

May 14, 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 Commissioner Scott Adler attending. Commissioner Charles Hinkle was absent this day. Also attending was Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. The report included that the truck which had been in for repair will be ready early next week. Blading continues and a set of new grader tires are being negotiated with Cat. Discussion was held on grading the road at Jens in cooperation with Powell County. Paul Alt agreed to go with Airport Manager Vince Reece to patch holes in the Riddick Field Airport runway. Sam Donahue inquired whether Travelers Home Road speed limit had been reduced to 25 mph, as there is a 25 mph sign there now, and the Board replied that it had not changed that speed limit from 35 mph. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that the Commission can lower speed limits following a speed study and that homeowners' associations can regulate the speed limits in subdivisions, but not on county roads.

In an administrative matter, the Board agreed that a large drafting table on loan to the Granite County Museum and Cultural Center in Philipsburg should be disposed of by the museum since the county no longer has a use for it.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.7 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 9.00 inches below full pool with an estimated 40.0 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 42.9 cfs over the weir below the power plant. The Board reviewed the information dated May 8, 2019 from Dave Amman with DNRC. Commissioner Adler moved to make no adjustment in the outflow and request a temporary modification to include Dave Amman's DNRC report. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and agreed to request a temporary modification with the required agencies for the outflow to be above 30 cfs during the irrigation seasons, starting May 15, 2019.

Vince Reece, Airport Manager, and Sam Donahue, Chairman of the Granite County Airport Board, met with the Board and submitted their written reports. Vince Reece reported that Darcy Schindler is in charge of coordinating weed spraying for Riddick Field, which was done last year, but not successful.

- The airport board recommended a change to the Airport Rental Agreement, to include that any alteration to the agreement must be approved by the County Commission to be valid. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw agreed to revise the agreement. Discussion was held on hangar's which may be out of compliance at Riddick Field Airport.**

- **The airport board recommended application for MAMA (Montana Airport Managers Association) grant for \$5,000.00 for an intern airport manager position. The airport board will request to spread it out over three years (summer months) and the county must pay workers' compensation. Vince Reece agreed to do the required report at the annual MAMA conference. Commissioner Slaughter moved to apply for the grant and, if successful, the details would be worked out according to the grant agreement. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.**

As an administrative matter, Jim Dinsmore met with the Board to report on Granite Conservation District grant funds, including \$14,475 from the Livestock Loss Board for livestock carcass composting costs for 2018, which may still be available for 2018 expenses. Also, there is \$9,000.00 from the Blackfoot Challenge which is used for hauling carcasses to the composting site. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Jim Dinsmore gave copies of the current grant agreements for carcass composting to the Board.

Election Administrator Sarah Graham met with the Board for the canvass of votes from the Granite County Hospital District election held on May 7, 2019. The Board compared the tally sheets from the election and they were determined to be accurate. The election was declared official by the Board as follows:

(Insert election results here.)

In an administrative action, the Board and Sheriff Scott Dunkerson inspected the new gutters and downspouts on the Granite County Jail installed by Francis Construction of Belgrade. The Board and Sheriff Dunkerson agreed that the gutters were installed according to the specifications and that the final payment should be issued to the contractor, Francis Construction.

The Board reviewed county claims for April 2019. The claims were approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Planning Director Linda Bouck and surveyor/engineer Gordon Sorenson of Missoula met with the Board for the final plat request on the Fox Hill Major Subdivision. The subdivision consists of 15 residential lots on 565.02 acres in Parcel 10-A-1-1 COS 875 in Section 28, T10N, R12W being subdivided by Jomirus LLC of Hall, Montana. The Board reviewed the Final Plat Submittal dated May 6, 2019, from Planning Director Linda Bouck. Gordon Sorenson explained that surface gravel is lacking in some areas and some culvert work needs to be finished. The developer is requesting a Subdivision Improvements Agreement (SIA) to complete the work within six months. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and explained that the law allows for the Commission to enter into an SIA and if the Commission does not allow it with other like similar situations, there may be

litigation. Commissioner Adler moved that a \$10,000.00 check to be held by county as assurance bond (as part of the SIA), and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Consideration of the final plat request was postponed by the Board until the SIA is in place or the subdivision is complete.

The Board reviewed the request of Brenitta Brady for a change in road name from Mann Lane to Mint Lane. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the road name change as requested. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board considered a draft Road Name Change Request Form and setting a fee of \$100 to submit such a request. The draft form had been approved by County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw. Commissioner Slaughter moved to approve the form as presented and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Contractor Jon Bergerson was not able to meet with the Board regarding the roof on the Granite County Jail, but will meet with the Board when his roofing subcontractor is available. The meeting will be scheduled on a future Board agenda.

Rex Radtke met with the Board regarding a potential new site for livestock carcass composting as the Board agreed last week to permanently close the carcass composting site at the Drummond Solid Waste container site on June 1, 2019 because of its proximity to the Town of Drummond, odors emanating from the site and potential surface water contamination. Rex Radtke suggested a place beside the county road up Cow Creek at Four Corners, which would have electrical power access. He explained that the Radtkes would have no funds to invest in the project, other than fuel and labor, but would consider making the necessary land available. The Board noted that the Blackfoot Challenge was a main supporter on the current site at the Drummond. The Board noted a sub-award agreement with the Livestock Loss Board for \$14,475 for composting expenses for 2018. Public comment: Frank Prince noted that the site at Four Corners was not plowed of snow last winter, so access may be difficult. Paul O'Leary noted that composting sites attract birds, which do not mix well with aircraft operations and the site owner may be liable for any aircraft accidents. Vince Reece reported that the fence at the Drummond Airport is the line for safe aircraft operations and nothing should be placed inside the fence. The Board noted that many questions, like how far does it need to be from a creek, will be answered when Fred Collins with DEQ looks at the potential sites next week. That site visit is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., meeting in Drummond at the Wagon Wheel Cafe. Commissioner Slaughter noted that it is a good program, but it is currently in the wrong location, and the county is interested in getting it moved, but is not interested in operating a new site. Brad Radtke, Vince Reece, Paul O'Leary, Monica

Prince, Frank Prince, Jacquie Venard, and county Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt attended.

Public Comment: Frank Prince met with the Board regarding the county's procurement policy as it relates to the Drummond Ambulance. He noted that some ambulance equipment is under a service contract and he inquired how that would be handled. Commissioner Slaughter reviewed the details of the policy and noted that specifications on equipment are critical and must be precisely detailed and specific to the equipment the ambulance association wants; also, many vendors are associated with the Sourcewell purchasing cooperative and purchases from those vendors do not need to be bid as the purchases is at substantial savings (best price). Monica Prince commented that following the procurement policy is a lot of extra work on a volunteer organization in which the members are already required to meet many times for time consuming training standards and qualifications. Frank Prince noted that when the new Drummond Ambulance vehicle arrives, probably in September, it may be necessary to dispose of a used ambulance since the Drummond Ambulance will not need three ambulances.

Also during public comment, Allen Doney met with the Board and requested a larger culvert be installed by the County at 161 Lower Willow Creek Road due to water backing up to the road and flooding his property after a heavy snow year. The Board suggested that he and Paul Alt, Road and Bridge Superintendent, look at the site to determine the proper size culvert.

Correspondence: None.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for the May 7, 2019 regular session. The minutes were approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Commissioners Adler and Slaughter met at 3:00 p.m. with IUOE Local No. 400 union representative Craig Davis and Granite County Road and Bridge Department (Road Unit) employees John Hoehne, Nickie Cayko and James Walden for union negotiations.

The session adjourned at 4:00 p.m.