

January 14, 2020

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 Commissioner's Assistant Sue Antonioli. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.

County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw joined the session.

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Manager Paul Alt was unable to attend the session. Clerk and Recorder Sarah Graham joined the session and there was a general discussion about the number of current full-time and part-time employees and what the current budget would support. Commissioner Adler moved to create a seventh full-time position for operator/mechanic in the road department and notify the road superintendent that upon retirement of a full-time road employee that this seventh position may remain empty. The position with benefits would be funded in the current fiscal year by PILT funds if needed, and such would be done by formal written resolution, but the Commission would wait until June to review this funding issue as there may be sufficient funds in the road department's current fiscal year budget. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The ongoing repairs on the Solid Waste Backhoe were discussed. Commissioner Adler moved to replace the front cover and housing on the backhoe for \$4050.00 as an additional line item in the 12/30/19 estimate that Road Superintendent Paul Alt presented at last week's meeting. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Adler moved to direct the Road Superintendent to go back to five eight hour shifts on Monday, January 20th. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6428.87 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 7.56 inches below full pool. The cfs reading was not available at the time of the meeting. Commissioner Hinkle moved to keep outflow at the current level for this week. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed county claims for December 2019. The claims were approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and seconded by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

County Planner Linda Bouck joined the session.

Mr. Joe Smith, Chief Operating Officer (COO) for Missoula Electric Cooperative met with the Board to discuss the Rock Creek Fire Mitigation Project. Mr. Smith presented a map of where the Coop will be burying lines in a five-mile corridor in Upper Rock Creek due to extreme fire hazard. The Cooperative is in the preliminary stage of submitting a grant through FEMA for this project. Safety, traffic control, floodplain, public comment periods, and coordination with local government were issues discussed. The Commission said that

they would be willing to write a letter of support for the project and Mr. Joe Smith said he would send a template letter to the Commission for their review.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2020-1 “A Granite County Resolution Establishing Regular Commission Meeting Dates, And Regular Courthouse Office Hours For Calendar Year 2020.” County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw drafted a new resolution after there was an interest expressed in last week’s meeting of keeping elected official offices in Courthouse open during the noon hour. Deputy Clerk and Recorder Becky Smith joined the session and presented letters from each elected official as to their positions on the matter. The majority of the elected officials are in favor of staying open during noon hour. Sue Antonioli reported on her survey of what other small county offices do. Of seven offices surveyed, five remain open during the lunch hour. Carol Bohrsen and Claudette Parke joined the session. The resolution will be placed on next week’s agenda for the second reading.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2020-2 “A Granite County Resolution Establishing Mileage, Lodging And Per Diem Rates For Business Travel And Providing For An Effective Date.” Commissioner Adler moved to accept Resolution 2020-2. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2020-3 “A Granite County Resolution Establishing The Daily Rate And Daily Rate Of Credit For Incarceration And Providing For An Effective Date.” Commissioner Adler moved to accept the resolution. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a Special Event Request to use Georgetown Lake Outdoor Chapel on 9/2/2020. Commissioner Adler moved to allow the request. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Scott Sylvester from the *Philipsburg Mail* joined the session.

T.J. Vietor, Granite County Victim/Witness Advocate met with the board to review the MBCC Grant Proposal, in the amount of \$50,000.00. Sue Huffman, a local grant writer is preparing this Grant and T.J. Vietor is requesting that she be paid \$500 for her grant writing services. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the grant and to pay Sue Huffman \$500.00. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Sarah Graham, Clerk and Recorder joined the session to discuss security issues with the county website. WebGrain, the current server was taken over by DEV406. The old server was never upgraded with a security certificate. There was discussion as to whether to stay with the old server or migrate over to the updated server. Sarah’s recommendation was for the migration to the new DEV406 server at a cost of \$240.00 per year. On Sarah Graham’s recommendation, Commission Adler moved to change over to the updated server with

security certificate and pay the additional cost per year. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeremiah Theys from Great West Engineering joined the Board by teleconference to discuss the Annual Dam Safety Surveillance Monitoring Plan and Report. He recommended that the Board table a decision on this until it can be discussed with FERC at the February 4, 2020 regular session meeting. On that recommendation Commissioner Hinkle moved to table a decision on the plan until after the February 4, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment & Correspondence: Joseph Willauer, Executive Director for the Butte Local Development Corporation and Eric Seidensticker, Food and AG Development Center Director for Headwaters RC&D were present. Mr. Willauer explained the program and the current work they are doing in Granite County. Mr. Willauer renewed the request for a letter of support. Commissioner Adler moved to grant the request. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously and the Commissioners signed the letter of support.

Commissioner Adler moved to approve the January 7, 2020 Commission minutes as presented and Commissioner seconded the motion. There was no public comment the motion carried unanimously.

The session adjourned at 2:50 p.m.