**DUI TASK FORCE MEETING**

**MINUTES – September 7, 2022**

The Granite County DUI Task Force met on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in open meeting at the Granite County Courthouse’s District Courtroom for its normally scheduled meeting. The meeting was called to Order by Sheriff Scott Dunkerson at 1:06 p.m. Task Force members in attendance included the following Sheriff Scott Dunkerson; Blaine Bradshaw, Granite County Attorney; Claudette Parke, Granite County Attorney’s Office (non-voting); and Dirk Sichveland. Sgt. Dave Oliverson, Montana Highway Patrol was not in attendance.

Sheriff Dunkerson noted that a quorum was present for this meeting.

**Reading of the Minutes:** The meeting minutes from March 2, 2022 were reviewed and approved. A motion for approval of the March 2, 2022 minutes was made by County Attorney, Blaine Bradshaw and seconded by Dirk Sichveland with all voting in favor of the motion.

**FINANCIALS:**  Sheriff Scott Dunkerson stated that the balance in the Task Force account is $2,225.65, a copy of such was provided to all in attendance. Sheriff Scott Dunkerson shared an email that was received showing $300 reinstatement fees that were received for the task force that quarter and that they would continue to come due to the DUI Task Force Plan that is in effect. Sheriff Dunkerson did provide a copy of the budge report to the Task Force which will be effective until June 30, 2023.

Sheriff Dunkerson stated that the catering license fees would be going int the DUI Task Force Budge from this point on. It could add up to a substantial amount throughout the year. It was discussed that the catering liquor license cost $35 per event and there should be approximately $8000 added into the Task Force Budget for this current year for a total balance of approximately $10,000 in the Task Force Budget.

**MIP/DUI REPORT:** Sheriff Scott Dunkerson provided the MIP/DUI report for the last couple months from the sheriff’s office with reporting 10 new DUI’s in the past few months and no MIP’s with 2 drug cases pending with no MIP over the summer. Dirk Sichveland asked Sheriff Dunkerson if he felt like the rise in the number of DUI’s in the county is up due to the amount of people that have moved into the area recently. Sheriff Dunkerson agreed and shared that the calls for service have been more than any year previous to 2022.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Sheriff Scott Dunkerson stated the Deputies are needing more gift cards and there was a discussion regarding where to purchase as the last ones were purchased from Kikos, County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw moved that $200 be approved for gift cards from the Hall Store or other local business. Dirk Sichveland seconded the motion with all voted in favor of the motion.

Sheriff Dunkerson provided copies of the recent DUI Patrols that members of the Granite County Sheriff’s Office have done over the summer.

Sheriff Dunkerson also shared with the Task Force that Deputy Ed Royce was the new SRO for the local schools and that he had impressed upon Deputy Royce the importance of educational events at the school. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw made a motion to approve $1,500 toward a speaker/educational event for Deputy Ed Royce to utilize at his discretion. Dirk Sichveland seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the motion.

Additionally, County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw moved to authorize $3500 for future DUI patrols for upcoming events at Sheriff Dunkerson’s discretion during the current fiscal year 2022-2023. This motion was seconded by Dirk Sichveland and all voted in favor of the pending motion.

Dirk Sichveland shared that during the recent Flint Creek Valley Days that he hadn’t had any calls for a sober ride home even though he had given a flyer to the businesses in town.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**  The Task Force listed the following upcoming events: Brewfest would be held in October and Homecoming activities at the area schools.

**NEW BUSINESS:**  County Attorney, Blaine Bradshaw shared that he had been in contact with Philipsburg School Superintendent and that he may have someone interested in being a student member of the Task Force. It was also stated that Deputy Ed Royce may have someone in mind as well.

The position on the Task Force that was vacated by Dwayne Ulrich due to health issues has been advertised by the group was unaware if anyone had expressed any interest. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw stated he would ask the Commission to advertise the position again.

County Attorney, Blaine Bradshaw made a motion to approve $300 for Anna Belle Locke to use towards a speaker as was discussed in the meeting today. Sgt. Dave Oliverson seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**  None were discussed

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 1:00 pm in the Granite County Courthouse District Courtroom. Meetings are held, per the by-laws, on the first Wednesday of March, May, September and December.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.