

**January 22, 2019**

**The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Office of the Granite County Courthouse with Chairperson Bill Slaughter and Commissioners Scott Adler and Charles Hinkle attending. Also attending was Kim Pawlak in for Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.**

**Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and stated that it will be 10 days before new snow plow blade is here. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw presented the Commission with a draft, written employee contract agreement between the county and Paul Alt which would be placed on the agenda in the near future. Chuck Houtz, a local resident who resides on East Fork Road, attended and stated that the county road department broke a post while plowing snow, within county right-of-way, on East Fork Road. While Mr. Houtz, with other individuals, were putting in new post, a Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative's telephone line was cut. From Mr. Houtz' statement, it appears he was directing this new post installation. Blackfoot then made the repairs to its telephone line. Neither Chuck Houtz, nor the individuals with him during the past installation, attempted to locate the telephone line prior to digging. There is some question as to whether Blackfoot had an encroachment permit to install the telephone line in the location of where it was cut. This matter will be looked into further. Mr. Houtz has now received a bill from Blackfoot in the amount of \$8,742.92 to repair the damaged phone line. Commissioner Slaughter called Butch Friede, County's representative to Blackfoot, to ask him to contact Blackfoot and have the invoice dismissed. Commissioner Hinkle moved that if Butch Friede cannot get Blackfoot to dismiss invoice, the Commission will have the County Attorney write a letter to Blackfoot that the invoice will not be paid as the telephone line, where it was cut, is in the county right-of-way without an encroachment permit being granted, so the county had no notice of the line. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Tri-County Sanitarian Chad Lanes stopped by to introduce himself to Commissioner Hinkle.**

**Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.59 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 10.92 inches below full pool with an estimated 20 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 20 cfs over the weir. Commissioner Adler is concerned the gage is not working properly since the reading has not changed for 3 weeks. The Commission will contact USGS. Commissioner Hinkle moved to make no change in the outflow and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.**

**District Ranger Cameron Rasor and Sara Rouse met with the Commission on extending the road maintenance project since there is money remaining. Commissioner Adler moved to modify agreement with U.S. Forest Service for Meyers-Little Hogback Road Maintenance and Sediment Reduction Project to March 31, 2021 instead of December 31,**

**2018. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. During discussion, Commissioner Hinkle stated that he does not agree with this extension. He believes this is taking out of fire money which is Congress' way of controlling local governments all the while mismanaging the forest. Commissioner Slaughter thanked Cameron Razor for doing a great job. The motion passed 2-1. Commission Slaughter and Commission Adler voted for the motion. Commissioner Hinkle voted against the motion.**

**Cameron Razor further stated that the Forest Service currently has approximately \$200,000 to spend on local road improvements damaged by recent fire suppression efforts. He proposed to modify existing agreement between the County and Forest Service for work on the following roads this summer: Viking Lane, the road across East Fork Dam, Carpp Ridge Road, and Upper Willow Creek Road due to damage done from fighting fires in 2017. Only county road in this list would be Upper Willow Creek Road. The Forest Service has received a bid to make the repairs to the road across East Fork Dam (\$40,000-50,000 range), and he knows the work that needs to that road. Regarding Viking Lane, if county improves that road up to county standards with Forest Services funds, Forest Service would plan to convey forest road and trail easement to the county and the county would maintain the road. Commissioner Adler and Commissioner Hinkle expressed they are against the county taking over ownership and maintenance of Viking Lane. Commission Slaughter stated there are local families who use this road to access their homes and there is a need for emergency vehicles to get in there so this is an important county issue. The Commission asked for more information on this project. Commissioner Hinkle asked Cameron Razor if he would have this money if there were no forest fires from 2017. Cameron Razor said no. It was pointed out that the County gets an administration fee for handling this work and may hire local contractors for these projects. This matter of the agreement modification with the Forest Service, for additional road work to be completed, would be placed on a future Commission agenda for a decision. The Commission also tabled the "Schedule A" agreement renewal at this time.**

**Ron Beck, member of with Philipsburg Ice Association (PIA), met with the Board and let them know that their organization has not been able to acquire property adjoining the ice rink to store their two storage trailers. Therefore, they will need, as previously and recently authorized by the Commission, to lease county property for outside storage. Ron Beck submitted a letter stating they will store locked trailers year around, moving twice a year-to unload (October) and load (March). The PIA will be liable for the trailers and their contents. An ice hockey tournament is happening soon, so they will move the trailers in the next couple of days. Commissioner Adler notified Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt. The County Commission agreed to send a timely letter to the Philipsburg Ice Association confirming and outlining the terms of the lease agreement.**

**The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 15, 2019, meeting. The minutes were approved as revised on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and seconded by Commissioner Adler. Revision: Road and Bridge Superintendent end of first paragraph**

**add: This position would not be covered under the County's matrix system. The motion carried unanimously. Commission Adler stated that Paul Alt should have been here to represent himself for the decision on his salary. In the future, the Commission would like to see County Attorney Bradshaw's comments on the minutes.**

**The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2019-7 "A Granite County Resolution Granting The Petition, Received By The County On September 4, 2018, To Withdraw Certain Area of Lower Rock Creek From The Granite County Hospital District." Matt Pierce with MAPs has drafted the maps depicting the area to be withdrawn to be attachments to the Resolution. These maps will be posted on the County's website, under Notices. It should be noted the intent of petition was to include all of Idle Ranches Subdivision on Lower Rock Creek, and so all of the land in the subdivision will be included in the area to be withdrawn". Commissioner Adler is concerned passing this resolution granting the withdrawal will break up the County unity, and his decision has changed now that he's had more time to consider the decision. He feels there is a benefit to Lower Rock Creek residents by remaining in the Granite County Hospital District. Commissioner Hinkle moved for adoption of Resolution 2019-7 and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. Patti Kanduch asked if the county supplies road work on Lower Rock Creek. The Commissioners stated that yes; however they get taxed for road like the rest of the county. The motion passed 2-1. Commissioner Slaughter and Commissioner Hinkle voted for the motion. Commissioner Adler voted against the motion.**

**The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2019-8 "A Granite County Resolution Increasing Granite County Sheriff's Budget For Dispatcher Wages For Fiscal Year 2019 To Increase All Granite County Sheriff Office's 911 Dispatcher Wages With The Funds Being Transferred From The Granite County Sheriff's 911 Fund". All commissioners indicated their general approval of this increase, hoping this will help stop the high turnover in keeping dispatchers. There was no public comment.**

**The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2019-9 "A Granite County Resolution Establishing A Budget For Granite County's Forest Management Advisory Committee (FMAC) For Fiscal Year 2019". Commissioner Hinkle stated that \$2,500 budget for 6 months through June 2019 and \$5,000 budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. Claims should be approved by Chair of FMAC before being submitted to Clerk & Recorder's Office for final approval by the Commission and payment. There was no public comment.**

**Forest Management Advisory Committee (F-MAC) Chairperson Patti Kanduch presented the F-MAC By-Laws. Commissioner Hinkle moved to accept the Forest Management Advisory Committee (F-MAC) By-Laws with revisions. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. As discussion, Commissioner Slaughter stated he saw one change that is needed to No. 1, Mission, Goals and Operating Principles; under Operating Principles, first paragraph, and this paragraph needs to be reworded to clarify that the F-MAC is an advisory board under the direction of the County Commission. Elena Gagliano, as an F-MAC member, stated she does not agree with the draft by-laws since the F-MAC is under County Commission, and is like the entity in Ravalli County, as that group is not a non-**

governmental, consensus group or entity. Many changes must be made to by-laws to fit this advisory board. Sarah Graham should not be attesting resolutions since she is not attending meetings. Commissioner Slaughter stated that Sarah Graham is attesting to his signature, not the document. Commissioner Slaughter said that changes need to be made and taken back to F-MAC Board membership to be accepted, and then get back on the Commission's agenda for final approval of the by-laws. Commissioner Hinkle withdrew his motion and the matter was tabled until a later date.

**Public Comment:** Elena Gagliano stated that Patti Kanduch should be on the agenda when giving F-MAC report. Forest Service meets regularly with Commissioners and will not meet with F-MAC. There is no cross mix of people from Granite County on this board. Elena Gagliano feels Granite County boards need updated training on how county boards work. Commissioner Slaughter said that MACo offers board training and the County could offer this to the board volunteers. Elena Gagliano brought up to Commission a year ago that Granite County website is not user friendly, nothing has changed. Commissioner Slaughter agrees and will get Webgrain on agenda. Why is Commission not meeting next week? Commissioner Adler stated that there was no meeting due to scheduled court case. Weekly ad in paper for Commissioner Agenda is not posted in Huffman's Grocery and there's no phone number for Mike Kahoe in the advertisement so that the public may contact him with questions.

Also as public comment, Dick Motta stated that the Clerk & Recorder attest should be changed on Commissioner minutes.

**Correspondence:** None

**Local Health Officer Issue:** Dr. William Reiter was not available to attend today. His assistant notified the Board that Dr. Reiter says not to worry about the Health Officer position. Also, Dr. Reiter received a grant which may benefit the County. Commission will reschedule with Dr. Reiter in February.

The session adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

**January 29, 2019**

No regular session was scheduled or held.