

**June 21, 2019**

**The Board of County Commissioners met at 10:30 a.m. in special session at the Travelers Home Flood Mitigation Project site with Commissioners Scott Adler and Charles Hinkle attending for the annual Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) site visit. Commissioner Bill Slaughter was absent this day. Also attending from Granite County were Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe and MSU Extension Western Regional Supervisor, and former Granite County MSU Extension Agent, Daniel Lucas. State and federal representatives attending were Kyle Sturgill-Simon with Montana Disaster and Emergency Services and Daniel Jones with the FEMA Denver Regional Office. No public notice was given for this informational site visit as FEMA failed to notify the Board of County Commissioners of this visit until late in the afternoon on June 20, 2019, and no decisions were made during this site visit by the Board of County Commissioners.**

**The project was viewed by those present with particular attention paid to the growth of willows on the streambank of the project area and weed control in the project area. Daniel Jones noted that the project looked good and that this is the third and final inspection of the project. Kyle Sturgill-Simon will send a complete written review of the site visit to the Commission.**

**The session adjourned at 11:15 a.m.**

**June 25, 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 was not able to meet with the Board today. The Board discussed the plans for road work for this construction season and will further discuss the plans with Paul Alt. Commissioner Adler moved to advertise in the *Philipsburg Mail* for the next two weeks formally requesting bids on hourly rates on dump trucks, belly dumps and side dumps for periodic work, on a project by project basis, throughout the current calendar year. The lowest bidders would be called out with first priority, as needed. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.**

**Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.58 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately .96 inches above 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 reviewed email correspondence dated June 18, 2019 from Dave Amman with DNRC. Commissioner Hinkle moved to make no adjustment in the**

outflow at 42.9 cfs. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the requirements of SB35 and the formation of a Granite County Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team with County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw. Commissioner Slaughter moved to request County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw to draft a Resolution to form the team as required by new statutory law in Montana. It should be noted that such teams have been active and meeting regularly in Granite County (in both Philipsburg and Drummond) for many years. Commissioner Charles Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered the proposed Grant Agreement with DNRC (Montana Department of Natural Resources) for local government forestry assistance in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Granite County Forest Management Advisory Committee. A 10% local match is required. Discussion was held on coordination between the county and federal forest agencies. Commissioner Hinkle moved to accept the grant agreement and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The bid opening for the shingle replacement (re-roof) project for the old ambulance garage east of the courthouse was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Although formal competitive and advertised bidding was not required, a request for project bids was advertised in the *Flint Creek Courier*, an online county newspaper, for over two weeks. One bid was received from Blowers LLC of Hall, a local contractor. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the bid of Blowers LLC of Hall in the amount of \$4,566.00 for 40-year Malarkey Highlander Nex shingles, Malarkey SBS hip and ridge shingles, and Arctic Seal ice and water shield. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a Content License Agreement with HERE Global B.V. for updated road centerline and address point map content. The firm would pay Granite County \$500.00 for the information for use in its mapping process. The information would be supplied by Mapping and Planning Services (MaPS), the county's 9-1-1 addressing contractor, for an estimated cost of \$50.00 to the County. The Board noted that the information had been sold to HERE on a previous occasion. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the Content License Agreement and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from Jerry Grebenc, Senior Planner with Great West Engineering of Helena dated May 27, 2019, the contractor to update the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan, requesting a change in scope of work and schedule. County DES/Safety Coordinator Jackie Bolster attended. As discussion, Gail Leeper, who is a member of the Planning Team, noted that it was the team's recommendation that these changes be made

to allow the team more time to complete its tasks. The Board noted that granting the request will not change the contract amount with Great West Engineering to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Board agreed to the requested changes, so long as such is consistent with the grant requirements, on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Great West Engineering will be notified of the Board's decision.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board referred to the Invitation To Bid for the Flint Creek Dam Improvements, Dam Face and Spillway Repair Project. The Invitation To Bid was advertised in the legal notices section of the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper on June 6, 13 and 20, 2019. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and engineer Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering of Helena attended. The two bids received were opened in the order they were received by Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. The bids, which were conforming to bid requirements, were as follow:

FirstMark Construction LLC of Bozeman	Base Bid: \$803,000.00
Battle Ridge Builders LLC of Belgrade	Base Bid: \$172,800.00

The Board took the bids under advisement on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. The Board gave the bids to engineer Jeremiah Theys for evaluation and a recommendation. The Board is scheduled to award the bid at the Board's regular meeting next week. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Landon Carlson with FirstMark Construction attended to discuss that bid.

Shannon Shanholtzer with MACo (Montana Association of Counties) Property and Casualty/Workers' Compensation Trust, insurance agent Rody Holman and Client Executive Lynn Thompson, both with PayneWest Insurance, met with the Board regarding the renewal of the county's liability and comprehensive insurance. Shannon Shanholtzer reviewed the 2019-2020 fiscal year renewal, manuscript liability indemnity agreement changes, by-law amendments, Travelers property policy changes, risk management, property schedule acknowledgement form, and business relationship agreements with agents. She noted that the increase overall for Granite County is 2.57% to \$149,448.00 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Shannon Shanholtzer reviewed the Workers' Compensation Trust. She noted that all of Granite County's class codes will have a 3% reduction and she reviewed the benefits of the trust. Discussion was held that the county must be notified before large claims are paid so that the county may provide additional information on the claim. Shannon Shanholtzer agreed to relay that message to the trust's board of directors.

**Public Comment:** Clerk of District Court Carol Bohrsen met with the Board to discuss her proposed 2019-2020 fiscal year budget request. She informed the Board that she would prefer to increase the hours for her extra help rather than make her deputy, who is now one-half time, to full-time. The Board agreed to discuss the matter further in noticed public meetings and hearings during the budget process.

**Also during public comment, Sheriff/Coroner Scott Dunkerson met with the Board to discuss his proposed 2019-2020 budget request, which will include a new patrol vehicle.**

**Also during public comment, the Board reviewed an email dated June 21, 2019 from Elena Gagliano.**

**Correspondence: None.**

**The Board tabled discussion of the minutes for the June 18, 2019 regular session on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.**

**The Board postponed consideration of the union counterproposal from the IUOE Local 400 Road Unit for a two-year collective bargaining agreement or contract. The Board is awaiting receipt of the union's counterproposal.**

**The Board considered the reappointment of a trustee for the Philipsburg Area Community Library District Board. Kristin Vicedomini met with the Board and expressed her interest in being reappointed. Kristin Vicedomini was reappointed for a five-year term from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024 on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.**

**The Board conducted the final inspection of the new Philipsburg Ambulance Garage at 515 Hamilton Court, Philipsburg, with contractor Doug Graybeal with Doug Graybeal Construction of Hall. Also attending were Philipsburg Ambulance President Patrick Little and Philipsburg Ambulance Association EMT, Scott Wilson. At the Board's request, contractor Doug Graybeal agreed to install ADA handrails in the meeting room restroom and complete the electrical wiring to the hot water heater. The Board agreed to accept the building as substantially complete and that the final payment of \$23,122.00 should be issued to Graybeal Construction on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.**

**The session adjourned at 3:20 p.m.**