

**October 29, 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, and Commissioner Hinkle attending. Commissioner Adler was excused for the day. Also attending were Commissioner Assistant, Billie Ann Kulaski, Commission Assistant Maranda 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 Great West Engineering Business Unit Manager & P.E., Jeremiah Theys; Public Health and Safety Coordinator Jackie Bolster; FERC P.E. Kareem Bynoe; and members of the general public Norris Amundson, Mike Martin and Elena Gagliano.**

**BOARD MINUTES; Commissioner Hinkle moved to accept the board minutes for October 22, 2024. Commissioner McLure seconded the motion. There were no public comments received. The motion passed unanimously.**

**CORRESPONDENCE;**

**Electronic mail received from Beaverhead-Deerlodge Working Group Co-Chair Vaia Errett inviting the commissioners to their upcoming meeting on November 6th, 2024 with the option of zoom to attend virtually. Commissioner Hinkle stated he might want to attend these meetings to represent Granite County. He added that he would like to do this after his term as a Commissioner ends in December 2024; and that he would ask to be reimbursed for mileage to attend the meetings.**

**Electronic mail was received from MACO regarding 2024 Project Green Light for Veteran's Day.**

**Electronic mail was received from Headwaters RCD regarding potential implementation of the Montana Community Reinvestment Plan (MCRP) program in the Headwaters region. Commissioner McLure noted that the County is not opting into this program and inquired how the allocation of the funds will work. The County will reach out to Headwaters RCD for more information.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Public comment was received from Elena Gagliano noting that she had suggested the regarding green light; suggested there are links to see how to participate. She also mentioned that the agenda has a new name on it for the Commissioners Assistant and wondering if she is in attendance; noted she missed Maranda getting the job.**

**Public comment received from Mike Martin thanking the Commission for supporting the addition of Montana Public Radio to the radio tower at Rumsey Mountain.**

Public comment was received from Elena Gagliano stating she couldn't see where Maranda Williams is noted on the agenda or meeting minutes from the 8<sup>th</sup> of October, 2025.

Public comment was received from Norris Amundson regarding nuisance dog in Drummond. Commissioner McLure suggested he call Attorney Bradshaw on the matter.

**ROAD & BRIDGE WEEKLY REPORT; & SOLID WASTE UPDATE WITH ROAD & BRIDGE SUPERINTENDENT PAUL ALT;** Granite County Road & Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt was excused from the session. Commissioners McLure and Hinkle reported there are no updates.

**GEORGETOWN LAKE OUTFLOW; DAM TENDER'S REPORT;** The lake level was reported at 6427.85 feet; 19.8 inches below full pool, according to the USGS lake level gage and the dam tender's report for the week. Commissioner Hinkle moved to continue releasing 6 CFS which matches the estimated inflows; in alignment with the current FERC Order in place. Commissioner McLure seconded the motion. There were no public comments and the motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS: PAUL O'LEARY VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD; SAM DENNIS FLINT CREEK FSA; CHARLES HOGONSON GTL VOLUNTEER FIRE; RON WETSCH GRANITE COUNTY WEED BOARD; RON WETSCH VALLEY CEMETERY DISTRICT BOARD;** The Commission reviewed the requests for reappointment to county boards. Commissioner Hinkle moved to reappoint Paul O'Leary to the Valley Fire District Board; Sam Dennis Flint Creek FSA; Charles Hogonson GTL Volunteer Fire; Ron Wetsch Granite County Weed Board; Ron Wetsch Valley Cemetery District Board; Commissioner McLure seconded the motion. There were no public comments received and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioners Assistant will follow up and send them a letter for reappointment.

**COUNTYS HALL RENTAL HOUSE ISSUE OF RETURN OF SECURITY DEPOSIT;** The Commission reviewed and discussed the return of security deposit for recent tenants. There have been plumbing and electrical issue within the house. Based upon a walk-through, the rental house was found to be clean, but there is a non-working fridge that needs to be removed that is on the porch that the County road crew will be asked to take to the solid waste site. Attorney Bradshaw suggested work to be done before it is rented again. Commissioner Hinkle stated that a plumber didn't show up when called in the past and recommended local contractor Dave Kesler to do the work. Commissioner McLure suggested the County obtain a licensed plumber and electrician. Bradshaw proposed they get their full deposit (\$500) returned. The County will reach out to a certified plumber and electrician to complete the work before the house is re-rented. Commissioner Hinkle motioned to return the full deposit (\$500) to tenants. Commissioner McLure seconded the motion. There were no public comments received and the motion passed unanimously.

**FERC QUARTERLY CALL;** The Commission was joined by Great West Engineering Business Unit Manager & P.E., Jeremiah Theys; Public Health and Safety Coordinator Jackie Bolster; and FERC P.E. Kareem Bynoe. The group discussed the recent submittal of

**e-files to FERC that include corrective action plans and schedules. FERC is working on reviewing the documents and will respond to the County with comments in the coming weeks. Kareem Bynoe discussed the upcoming Comprehensive Analysis (CA) that is due January of 2027. Jeremiah Theys suggested that the County begin looking for a consultant in the spring of 2025, coordinate the inspection to occur in fall of 2025, and use 2026 to complete the other deliverables associated with the CA. Public comment was received from Elena Gagliano inquiring to where the correspondence between the County and FERC can be located. Kareem Bynoe explained that all correspondence is posted to FERC's E-Library on the FERC website and that a link can be provided. Attorney Bradshaw added that the link could be added to the County's website to assist members of the public to locate documentation that is publicly available.**

**The Session Adjourned at 11:28 a.m.**