

July 22, 2019

The Board of County Commissioners met a 10:00 a.m. at the Hall Road Department Shop, 110 South Main Street, Hall with Chairperson Bill Slaughter and Commissioners Scott Adler and Charles Hinkle attending. Also attending was Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Superintendent Paul Alt. The group made a site visit to the Bear Gulch Road and met with Richard Komberec and his associate, who explained that they want to take out a sharp corner in the road and build a detour road to county specifications; they intend to mine where the sharp corner is and then return the road to its original place. Mr. Komberec made the statement to the Board that he believed that Bear Gulch Road was not a county road, but a public road, and when he was asked to provide proof of such, Mr. Komberec replied that he would attempt to find his documentation. Mr. Komberec stated that he intends to meet with the Board on a future agenda and present documentation regarding the road. The special session adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

July 23, 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/Solid Waste Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. The report included that he suggests advertising for gravel crushing of 10,000 cubic yards of $\frac{3}{4}$ " minus gravel at the county's leased Middle Fork Gravel Pit. Commissioner Hinkle moved to advertise for the crushing of 10,000 cubic yards of $\frac{3}{4}$ " minus gravel at the Middle Fork Pit. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended at this point. On another matter, Commissioner Slaughter moved to request County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw write a letter to the Public Service Commission regarding Blackfoot Telephone's unauthorized installations of utility lines in the county road right-of-way without the required county encroachment permit being issued by the county. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. The motion carried. In an administrative action, the Board considered an Application for Encroachment Permit by Blackfoot Telephone to install service to 222 and 224 Princeton Road. Commissioner Slaughter moved to approve the permit and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried with Commissioners Slaughter and Hinkle voting in favor of the motion and Commissioner Adler opposing the motion. Commissioner Hinkle moved to spot blade Lower Willow Creek Road going to Harvey Creek. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sealed bids were received for 1,500 yards of $\frac{3}{4}$ " minus gravel and 1,000 yards of sand to be delivered to the Granite County Road Department Shop, 110 South Main Street, Hall, Montana. The Notice To Bid was published in the July 18, 2019, issue of the *Philipsburg*

Mail newspaper and on the county’s website. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe opened the sealed bids in the order in which they were received and read them aloud as follow:

Carl Nelson Ranch Co.	1,000 yards of sand only (does not include trucking as location is near County Road Department Shop at Hall)	
	\$6.00/ton or \$8.00/yard if we provide loader	
	\$5.50/ton or \$7.50/yard if county provides loader	
F&R LLC	1,000 yards of sand	\$9,775.00
	Truck only	\$8,173.00
	Truck & pup trailer	\$5,520.00
F&R LLC	1,500 yards of ¾” Minus Gravel	\$20,268.75
	Truck only	\$12,260.00
	Truck & pup trailer	\$8,214.00
Bob Weaver Construction	1,000 yards of sand, \$7.00 per yard	\$7,000.00
	Delivery of sand	\$13,000.00
	1,500 yards gravel, \$12.00 per yard	\$18,000.00
	Delivery of gravel	\$27,000.00

The Board awarded the bid to Bob Weaver Construction, the lowest bidder, for 1,500 yards of ¾” minus gravel for \$18,000.00 and 1,000 yards of sand for \$7,000.00, with the county to do the hauling, on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and noted that because the total for the sand and gravel was under the \$80,000.00 required by law to be bid, it was not necessary for the Board to formally advertise this project for bid, but it was the Board’s decision, per the County’s Procumbent Policy to obtain at least 3 quotes in these situations, to publish a notice requesting bids in the local newspaper for one week.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.4 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender’s report. The lake is approximately .72 inches below full pool with an estimated 44.1 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 44.1 cfs over the weir below the power plant. Commissioner Adler moved to reduce the outflow to 35 cfs. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Flint Creek Hydro was notified to make the adjustment.

The Board considered a request for a onetime use of the outdoor chapel at the Flint Creek Dam on Saturday, September 21, 2019 for a wedding. The applicant, Josh Zinke of Missoula, also included a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming Granite County as an additional insured, as required by county policy. Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve

the request and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered publishing an Invitation for Bids for the Granite County Courthouse – Dome Investigation and Repair Project. The Board agreed to publish the Invitation for Bids in the July 25 and August 1, 2019 issues of the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper and on the county’s website. Commissioner Adler moved to publish the Invitation to Bid and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

As public comment, Blanche McLure met with the Board and requested to be put on the agenda for the Philipsburg TV District budget. The Board agreed to put the matter on next week’s agenda.

The Board considered the request from a county official to move an employee up on the county’s pay matrix due to extensive prior experience in a similar position. Clerk and Recorder Sarah Graham commented that the county personnel manual allows for an increase in steps within a pay grade for prior experience. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Chairperson Slaughter closed the session to the public as a personnel matter as the employee’s right to privacy outweighs the public’s right to know. Following the closed session, Chairperson Slaughter opened the meeting to the public. Commissioner Slaughter moved to notify Judge Fratzke by letter that the employee should be moved to the step within the current pay grade (Grade 8) she feels is appropriate for the previous court experience and include it in the Justice Court 2019-2020 fiscal year budget request for final approval to be given by the Commission. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered the Memorandum of Agreement between the Granite County Disaster and Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and noted that he had reviewed the agreement and there is no cost to the county as FEMA provides the software and it continues the current arrangement for three years. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the Memorandum of Agreement and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Scott Dunkerson met with the Board and presented information on the 9-1-1 Grant Program, draft Contract # MT9-1-1, Grant-2019-023. The grant, through the Montana Department of Administration 9-1-1- Grant Program, is in an amount not to exceed \$235,201.00 for the implementation of a new computer aided dispatch (CAD) system, a full case reporting system. Sheriff Dunkerson also presented a letter stating that Zuercher Technologies of Lake Mary, Florida, is a sole source provider of the Professional Suite, which is the CAD system that Sheriff Dunkerson proposes to have installed. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. The Sheriff further explained that Zuercher Technologies Professional Suite is the only product (sole source) that will work with the

emergency 9-1-1 system, based upon the extensive research the Sheriff has completed. County Attorney Bradshaw gave his legal opinion that the County Commissioners may waive formal competitive bidding for the CAD system as Zuercher Technologies Professional Suite is a sole source product and there is an exemption in the law and the County's procurement policy for sole source purchases. The Commission agreed that this bidding exception applies. Commissioner Hinkle moved to accept said Contract # MT9-1-1, Granite-2019-023 through the Department of Administration 9-1-1 Grant Program and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion passed unanimously. The Board requested that the sheriff put the contract with Zuercher Technologies on the Board's agenda when he receives it.

County insurance agent Rody Holman with PayneWest Insurance of Butte, met with the Board to review the county's insurance schedule for buildings, vehicles, heavy equipment and other equipment. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Discussion was held on the fact that claims are paid by MACo (Montana Association of Counties), the county's insurance carrier, without consulting with the county, particularly when the Board does not feel that the county was at fault. Rody Holman indicated that he can research other insurance carriers, if the Board requests him to do that. The Board reviewed the schedules and made some adjustments on values on buildings.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: None.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for July 16, 2019. The minutes were approved as revised on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered Task Order 20-07-6-11-025-0 with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) for the county Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program. Through the task order, the department will pay the county a total of \$28,674 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; \$28,674 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; and \$28,674 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The payments will be made for satisfactory execution of required deliverables. The task order was approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and a second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the status of the Blackfoot Communications/Chuck Houtz matter with County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw. Commissioner Hinkle moved that the Board decline Blackfoot Communications offer that the county pay 75% of the cost, note that two Commissioners are in favor of covering 50% of the cost, and request Blackfoot Communications to produce the approved Granite County Encroachment Permit for the project. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried with Commissioners Slaughter and Hinkle voting in favor of the motion and Commissioner Adler opposing the motion.

As public comment, DES/Safety Coordinator Jackie Bolster met with the Board and requested a letter from the Board to state DES/Homeland Security stating that Jackie Bolster is the current Granite County DES/Safety Coordinator. She noted that she will also need a notarized oath of office for the state DES/Homeland Security. The Board agreed to provide the letter requested.

Mike Herzog with Western States Cat of Missoula, met with the Board and presented a revised sales agreement for a 2019 Caterpillar 160M3 AWD Motor Grader, S/N: N9K01086, for \$347,988.00, including Caterpillar Lift Group and new warranty of 60 months, 5,000 hours, GOV (Failsafe), and Henke FV-14 Folding V-Plow with 11" mushroom shoes for \$23,088.00; with a trade of 1994 Caterpillar 140G, S/N: 5MD0308 for \$55,000.00, 2015 Balderson Front Dozer S/N: 3LW6074 for \$8,000.00, with Caterpillar 140G Hydraulic Snow Wing for \$2,000.00; for a balance of \$306,076.00. The revised sales agreement was approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. The motion carried unanimously. The Board noted that the motor grader cost of \$306,076.00 will be financed through Cat Financial for five years at 4.55% interest with no payment in year 1, payments of \$31,883.12 in years 2 through 5, and a final payment of \$240,000.00.

The Board considered the County Superintendent of Schools Agreement with Connie Schiedermayer for the 2019-2020 fiscal year at the rate of \$25.00/hour. The agreement was approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board participated in the quarterly Granite County Board of Health meeting. Minutes of that meeting are in a separate document.

The session adjourned at 5:15 p.m.