

October 18, 2022

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 Adler, Commissioner McLure, 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 Granite County Board of Health Member Ashley Westphal; Local Health Officer, Dr. Kira Conn; Tri-County Sanitarian Chad Lanes; Granite County PHEP Coordinator, Jennifer Robinson; Granite County Public Health Assistant, Jackie Bolster; Tri-County Tobacco Prevention Specialist, Amanda Bohrer; Director of Public Health, Lauren Bolton; Dave Kesler with Kesler Kustom Shops; Drummond Mayor, Gail Leeper; Fish Wildlife & Parks (FWP) Fisheries Biologist, Brad Liermann; FWP Lands & Water-Rights Representative, Stephen Begley; FWP Fisheries Biologist Trevor Watson; Philipsburg Mayor Daniel Reddish; Healthy Is Wellness Regional Manager, Ryan Reilly; and other members of the general public including Elena Gagliano and Scott McDonald.

QUARTERLY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING; The Commission was joined by Granite County Board of Health Member Ashley Westphal; Tri-County Sanitarian Chad Lanes; Granite County PHEP Coordinator, Jennifer Robinson; Granite County Public Health Assistant, Jackie Bolster; Tri-County Tobacco Prevention Specialist, Amanda Bohrer; and Director of Public Health, Lauren Bolton for the quarterly meeting. The meeting began with an update from Sanitarian, Chad Lanes reporting that there has been a lot of septic development happening across the County as well as food inspections. The group then discussed an ongoing issue with a trailer in Drummond. Chad Lanes explained that he met with Granite County Attorney, Blaine Bradshaw to discuss possible resolutions including utilizing junk vehicle funds to remove the trailer and then placing the expense against the owner's property taxes. Chad Lanes received a bid to clean up the trailer for approximately \$6500 and stated that through the Junk Vehicle Program there are funds allotted to clean up trailers and campers, which would not typically be covered under the program. Commissioner Adler raised concerns over setting a precedent, as there is another trailer seven miles down the road that he foresees a similar issue occurring with. Commissioner McLure discussed the necessity for removing the property and assessing the cost against the owner's taxes. She also explained the need for additional research being done in the Treasurer's Office concerning the status of property taxes. The Commission is going to research the issue further, but is focused on reaching a resolution shortly.

Jennifer Robinson explained that the first quarterly PHEP report was submitted to the State without issue. She also recently hosted a Car Seat Check in the Philipsburg area that did not have any attendance, but is hosting one in Drummond in the coming weeks that she hopes will be more popular. Jennifer Robinson is also working with the Granite County Sheriff's Office and the Sanitarian concerning the DWES inventory (drinking water emergency sampling kits). These are kits that were provided post 9-11 in case the water supply was

maliciously contaminated. Commissioner McLure confirmed that they were working in partnership with the Towns, since the County does not have a water supply. Jennifer Robinson added that the Granite County Public Health Department Influenza Plan that was in front to the Commission today is not ready for a signature and will need to be tabled until the next session.

Amanda Bohrer provided a summary of the activities of Tobacco Prevention across the County including working with County schools and the DUI Task Force to secure a speaker for Red Ribbon Week to speak on vaping and bullying. Amanda Bohrer has also been speaking to classes in Drummond and Philipsburg as well as working in conjunction with Healthy Granite County Network. She explained that there is a new grant that the youth in Powell County secured for the Tri-County youth to create film content focused around tobacco prevention messaging.

Director of Public Health, Lauren Bolton provided an overall update of Public Health Operations in the County. She emphasized the success of programs such as Area V on Aging and WIC. She added that Area V currently has 21 clients, Commissioner McLure asked if the number of Aids have increased. Public Health Assistant, Jackie Bolster explained that number fluxgates between 20 to 25 and is curtailed to the needs of clients. The group talked about the growth and evolution of the Area V Program. Jackie Bolster discussed the focus on providing respite care for caregivers and upcoming events that are being hosted by MSU. Commissioner McLure mentioned the re-evaluation of the job description to increase the wages of Aids. Jackie Bolster acknowledged the impact that the increase has had on hiring. The Public Health Department has also been hosting several vaccination clinics across the County both through the Care Bus and in County Schools.

GRANITE COUNTY CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES WITH ADLC; PRE-TRAVEL EXPENSE REQUEST FOR PHEP TRAINING; Public Health Interim Director Lauren Bolton met with the Commission to discuss the contract for Public Health Services. This matter was recently discussed as the Commission had agreed to and signed a three-year contract in the summer of 2022 as proposed by Leigh Ann Holmes from ADLC who has since retired, but ADLC had never signed the Agreement and ADLC CEO, Bill Everett recently updated the term to a one-year contract retroactive to July 1, 2022. Lauren Bolton explained she sat down the CEO, Bill Everett who is adamant about the one-year term, however she and the rest of the Public Health team are going to work diligently to prove the importance of the partnership over the remainder of the term so hopefully it will be renewed next year. Commissioner McLure requested reasons that CEO, Bill Everett has requested to adjust the agreement to one year. Lauren Bolton responded that he is trying to focus on ADLC operations. Commissioner McLure had additional questions concerning CEO, Bill Everett's reasoning. Commissioner Adler recommended having CEO, Bill Everett come in to discuss his reasonings with the Commission in person. The Commission discussed continuing the rest of the current fiscal year 2023 with ADLC and discussing the contract with CEO, Bill Everett when the contract is up for renewal in fiscal year 2024.

The Commission reviewed the request for pre-travel expenses for Bi-County PHEP Coordinator, Jennifer Robinson to attend a National Preparedness Summit, this is an annual summit in Atlanta Georgia. The 2023 session will be focused on COVID-19 response on a