the lack of additional revenue included with the proposal.
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25 Krista ZAPPONE voiced concern about Governor Dunleavy's proposed budget and
26 appreciates that we are able to provide a unanimous voice as the Denali Borough
27 Assembly on some budget related issues. Ms. ZAPPONE also announced Cabin Fever
28 Reliever, a community event with activities and barbeque hosted by the Healy Valley
29 Lions Club.
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31 Jill BOELSMA congratulated the Zero-Landfill Ambassadors for receiving the Spirit of
32 Youth Award and the Tri-Valley Girls basketball team for representing region 1A at the
33 state basketball tournament.
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35 Jake HILL expressed pride in the youth of our borough.
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37 **NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING**


38 Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at the Tri-Valley
39 School Cafeteria starting at 5:00 PM
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41 Joint Work Session with the Denali Borough School District will be held on Tuesday,
42 March 26, 2019 at the Tri-Valley School Cafeteria starting at 6:00 PM
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1 Denali Borough Assembly Work Session with regular meeting to follow will be held on
2 Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at the Tri-Valley Community Center, Healy, AK. Work
3 Session will start at 6:00 PM with the public hearing and regular meeting to follow.
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5 **ADJOURN:**

6 Jake HILL MOVED to adjourn. The motion was seconded. The meeting was adjourned by
7 unanimous voice vote at 7:38 PM.
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11 APPROVED:  _____
12 Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer
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16 ATTEST:  _____
17 Amber Renshaw, Borough Clerk
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21 Date Approved: April 10, 2019



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**Superintendent's Report
Denali Borough Assembly
Wednesday, March 13th, 2019**

Dear Denali Borough Assembly and Mayor Walker,

Please accept this written report for the month of March. As this is spring break for our schools, I will be traveling outside of the Borough at the time of your meeting.

1. Appreciation/Congratulations

- a. Congratulations to the students in the Zero Landfill Ambassador Program. These students were honored and received the Spirit of Youth Award. This award recognizes 8 individuals or groups of young people making positive contributions to their community in Alaska. The Fairbanks Newsminer published an article on on this recognition earlier this week. http://www.newsminer.com/news/kris_capps/zlap-strives-to-educate-and-reduce-denali-waste/article_7eaa4658-3fe0-11e9-91c2-d7adf6cc297d.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share
- b. Congratulations to the Tri-Valley Girls' Basketball Team. Their hard work and dedication was evident at the regional tournament in Fairbanks. The team qualified for the state basketball tournament in Anchorage next weekend, March 14 -16th. Go Warriors!

2. Strategic Planning

- a. No Updates - Core Planning Team Meeting scheduled for Saturday April 20th.

3. Finances

- a. The Board passed the DBSD FY20 budget at its February meeting and transmitted this to the Borough. The budget is based on revenue projections as per state statute.
- b. The local contribution to be requested in the FY20 Budget is a total of \$2,769,308. The required contribution, which is based on the Full Value Determination of real and personal property in the Borough is \$964,876. The additional optional contribution based on enrollment and capped at 23% of the Basic Need is \$1,804,433. The total request is \$13,000 less than in FY19.

Mission Statement

Nurturing, empowering and inspiring today's student to positively shape tomorrow's world.

APPENDIX A

- c. Governor's budget proposal - A further, more thorough review of the proposal and related statutes by ALASBO (school business officials) corrected a previous misunderstanding. Underfunding the BSA, as proposed, does in turn lower the 23% cap of additional allowable contribution from the Borough to the District. This means that based on submitted enrollment projections, the reduction to DBSD in FY20 would be ~\$1.9 million. I do not believe that reductions this extreme will be the result from the legislative process currently underway in Juneau, but it important for Alaskan's to engage in this process to help guide the decisions that will be taken this year and in the coming years.
- d. The Board Finance Committee reviewed this information and began work on developing a list of reductions in expenses that could be implemented in a prioritized fashion. This will help the District respond to any reductions that do result for FY20 and beyond. This is the same process we used in previous years when we prepared for 5% and 10% reductions that did not, in the end, come to be. That exercise helped identify several actions the District took which helped us adjust to flat funding in those years. This also means those steps have already been implemented.

4. Facilities

- a. Cantwell Roof Project - Our construction bid documents have been published. A bid pre-conference is scheduled for interested parties on the 13th with a site visit for the 18th. Bids are due by April 3rd. Our engineering firm will review the bids along with our Director of Facilities and provide a recommendation to award for the administration to review and forward to the Board. First on-site day for construction is May 25th with substantial completion scheduled for the 2nd of August.
- b. DEED Funding for the Cantwell Roof - The Department authorized the release of partial funds for this project and we should receive them in a couple of weeks. Funds are released at different milestones in a project to provide districts with funds at various points in the project in order to pay for contracted services.
- c. Training - This month Curtis will participate in required training in Anchorage. This training concerns asbestos abatement and updated training is required every couple of years for facilities, such as our that contain asbestos. Note - our asbestos is safe and this training is what helps Curtis monitor and make sure that we remain safe and the asbestos remains contained where it is.

5. Accreditation

- a. No Updates - Site visit scheduled for Sunday – Tuesday, April 28-30th.

6. Professional Development

- a. In-service - Monday the 18th of February was an in-service day. Karen Martin worked with John LeCavelier on our plans for Monday and for rest of

- his weeklong visit. Board members were invited to the in-service and we also invited our learning partners from the Murie Science and Learning.
- b. ASTE – The Alaska Society for Technology in Education held their annual conference February 16 – 19th. 6 staff members attended. They are Kerry McIver, Gretchen Striker, Kesslyn Tench, Samantha Ward, Lauren Legrismith, and Craig Kasemodel.
 - c. This month several members of our Special Education team travelled to Anchorage and participate in the state’s annual special education conference. The event had a pre-conference, conference, and post-conference. Each section had a very different focus so staff attended these pieces based on the needs of their specific roles in DBSD. Attendees included Christy Piercy, Angle Hayes, Jody Stamps, JoHanna Sestito, and Alesha Fergusson.

7. Personnel

- a. Certified Staff
 - i. We hired Kelly Gebauer for the fourth grade position at Tri-Valley. Kelly currently teaches in Tooksok Bay, Alaska.
 - ii. Following a change in enrollment for next year in Anderson, we will be transferring Christy Piercy to the open multi-grade elementary position in Anderson.
- b. Classified Staff
 - i. We hired Jennifer Williams for the open TA position at Tri-Valley.
 - ii. We transferred Stacie Kovach, at her request, to the part-time custodial position in Cantwell.
 - iii. We are reviewing the now open position of technology assistant and considering the timing of this position with current operational needs and the FY20 budget.
 - iv. We accepted the resignation of Robert Snyder, TA in Anderson.
 - v. We hired (pending Board approval) Justin Mason for the open maintenance position in Cantwell. Justin has been working in this role as a temporary employee during our regular employee’s long-term leave.
- c. Exempt Staff
 - i. No updates

Sincerely,

Dan Polta
Denali Borough School District

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Clay Walker, Mayor

March 2019 Mayor's Report to the Denali Borough Assembly

This report speaks primarily to non-agenda items. Agenda items will be discussed in meeting.

Denali Winterfest

- Winterfest 2019 was a success, with folks enjoying the different offerings including the borough hosted chili dinner and chili cook-off and BINGO. Many thanks to all those who helped make it a fun event and weekend.

Community Service Award

- The 2019 Community Service Award went to Amber Renshaw, for her long and varied service to different organizations, but primarily for helping to lead Neighbor to Neighbor's efforts to assist Denali Borough residents in their time of need. Congratulations to Amber for this well-deserved recognition!

Alaska Municipal League (AML) Legislative Conference, February 19-21 in Juneau

- With the House organizing and the dropping of the Governor's budget proposal occurring before the conference, it was a busy and interesting time in Juneau. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) had performed no analysis of the impacts of the proposed transfer of over \$400 million of existing taxes from the municipalities to the state. OMB Policy Director Mike Barnhill recognized that the proposed transfers and cuts are "very disruptive" and said, "It's a hard day for Alaska's municipalities."
- I attended a small group meeting of the AML and Alaska Conference of Mayors' Executive Boards with Governor Dunleavy. We heard about the challenges facing the administration and voiced our willingness to participate in a solution and explained concerns with aspects of the proposal. Governor Dunleavy expressed an interest in hearing from Alaskans and their representatives, saying "I'm all ears."
- The conference was both informative and a valued platform for the municipalities to hone their response to the budget proposal. I brought the Denali Borough's legislative priorities and capital budget requests to productive meetings with our Representative Talerico and Senator Bishop and also had good meetings with ten other legislators. I shared a primary concern regarding the proposed budget being the significant underfunding of the Base Student Allocation and the potential impacts to the borough's school district.

Denali National Park Winter and Shoulder Season Plan

- On February 25, I participated in a planning session, which will help inform the above plan, held at the Alaska NPS Regional Headquarters in Anchorage. I presented the Denali Borough vision to grow winter and shoulder season visitation which is identified in our Land Use and Economic Development Plan. Interestingly, we heard that Fairbanks North Star Borough takes in more bed tax revenue in March than in June.

- A beneficial outcome of attendance was a separate meeting with NPS transportation and trail planners. The Denali Borough, Denali NPS, and Alaska DOT would all be partners in a potential Bison Gulch Parking Area and Trail Enhancement Project. The connections are being made and work is continuing on a potential application for federal funding under the Federal Lands Access Program.

Staff Training and Reviews

- Our two full time solid waste employees, Scott Wright and Paul VanDyke, attended a two-day Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) training in Anchorage March 4-5. The free training was conducted by our risk management pool, Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association.
- I have conducted all but one of the annual staff performance reviews, with that one scheduled next week. While we all have room for growth and development, please know that the Denali Borough has a very capable and dedicated staff, for which we can all be proud.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting, March 6

- At this meeting, the LEPC considered a couple different draft versions of a potential borough-wide addressing system. The committee asked the administration to revise and bring back an example of the same area addressed by the two different systems.

All-Chiefs Meeting and Emergency Response Apparatus Review Committee Meeting, March 11

- The borough hosted and facilitated the all-chiefs meeting, which included topics of mutual interest such as joint trainings, mutual aid, and communications.
- After the meeting, the new committee met for the first time and reviewed the two emergency response apparatus matching grant applications. They approved two resolutions which will be forthcoming to the assembly.

National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference, March 3-6 in Washington D.C.

- The Denali Borough has long been a member of NACo, which is the federal equivalent of AML, supporting and advocating for municipal interests at the federal level. We do not often attend their conferences, but this legislative conference is a great opportunity to learn, connect and meet with our congressional delegation.
- My interest in attending piqued with the progress being made on the proposed Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILT) Population Cap Amendment, which the assembly supported via resolution. Other boroughs passed similar resolutions, AML supports the amendment, and very importantly, NACo has supported the idea. Senator Murkowski's staff have proven to be very helpful along the way.
- I was invited to a special meeting of NACo leaders and key staffers from bipartisan congressional offices regarding PILT. There was unanimous consent from all NACo members in attendance that this amendment, which only affects counties with fewer than 5,000 people, was worthy of a bill. Alaska has the majority of low population-large federal land "counties", and I was the only Alaskan in the room.
- The Denali Borough currently receives \$.07 per acre of payment on the federal land here. The national average is \$2.71 per acre. The formula weights year-round population, but makes no adjustment for the number of seasonal employees or visitors. The proposed amendment does not take those factors into account. Work on this important issue will continue.
- I had good meetings with Congressional staff, discussing federal payments, programs and more.

Happy March, happy winter fun month. As always, feel free to contact me or staff with any questions.

- Clay