

April 26, 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 Scott Adler, Commissioner Blanche McLure, and Commissioner Hinkle attending. Also attending were Commission Assistant, Billie Ann Kulaski and Granite County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, who attended (via Zoom phone link) for a portion of the agenda items set for the day. 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 Road & Bridge Superintendent, Paul Alt; Drummond Mayor, Gail Leeper; Local Health Officer, Dr. Kira Conn; Board of Health Member, Ashley Westphal; Board of Health Chairperson, Michael Kalarchik; Granite County Tobacco Prevention Specialist, Amanda Bohrer; Granite County Public Health Assistant, Jackie Bolster; Tri-County Sanitarian, Chad Lanes; Mental Health Coordinator, Robyn Grinolds; Public Health Director, Leigh Ann Holmes; Granite County PHEP Coordinator, Jennifer Robinson; US Forest Service District Ranger (Pintler District), Cameron Rasor; US Forest Service Soil Scientist (Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest), Sara Rouse; Granite County Clerk & Recorder, Sarah Graham; Town of Philipsburg Public Works Director, Sam Dennis; and other members of the general public including Elena Gagliano.

GRANITE COUNTY QUARTERLY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING; The Commission was joined by Local Health Officer, Dr. Kira Conn; Board of Health Member, Ashley Westphal; Board Chairperson, Michael Kalarchik; Granite County Tobacco Prevention Specialist, Amanda Boher; Granite County Public Health Assistant, Jackie Bolster; Tri-County Sanitarian, Chad Lanes; Mental Health Coordinator, Robyn Grinolds; Public Health Director, Leigh Ann Holmes; and Granite County PHEP Coordinator, Jennifer Robinson. New Board of Health member, Ashley Westphal was introduced to the public. Local Health Officer, Dr. Kira Conn was having some technical difficulties but commented that she didn't have any concerns or issues to report. The Board of Health confirmed receipt of a DEQ Certificate of Fitness for a methamphetamine lab property at 67 Princeton Road, Philipsburg, MT.

Tri-County Sanitarian, Chad Lanes explained that development across Granite County is still incredibly busy with building and set to surpass last year if the pace continues. He has been completing several site visits and receiving multiple septic permit applications weekly as well as inquiries from realtors. They are also working on licensed establishment inspections with an emphasis on high-risk places. Chad Lanes and his team attended the MEHA / MPHA joint conference in Helena. He explained that there was some discussion on SB199 - "The Montana Local Food Choice Act" and its impact on how the Department is handling Cottage Food vendors as well as the impact on farmers markets. Locally Chad Lanes and his team are working with the markets to help them understand the potential liability involved. Chad Lanes brought forth an issue in the Drummond area of an

abandoned trailer next to the Drummond Motel. Scott Forbes owns the Drummond Motel and reached out to the Sanitarian's Office because the abandoned trailer is becoming a nuisance due to trash and pests. Chad Lanes is working with Granite County Planning Director, Linda Bouck about this issue and may need the Board of Health's assistance. Chad Lanes is also working on a complaint by Mulkey Gulch concerning blowing trash and general decay, which he will be in contact with Granite County Attorney, Blaine Bradshaw about.

Tobacco Prevention Specialist, Amanda Bohrer reported that she has been working with schools across Granite County to engage the youth and implement educational events centered around prevention. Amanda Bohrer also recently was invited to speak at the Drummond Library concerning prevention issues and has been working with local non-profit, Healthy Granite County Network to support their work. Amanda explained that February was "Through with Chew" Month and she ran an article in the paper as well as stocked several locations across the County with Chew Quit Kits. These kits can currently be found at the Granite County Courthouse in Philipsburg and the Drummond Public Health Office. Amanda has been working with the school systems to implement signage and educational materials to youth about not only chew and cigarettes, but also vaping. Amanda Bohrer stated there was recently a complaint about smoking in front of the library in Philipsburg and explained how to submit a complaint as she will also be handling complaints for marijuana infractions.

Public comment was received from Elena Gagliano asking for clarification on the posting of reports and documents for Amanda's segment. Commission Assistant, Billie Ann Kulaski explained that the documents provided during the meeting would be posted to the Granite County website once the meeting ends.

Mental Health Coordinator, Robyn Grinolds reported that there was a CIT Training that took place in March, and the Granite County Sheriff's Department was able to send someone. Public Health Director, Leigh Ann Holmes added that there is money to reimburse the travel expenses and wages for the person that attended the training. Leigh Ann Holmes explained that the County will just need to invoice Anaconda-Deerlodge County for the reimbursement as they are administering the CIT grant Robyn Grinolds works under. There will be another CIT training coming up in Butte. Robyn Grinolds will be providing that information to those interested within the County.

Granite County PHEP Coordinator, Jennifer Robinson reported that there is currently one positive case of COVID-19 in Granite County. She has also attended several training this spring that have been very beneficial. She is currently working on the COVID-19 AAR (After Action Report) for Granite County. This report does take some time and she has been working with multiple parties on it. Jennifer Robinson also explained that she has several other documents that she has to present to the Board of Health and needs signatures on. Commissioner Hinkle motioned to approve and sign the following documents; PHEP Training Exercise Plan 2021-2023; Granite County Resource Request Protocol; Granite Mass Immunization Protocol; Granite ESF 8 Public Health EMS & Mass Fatality; Granite EMC Plan; and Surveillance Protocol Communicable Disease. Commissioner McLure

seconded the motion. Public comment was received from Elena Gagliano asking if the Board of Health was going to review the documents. Jennifer Robinson explained to Elena that the Board of Health received these documents two weeks prior to the meeting to review and provide them with time to reach out to her with questions. Jennifer Robinson added that if Elena Gagliano has questions on any of the documents she would be happy to sit down and go through them with her. With no further public comment the motion passed unanimously.

The Public Health Department Update was delivered by Public Health Assistant, Jackie Bolster and Public Health Director Leigh Ann Holmes. Currently the Public Health Department has been working on providing immunizations as well as providing WIC services to members of the County. The Area V Program has become quite successful in Granite County and there are now three aids working in the program.

Leigh Ann Holmes added that Granite County Public Health Nurse, Debbie Robinson has been attending trainings that that Anaconda-Deerlodge County has been paying for and she plans on invoicing the County for half of amount of travel and expenses. She also added that the Contract for Public Health Services between Anaconda-Deerlodge County and Granite County is coming up for renewal and that she will get in touch with Billie Ann Kulaski to get on the agenda soon, adding that she thinks things are going very well.

Granite County Public Health Assistant, Jackie Bolster announced that she will be leading the Walk with Ease Program in the Drummond area and that Kim Hendel is volunteering to lead the program in the Philipsburg Area. Jackie Bolster will also be working with the American Red Cross to install smoke alarms in residents' homes on May 20th. The American Red Cross will also be accompanying Jackie Bolster to a local Rotary meeting on May 19th to discuss programs that are available through them. She also added that there will be a Blood Drive through the American Red Cross taking place in July. Jackie Bolster has also been preparing for an evidence-based activity as part of FICMMR (Fetal, Infant, Child, and Maternal Mortality Review), following the death of child in the County during a house fire. The evidence-based activity will incorporate educational programming about fire safety through a presentation at each of the County schools.

BOARD MINUTES; Commissioner McLure moved to accept the Board minutes for April 19, 2022. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE;

A notice from District Judge Dayton was received stating that he plans to return to live court in Granite County effective the week of May 2, 2022.

The Agenda for the LEPC Special Meeting for April 27, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Philipsburg Town Hall was received.

A Notice was received from the Montana Department of Administration announcing the FFY 2021 Federal Forest Reserve Payments.