

**April 16, 2024**

**The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in a regular session in the Commission Office of the Granite County Courthouse with Commissioner McLure, Commissioner Adler, and Commissioner Hinkle attending. Also attending were Commissioner's Assistant, Billie Ann Kulaski, and Granite County Attorney, Blaine Bradshaw, who attended a portion of the agenda items. The session was livestreamed through the Zoom internet-based program available for the public to view the session and comment. The public was also allowed to attend in person and provide comment. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.**

**Also, in attendance were *Philipsburg Mail* Editor, Amelia Wood; Granite County Solid Waste Clerk, Scott Rettig; Granite County Road & Bridge Superintendent, Paul Alt; Josh Margolis from NBC Montana; USFS District Ranger (Pintler District) Cameron Rasor and USFS Biologist, Lara Chodelski; Granite County Board of Health Chairperson, Ashely Westphal; Granite County Public Health Coordinator, Jackie Bolster; Granite County Sheriff, Scott Dunkerson; Tri-County Sanitarian, Chad Lanes; Public Health Nurse, Debbie Robinson; Georgetown Lake Volunteer Fire Chief, Fred Bjorkland; Granite County Clerk & Recorder, Sarah Graham; Granite County Custodian, Janeen Bonney; Granite County Clerk of District Court, Carol Bohrnsen, Granite County Planning Director, Linda Bouck; Owner / Operator of Zenith View LLC, Kianna Vushon; Pintler Cycling Race Representative, Ben Grass; and members of the general public including Elena Gagliano, Lori Hart, George Durkin, Sean Chapin, John Simac, Sam Anderson, Brian Clark, Doug Wardinsky, Larry Curran, Jim Thomson, Liam Durkin, Tracy Nash, Mike Wienhiemer, Steve Lubock, Chad & Jenna Wiley, Gary Donahue, Mike McLeod, Dan Villa, Blaine Messer, Dan & Linda McElroy, Andrew McFarland, Denise Lyser, and Don Thornahler.**

**QUARTERLY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING: The Commission was joined by Board of Health Chairperson, Ashely Westphal; Granite County Public Health Coordinator, Jackie Bolster; and Tri-County Sanitarian, Chad Lanes. Chairperson Westphal called the meeting to order. Commissioner Adler motioned to approve minutes from the January's meeting. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There were no public comments and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Chad Lanes provided the Sanitarian Report, explaining that there are a lot of food permits being issued and septic inspections are picking up as the weather improves. The Sanitarian's Office recently attended Confluence (Sanitarians and Public Health Conference). The group discussed a trailer house located at 748 Frontage Road West, in Drummond that is in ill repair and could become a public health hazard. Chad Lanes explained that the owners should be able to clean up the trailer and at this point he is working with the County Attorney to send a letter with a set deadline to get the trailer cleaned up and that explains the legal ramifications to the owners if they fail to comply. If the trailer is not cleaned up in a set amount of time, they will request an order (letter form) from the Local Health Officer giving for the trailer to be cleaned up.**

**Lauren Bolton was not able to join the Commission and provided a written report:**

*Tobacco Prevention Report: Jackie Bolster, Amanda Bohrer, and Deb Robinson have been working on putting together graduation baskets for the seniors in both Drummond and Philipsburg. The baskets will include numerous tobacco prevention materials, resources to keep healthy in their future endeavors, and possibly some emergency preparedness supplies. We are excited to send the seniors off with plenty of health and safety resources! Public Health Nursing Report: Vaccinations have been relatively slow this last quarter, but that is to be expected this time of year. There may be an increase in May with students who are needing required vaccinations for school; Meningitis B for college and Tdap to enter 7th grade. WIC has been consistent with a few families in both Drummond and Philipsburg enrolled. We are seeing a bit of a baby boom across the state, so we hope to ensure families know that this resource is available to them in the Tri-County area. Communicable Disease has been mostly Influenza and COVID. While RSV isn't reportable there have been a few cases, as well. We are starting to see an overall decline in respiratory illness as it traditionally comes to a close in May. Other Public Health Notes: Jackie, Deb, Chad and I attended Confluence Public Health Conference in Missoula April 1-3. This was a great opportunity for networking and to learn what is new in Public Health both across the state and nationally. Jackie and Deb have also been working with the new daycare to connect them to resources and create relationships if/when they may experience any kind of outbreak. We have also been working to ensure a smooth transition for public health nursing services on July 01. Please let me know if this requires further discussion before the end of the fiscal year or if you have any questions pertaining to this report.*

Jackie Bolster provided a PHEP Update, explaining that she is on track with all of the required deliverables. The Board reviewed the Specimen Transport Protocol Documentation. Chairperson Westphal moved to approve and sign the Specimen Transport Protocol Documentation. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There were no public comments received. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Kira Conn wasn't able to join due to her clinic schedule.

The Board of Health Adjourned at 9:15 a.m.