

January 7, 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.

The Board was reorganized and Commissioner Bill Slaughter was elected Chairperson (Presiding Officer) for 2020 on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Commissioner Hinkle moved to allow a one-hour slot on future agendas for claims processing. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw joined the session.

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Manager Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. The report included discussion on the Solid/Waste Backhoe as to whether to fix the backhoe and get by with it for this year and then try to sell it. Paul Alt presented the Board with a repair estimate and recommended addressing items 1, 2, 3, and 6 on the estimate dated 12/30/19. Scott Adler moved on Paul's recommendation to make the repairs. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Adler moved to advertise in house for a full-time position for an Operator/Mechanic for the Road Department. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered the proposed Lease Purchase Agreement with BMO Harris Equipment Finance for a 2020 International Snowplow Truck. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the lease purchase agreement and for all associated documents to be signed. The total purchase was for \$153,854.75 with all fees incorporated in that total. The County had made a down payment of \$50,000 in October 2019. The remaining principal owed by the County on the Snowplow Truck is \$103,854.75 will be paid in two payments, one in September 2020 and the last in September 2021, with interest of 4.36% per annum being assessed. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.82 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 8.16 inches below full pool. The cfs reading was not available at the time of the meeting. The Board reviewed the email dated 12-30-2019 from Dave Amman with DNRC. Commissioner Hinkle moved to increase the outflow to 15 cfs for this week and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. There was discussion on damaged piezometer lids at the dam and the Commissioners will be taking a look at this weather permitting.

Vince Reece, Manager of Riddick Field Airport was present and presented a Manager's Report. He stated that snowplowing is the biggest issue right now and he is trying to keep those costs down. Mr. Reece discussed future goals for the airport, one of which is to make

the airport self-sustainable through hangar additions, adjusted rent, and adjusted utilities (if so recommended by Airport Board and approved by County Commission). The grant application to obtain funds to complete the Master Plan is still being reviewed and an MDOT Grant has also been applied for to help offset that cost. Local resident, Mark Hudgens, and also Emily Petroski from the *Philipsburg Mail* attended the session.

Audrey Walleser, Montana DES (Disaster and Emergency Services) Western Field Officer met with the Board regarding the EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant) grant. Shari Pool, also with DES was present to answer questions the Commission has about the Grant. Commissioner Adler moved to have Jackie Bolster make application for the grant after she talks to the Clerk and Recorder and County HR and report back to the Commission once she has more figures and the final grant application would need to be approved after being on the Commission's agenda. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the proposed Consulting Agreement for the Active Shooter Grant. Jackie Bolster reported that John Harrison, trainer for the Grant is unable to fulfill that verbal commitment at this time and she is in the process of trying to locate another trainer. A decision on this was tabled for later.

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." There was general discussion on the possibility of keeping certain courthouse offices open during the noon hour. Commissioner Slaughter requested that Sue Antonioli call five offices similar to Granite County in size to find out if they are open over noon, and if so how do they manage it. He also asked Becky Smith to get letters from each office as to their positions on staying open through the noon hour. There was no public comment.

The Board held the first 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." There was no public comment.

The Board held the first 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." There was no public comment.

The Board reviewed the written financial update for the Granite County Hospital District as prepared by CEO/DON Maria Stoppler, who was not available to attend today. The update included an Administrator's Report dated 12-16-2019 and a financial report dated 12-5-2019 with projected cash available of \$299, projected deposits of \$282,113, projected cash requirements of \$150,000, and projected cash reserves of \$132,512 for 12 days of operation.

The Board considered a response to a letter dated 12-18-2019 from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding a void which was discovered beneath the spillway slab at the Flint Creek Dam and how the void was filled. Engineer Jeremiah Theys with Great West

Engineering of Helena had drafted the proposed response. Commissioner Adler moved to respond to FERC with Jeremiah Theys' response. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered a response to a letter from the Federal Emergency Regulatory Commission regarding the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for the Flint Creek Dam. A proposed response had been drafted by engineer Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering of Helena, which noted that the EAP has been updated. Commissioner Hinkle moved to respond to FERC with Jeremiah Theys' letter. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Courthouse custodian Janeen Bonney met with the Board regarding a pre-fabricated wood shed (14x14x7) for the courthouse maintenance equipment and tools. She presented three quotes.

Old Hickory Buildings & Sheds:	\$6,266.44
Philipsburg Sales:	\$5,749.00
Montana Structures, LLC:	\$5,691.00

Janeen Bonney's recommendation was to accept the bid from Montana Structures, LLC. Janeen Bonney will handle arrangements for having the shed purchased and delivered. The shed will sit on the south side of the old ambulance building to the east of the County Courthouse. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the bid with Commissioner Hinkle seconding the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Eric Seidensticker with Headwaters RC&D joined the session by teleconference requesting the Commissioners sign a letter of support regarding Headwaters RC&D recertification with CRDC (Certified Regional Development Corporation) which is a program created by the Montana Legislation to encourage a regional approach to economic development. Headwaters RC&D must re-apply for certification every year and a certain number of support letters from County Commissions is required. The Commissioners thought there was a general lack of clarity on what actual projects were currently being worked on in Granite County. After some discussion, Commissioner Adler moved to not sign the letter. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment & Correspondence: Bill Lloyd from Great West Engineering joined the session to catch up with the Commissioners on their projects in Granite County.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for the December 23, 2019 Special Session. The minutes were approved with one minor change (misspelling of a person's last name was corrected) on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and seconded by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.