

May 28, 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 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 blading continues on Upper Rock Creek and Mullan Road; a rented roller and a rented excavator are coming next week.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.21 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 3.48 inches below full pool with an estimated 42.9 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 42.9 cfs over the weir below the power plant. The Board spoke with Paul Tallon with Flint Creek Hydro and he indicated that no adjustment had been made in the flow through the power plant in several weeks. Commissioner Adler moved to make no adjustment in the outflow at 42.9 cfs as shown by USGS gage and which is 45 cfs per the County's measurement device. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Sue Antonioli, due to an emergency, cancelled her meeting with the Board and requested that it be rescheduled for her report on research on the right-of-way request near the county road department shop at Philipsburg.

Shane Worley, President of Edwards Tract A Marina, Inc., met with the Board regarding the renewal of the Edwards "Tract A" Lease with Granite County at Georgetown Lake. Planning Director Linda Bouck noted that it is a private road for Edwards Tracts and the docks are private. Shane Worley indicated that real estate agents are stating that all of Edwards Tracts lots have a boat slip, which is incorrect. Linda Bouck suggested that it should be made clear to the real estate people that the lots do not include boat slips. Shane Worley noted that the current lease expires on June 30, 2019. Granite County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw reviewed some items in the current lease which were discussed and will be revised in the proposed new lease, including making the boundaries more clear. Both Linda Bouck and Attorney Bradshaw indicated that they though the lease should allow all Edwards Tract A owners (and invitees) to access the jetty, but only members of Edwards Tract A Marina, Inc. may use and access the dock facilities. The Board deferred a decision on renewing the lease until it reviews the proposed revised lease.

Jake Magalsky with Ace Roofing met with the Board regarding the Courthouse Roofing Project and the Jail Roof Oiling Project. He noted that the jail shingles need to have certain moisture content, which they currently don't have due to recent rainy weather, prior to being oiled. He reported that the lift and courthouse roofing materials are on site today. He requested the agreed upon down payments on both contracted projects, and the

Board agreed to pay those today by separate claims: \$65,622.50 for courthouse roof project and \$6,108.00 for jail roof oiling project.

Mayor Daniel Reddish, Town Attorney Robert Medof, and Town Councilman Carl Sundstrom, all with the Town of Philipsburg, met with the Board to discuss the Law Enforcement Agreement between Granite County and the Town of Philipsburg. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Sheriff/Coroner Scott Dunkerson attended. The current four-year Interlocal Agreement for General Law Enforcement Services expires June 30, 2019. Sheriff Dunkerson indicated that the current agreement is satisfactory and he noted that the Sheriff's Department intends to request the county Compensation Board for additional salary for the coroner's duties. A rate of \$82,859 was discussed for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, which is a 2% increase from the current fiscal year. Councilor Sundstrom reviewed the language in the existing agreement regarding the annual increase, which he feels needs clarified in the next agreement. Discussion was held that tickets, except for town ordinance cases, are currently all written into county justice court by agreement with the county and the municipalities of Philipsburg and Drummond. Sheriff Dunkerson noted that other municipalities in the state have requested copies of this interlocal agreement because it works so well. Mayor Reddish indicated that the current agreement is working well for the town, it is economical for the town and the coverage is better than having town-operated law enforcement; and he noted that there have been no complaints regarding calls for service. Mayor Reddish requested that the Sheriff's Department submit a written report for each town council meeting, in addition to the current verbal report. The two attorneys agreed to work on revising language as discussed and a draft proposed agreement will be presented to the County Commission on a future agenda for the county as well as a noticed Town Council agenda for the town. On another subject, Mayor Reddish reported that engineering on the town's water line replacement is progressing.

The Board considered correspondence to the Montana congressional delegation, with a copy to Montana Governor, Montana Attorney General, and the County's local state senator and representative, regarding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) onerous regulations on small hydroelectric facilities, which are costly for a small operation. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw presented a letter which he had drafted for the Board's consideration. The Board made a small revision to the draft letter. Commissioner Adler moved to approve and send the revised letter and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered the Drummond Volunteer Ambulance's request to purchase a LIFEPAK 15 V4 defibrillator and accessories at a cost of \$32,610.00 and a 4-year service agreement for the defibrillator for \$5,385.60 from Stryker Emergency Care of Richmond, Washington. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that Stryker is a member of NASPO (National Association of State Procurement Officials) and the purchase would be made through the state government contract, which has been advertised for public bid

which resulted in the lowest available price. Commissioner Slaughter moved that the Drummond Ambulance be allowed to make the purchases as requested and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered the counterproposal from IUOE (International Union of Operating Engineers) Local 400, Granite County Road Unit. Commissioner Hinkle moved to reject the union counterproposal and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Hinkle moved that county negotiator Commissioner Adler offer a \$19.13/hour base rate, a pay matrix for 30 years at 1% per year with satisfactory performance evaluations, annual COLA the same as other employees, and a four-day work week from the first Monday in April through the last Thursday of October each year. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: The Board, as discussed prior in these minutes, drafted, approved, and sent a letter to the Montana congressional delegation and others regarding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's onerous and costly regulations on small hydroelectric projects, like the county's Flint Creek Hydroelectric Project.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for the May 21, 2019 regular session. The minutes were approved as presented on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The session adjourned at 2:55 p.m.