

October 22, 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 Assistant, Billie Ann Kulaski, Commission Assistant Miranda Williams, and Granite County Attorney, Blaine Bradshaw, who attended a portion of the agenda items in-person. 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 Road & Bridge Superintendent, Paul Alt; Granite Resident, James Prusa; Granite County Treasurer, Ashley Todd; Great West Engineering Business Unit Manager & P.E., Jeremiah Theys; Granite County Clerk & Recorder, Sarah Graham; and members of the general public including Eric Anderson, and Elena Gagliano.

BOARD MINUTES; Commissioner Hinkle moved to accept the board minutes for October 15, 2024. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There were no public comments received. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE;

Electronic mail was received from Debbie Peters, a resident on Travelers Home Lane. She wanted to express her thanks for the maintenance work that was completed on that Lane.

A letter was received from Blackfoot Communications regarding the capital credit allocation. After completing their federal tax filings for 2023, their Board of Trustees was able to allocate more than \$13M to cooperative member accounts for the 2023 calendar year. The funds are used to replace worn out equipment and facilities of the Cooperative.

Electronic mail was received from the BLM seeking nominations for the Public Lands Rule Advisory Committee. The nomination period is open until November 18, 2024.

Electronic mail was received from MACo concerning HB 819, providing relevant information related to County involvement. Commissioner McLure noted that the County didn't designate anything to a Community Reinvestment Organization.

Public comment was received from Elena Gagliano concerning the correspondence from MACo about HB 819 asking if it would be on a future agenda. Commissioner McLure responded that they have already discussed the piece of correspondence and it is not something the Commissioners feel need to be on a future agenda. Elena Gagliano raised concern over not having additional public engagement about HB 819. Commissioner McLure clarified that Granite County is not participating in a Community Reinvestment Organization at this time, making the correspondence informational.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment was received from Elena Gagliano noting that she had suggested the previous week concerning meeting documents, asking the County to screenshare documents.

She asked if this was going to be explored further. Commissioner McLure noted that she doesn't feel that it is necessary to share documents during the session. Commissioner Adler agreed.

Elena Gagliano commented further raising concern over the process the Commissioners operate by. Commissioner McLure responded that suggestions are taken under advisement. Elena Gagliano provided additional concerns over the operations within the County Commissioner's Office.

ROAD & BRIDGE WEEKLY REPORT; & SOLID WASTE UPDATE WITH ROAD & BRIDGE SUPERINTENDENT PAUL ALT; Granite County Road & Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt joined the session to provide an update on projects across the County. The Crews have been doing patching and blading roads. Paul Alt noted that the cold patch is coming in the next couple of weeks, which will enable the Crew to address some of the deeper holes. The Crew has some cattleguards to clean out and one to implement on Travelers Home Lane. The Culvert project the County has been discussing will be one this Thursday and then they are hoping to move over and work on Willow Creek Road. The salt will be delivered to day for both sides of the County and Crews will get it mixed for the winter season. Blackfoot Communications reached out to Paul Alt and he will be meeting with them next week to discuss some maintenance concerns following their Fiber Optic Project. Paul Alt added that last week the USFS bladed Lakeshore Drive, but only to Eccleston Bay. The section from Eccleston Bay to the Fire Department still needs bladed, and he recommended sending a letter to the USFS requesting them to blade the other half prior to the winter months. Commissioner Adler noted that a resident living on Gillespie Road, a USFS road, has asked that County to plow a section of the roadway to enable those living off the road to access their properties during the winter months. Paul Alt went and looked at the road, which is a single lane road with lots of turn-outs and stated it is too much liability for the County to take on. Paul Alt explained that the Philipsburg School District would like to use the loader to fill some potholes in their parking area. The Commissioners agreed that this is acceptable.

Solid Waste Update- There were some maintenance issues that needed to be addressed at the Drummond Site over the weekend that have been fixed. The cash boxes have also been implemented at both Sites.

JAMES PRUSA ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT UPDATE; The Commission was joined by Granite Road resident, James Prusa, he provided the County with an update on the work he has completed on Granite Road. James Prusa recently met with Paul Alt to discuss some culvert replacements and other maintenance matters, presenting the Commission with a maintenance plan that can be attached to the current agreement. The County will provide two 12-foot culverts, that the group will implement under the agreement in effect, which renews year-over-year for the next three years. The group also discussed some trees that are within the County right-of-way that need to be removed. James Prusa is capable of removing the trees and has included this in his plan. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the plan with changes as an amendment to the Road Maintenance Agreement.

Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There were no public comments received and the motion passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed with County Attorney an interaction earlier in the session with Elena Gagliano. Chairperson McLure stated that public comment was received earlier from Elena Gagliano in which Elena Gagliano was upset a matter that a certain matter correspondence was not set for a future Commission agenda item. Chairperson McLure said the letter was informal on public housing grants (CRO Program), and that the Commission decided not to act on it. Elena Gagliano then responded to the ongoing discussion, noting that the Commission are public officials and that all matters of the Commission should be in the open and transparent. The group had a further discussion concerning video being used via the Zoom platform.

GEORGETOWN LAKE OUTFLOW; DAM TENDER'S REPORT; The lake level was reported at 6427.84 feet; 19.92 inches below full pool, according to the USGS lake level gage and the dam tender's report for the week. The County was approved to operate under a temporary modification order last week, releasing 6 CFS from the reservoir until sufficient precipitation is received. Commissioner Hinkle moved to continue releasing 6 CFS under the approved temporary modification consent agreement; in alignment with the current FERC Order in place. Commissioner McLure seconded the motion. There were no public comments and the motion passed two to one with Commissioner Adler dissenting.

MONTHLY CLAIMS; The Commission reviewed the monthly claims. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the claims for the month of September 2024. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There were no public comments received and the motion passed unanimously.

EDWARDS TRACT A PROJECT LEASE AMENDMENT; The Commission reviewed the updated lease agreement with Edwards Tract A Project, as discussed, the week previous. Commissioner Adler moved to approve and sign the amended lease agreement with Edwards Tract A Marina Project. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There were no public comments and the motion passed unanimously.

FLINT CREEK PROJECT RESPONSES REQUESTED FOR FERC; 2023 DSSMR UPDATE; 2024 DAM SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT; 2024 EAP UPDATE; 2024 ODSP UPDATE); The Commission was joined by Great West Engineering Business Unit Manager & P.E., Jeremiah Theys. The group reviewed the requested responses for FERC. Jeremiah Theys walked the Commission through each response and their respective plan & schedule in regards to the project. Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve and file the requested responses to FERC (2023 DSSMR Update; 2024 Dam Safety Inspection Report; 2024 EAP Update; and 2024 ODSP Update). Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There were no public comments and the motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL MATTER- CLOSED SESSION; The Commission went into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Closed meeting minutes will be made and maintained privately in the Granite County Courthouse.

The Session Adjourned at 11:20 a.m.