

January 23, 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 Chairperson McLure and Commissioner Adler being present, and with Commissioner Hinkle being absent (excused). 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 Road & Bridge Superintendent, Paul Alt; Granite County Airport Chairperson, Donovan Jones; Granite County Museum Workforce Housing Project Representative, Mark Ransford; Board Member, Ashley Westphal; Tri-County Sanitarian, Chad Lanes; Public Health Director, Lauren Bolton; Public Health & Safety Coordinator, Jackie Bolster; Local Health Officer, Dr. Kira Conn; DPHHS Representative, Todd Harwell; Local Contractor, Dave Kesler; Southwest Insurance Representative Julie Blockey; and members of the general public including Dave Harris, Elena Gagliano, and Jim and Carol Bacquet.

QUARTERLY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING:

Chairperson McLure called the meeting to order. There was not a quorum at the beginning of the session so the election of Chairperson and approval of minutes was moved to the end of the meeting.

Tri-County Sanitarian, Chad Lanes provided his report, we are currently calculated our numbers for septic and plan reviews and licensing for new establishments. The plan reviews are a new document that were put into place over the last year and have been very successful in streamlining operations. In regard to site inspections, Chad Lanes explained that he had been doing inspections up until the recent cold snap, and things have remained consistently busy. He will have an update on the annual numbers for the next board meeting as they are in the process of wrapping up year end reporting. Chad Lanes added that mobile food trailers were a very busy business over the last year and that things like that typically go in spurts.

Public Health Director, Lauren Bolton provided the Public Health update explaining that the last quarter encompassed flu shot season and that it was pretty busy. The Department 11-12 community clinics which was an increase over the previous year. Additionally, they are seeing about 2 WIC families per month. Lauren Bolton provided an update on Tobacco Prevention, and the distance rule for local businesses. She stated that if Granite County would like to implement something like this, they can assist the County, but that direction would come from the Commissioners. She explained that neighboring counties have set a 30 foot rule, not allowing people to smoke within 30 feet of licensed establishments.

Public Health & Safety Coordinator, Jackie Bolster provided a PHEP Update, informing the group that deliverables for the last quarter were met and they are currently working on the current quarterly deliverables. She noted that there is a new Tobacco Grant that just has been released from OPI to bring Tobacco Prevention into the schools. Jackie Bolster has passed this information onto County superintendents in case they would like to apply for funding.

Dr. Conn, Granite County's Local Health Officer, did not have any comments on the reports.

Todd Harwell with DPHHS explained that they are available to help Granite County through the transition process of hiring a Public Health Nurse; and have been working with the Public Health Department to strategize. DPHHS can assist in funding opportunities to support a full-time Public Health Nurse, which would serve as the local liaison with DPHHS, handling communicable diseases, etc. Todd Harwell explained that the County already has task orders in place with DPHHS and they could put another one together to fund a position beginning July 1, 2024. DPHHS also has teams available to get a new Nurse up to speed in Public Health operations, including various training and mentorship programs. Todd Harwell explained the requirements of the County to designate a liaison to communicate with the State concerning day to day operations of the department. The group discussed the development of a job description and how they have pulled the MACo template to work from, which Lauren Bolton has provided notes on for the County. Todd Harwell added that they are able to provide feedback as well once the County has a draft put together. Once the job is ready to be posted DPHHS can send it out to counties across the state to help market and promote the position; as well as give the County some information as far as salary estimations. Todd Harwell will come back to Granite County in the summer after a Public Health Nurse is hired and the vacant position on the Board is filled to do a full Board of Health Training.

Commissioner McLure called for election of a new Chairperson for the Board of Health for the 2024 calendar year. Commissioner Adler moved to elect Ashley Westphal as Chairperson of the Granite County Board of Health for the 2024 Calendar Year. Commissioner McLure seconded the motion. There were no public comments received and the motion passed unanimously.

Ashley Westphal moved to approve the minutes from September 2023. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There were no public comments received and the motion passed unanimously.

Public comment was received from Elena Gagliano stating it was difficult following the meeting online. She verified the members of Board of Health and inquired about the meeting documents for the BOH training and when this would be occurring. This will be occurring in the summer once the Public Health Nurse Position and Board of Health Vacancy are filled.

Quarterly Board of Health Meeting Adjourned.