

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 4TH, 11TH, 18TH AND 25THOF JUNE 2024 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2024 WERE APPROVED AS:

WARRANT	AMOUNT
62418 VISA #1	INOVALON;STRAIGHT TALK;ETC \$729.65
62419 VISA #2	HOME DEPOT & HARBOR FREIGHT \$588.67
62420 VISA #3	USPS; HOTELS; ETC \$1,826.36
62421 UTILITY TRAILER SALES OF CO	BELLY DUMP \$42,670.00
62422 360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	MONTHLY SUPPLIES \$2,888.47
62423 ALLISON CASH	TRAINING/PRIMARY ELECTION \$192.13
62424 AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	\$35.08
62425 ANACONDA LEADER	BALLOTS \$4,554.10
62426 AUDREY COLLINS	TRAINING/PRIMARY ELECTION \$197.28
62427 BARBARA HARTMAN	PRIMARY ELECTION \$144.20
62428 BEAST MOWED LAWNCARE LLC	GRASS CUTTING \$140.00
62429 BIG STATE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	NITRILE GLOVES \$428.40
62430 BLACKFOOT CFT	MAY BILLING \$3,883.54
62431 CARI VERLANIC	TRAINING/SETUP/PRIMARY ELECTION \$224.68
62432 CAROL BOHRNSEN	TRAVEL, POSTAGE, SUPPLIES \$1,785.71
62433 CENTURYLINK	FCP PHONE \$79.13
62434 CLAUDETTE PARKE	PRIMARY ELECTION \$77.25
62435 COMDATA	MAY BILLING \$7,306.05
62436 CONTROL SOLUTIONS	SP DATA LOGGER KITS \$388.00
62437 CULLIGAN	HOT/COLD RENTAL - OUT OF TOWN \$60.25
62438 DEX IMAGING	METEER READS & TONER \$871.40
62439 DIANA YOUNG	TRAINING/PRIMARY ELECTION \$149.35
62440 DIS TECHNOLOGIES	MANAGED SERVICES \$1,797.60
62441 DRUMMOND COMMUNITY HALL	ELECTION RENTASL & DSR RENT \$445.00
62442 DUNNE COMMUNICATIONS	KENWOOD RADIO \$420.00
62443 ENERGY PARTNERS LLC	PROPANE \$177.88
62444 FAURE HOLDEN, PC	INTERVIEWS \$1,170.00
62445 GENERAL DISTRIBUTING CO.	\$418.74
62446 GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE \$284.42
62447 GRANITE DISPOSAL	PICKUP FEES \$366.00
62448 GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	FC DAM SRVC, DNRC RRGL \$6,555.50
62449 HOGAN'S RANCH & BUILDERS	SUPPLIES \$214.63
62450 HUFFMAN GROCERY	INMATE MEALS \$908.31
62451 HUFFMAN GROCERY	ELECTION MEAL & CH WATER \$90.04
62452 JACKIE BOLSTER	MILEAGE \$167.02
62453 JILL JOHNSON	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT \$294.96
62454 JOAN WILLIAMS	TRAINING/PRIMARY ELECTION \$164.80
62455 JOHN BARBARA	TRAINING/PRIMARY ELECTION \$178.31
62456 KAYLA SANDERS	PRIMARY ELECTION \$106.52
62457 KESLER KUSTOM SHOPS	JAIL CELL FAUCET REPLACEMENT \$360.00
62458 LESLIE NELSON	TRAINING/PRIMARY ELECTION \$207.89
62459 LISA CAMPBELL	TRAINING/PRIMARY ELECTION \$272.00
62460 MAKENZIE PRINCE	TRAVEL/TRAINING \$114.00
62461 MARETTA MCGOWAN	PRIMARY ELECTION \$110.54
62462 MCGOWAN WATER CONDITIONING	HOT/COLD RENTAL \$13.50
62463 MIDWEST LABORATORIES, INC	GARDEN PACKAGES \$68.00
62464 MISSOULA TEXTILE SERVICES	RUGS \$441.50
62465 MONTANA ASSO OF CLERKS OF DIST	AUG/24 - JUL/25 DUES \$500.00
62466 MONTANA MAGISTRATES ASSOC	FY25 DUES \$300.00
62467 MONTANA WOOLGROWERS ASSOC	MONTANA WOOLGROWERS ASSOC \$188.00
62468 MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	\$2,834.32
62469 NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS \$91.30
62470 NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO	EMULSION/SPRAY WELDMENT \$10,185.00
62471 NORTHWEST INDUST SUPPLY CO.INC.	REFLECTIVE VESTS \$227.87
62472 NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS, INC	CHEMICALS \$18,274.00
62473 PATTI SAVAGE	TRAINING/PRIMARY ELECTION \$210.03
62474 PFENDLER POST & POLE INC	TREATED POSTS \$143.75
62475 PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION \$55.00
62476 PHILIPSBURG MARKETING GROUP	WEBSITE MAINTENANCE \$50.00
62477 PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF	WATER/SEWER USAGE \$449.00
62478 POSTMASTER	BOX FEES/POSTAGE \$316.16
62479 PROPANE SERVICES INNOVATED	MONITOR FEE/TANK MONITOR \$1,099.00
62480 REPUBLIC SERVICES #889	PICK UP SRVC \$11,573.82
62481 REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	\$7,752.89
62482 ROBBIE HOUSE	TRAINING/ELECTION \$164.80
62483 ROGER CAMPBELL	TRAINING/PRIMARY ELECTION \$164.80
62484 SARAH BABCOCK	PRIMARY ELECTION \$87.76
62485 SCOTT ADLER	ROADS \$167.50
62486 SHED HORN HAULING, LLC	LOWBOY HALL TO MISSOULA \$480.00

62487	SHI	MS OFFICE X2	\$602.00
62488	SOLE STONE REIMBURSEMENT SRVC	AMBULANCE BILLING	\$19.44
62489	SOLV BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	CLAIMS WARRANTS	\$285.33
62490	SUSANNE RETTIG	PRIMARY ELECTION	\$152.45
62491	TCS NORTHWEST, LLC	ELEVATOR/ADA UPGRADES	\$117,360.29
62492	VALLEY FOODS	DSR SUPPLIES	\$193.15
62493	VEN HARRISON SAVAGE	TRAINING/PRIMARY ELECTION	\$204.88
62494	VICKI HARDING	TREASURER TRAINING	\$1,532.20
62495	VICTORIA COX	TRAINING/SETUP/PRIMARY ELECTION	\$255.50
62496	WESTERN STATES EQUIPMENT	CUTTING EDGE X4, 430D SUPPLIES	\$1,433.02
62497	WILLOWROCK INC	SURVEYS	\$350.00
62498	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	MAY STATEMENTS	\$4,294.02
62499	VERIZON WIRELESS	MAY BILLING	\$904.04
62500	RESPONSE EQUIPMENT SPECIALISTS	DVA QRU OUTFIT	\$9,873.31
62501	BARBARA HARTMAN	ELECTION TRAINING	\$20.60
62502	CENTURYLINK	MT EMERGENCY BUNDLE	\$365.58
62503	DANA SAFETY SUPPLY, INC	REPAIR TO CGX	\$225.00
62504	DRUMMOND AMBULANCE ASSOC	TRAUMA KITS, CPR TRAINING	\$1,499.91
62505	DUSTBUSTERS INC	80.58 TON & FUEL	\$12,443.69
62506	ELENA GAGLIANO	ELECTION AUDIT	\$87.55
62507	ESTOP BUSINESS LICENSING	SCALE TEST/CERT FEE	\$600.00
62508	FICKLER OIL CO. INC.	607 GAL RED #2	\$1,936.33
62509	GRANITE COUNTY MUSEUM	PRIMARY 24 ELECTION RENTAL	\$200.00
62510	GREATER GOOD TACTICAL	TQ9 TARGETS	\$15.00
62511	HARLOW'S TRUCK CENTER-MISSOULA	EXHAUST MANIFOLD REPAIR	\$1,826.92
62512	JACKIE BOLSTER	MILEAGER & SUPPLIES	\$125.53
62513	KENWORTH SALES	LED BEACON	\$115.70
62514	KLS HYDRAULICS	HOSE, ELBOWS, CAPS, ETC	\$362.48
62515	LD MYSTIK	OIL CHANGE-SO	\$116.00
62516	MACO	INMATE MED INS	\$35.34
62517	MAPS INC	ONGOING MAP'G ADRS'G	\$2,421.50
62518	MARGARET R SCHLESINGER	ELECTION AUDIT	\$41.20
62519	MONTANA BOLT & HARDWARE	NUTS, COUPLERS, ETC	\$230.50
62520	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO	SAFETY CONES, ASPHALT EMULSION	\$5,464.00
62521	PATRIOT EXCAVATION, LLC	PBURG SEPTIC & WATER SYSTEM	\$16,883.00
62522	PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	SUBSCRIPTION AND AGENDA	\$283.00
62523	PINTLER PETROLEUM	851 GAL RED #2	\$3,164.87
62524	POSTMASTER	PO BOX 399 RENEWAL	\$154.00
62525	SLATE ARCHITECTURE	CONTRACT ADMIN	\$3,354.00
62526	STEEL, ETC.	CATTLE GUARDS & CULVERTS	\$14,890.00
62527	SUSAN ANTONIOLI	ELECTION AUDIT	\$46.35
62528	SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$420.00
62529	TRANSUNION RISK & ALT DATA	REPORTS & SEARCHES	\$144.00
62530	WILLIAM PATENAUDE, PHD	PRE EMPLOYMENT EVAL	\$650.00
62531	WOODLAND CREATIONS	SHERIFF, ROAD, CH SUPPLIES	\$251.27
		CLAIMS FUND TOTAL	\$345,714.81

WARRANT	JOB TITLE	AMOUNT	
	ADLER, SCOTT C	COMMISSIONER	\$2,823.30
	ALT, PAUL	ROAD SUPERVISOR	\$8,320.97
	BARKELL, JAMIE	CLERK	\$1,645.75
	BARKELL, RICO	DEPUTY	\$6,435.99
	BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	\$5,181.23
	BOLSTER, JACKIE R	PH COORDINATOR	\$4,269.30
	BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN	\$2,368.42
	BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER	\$6,295.35
	BRADSHAW, BLAINE C	COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$10,269.61
	BUTLER, JODI L	SOLID WASTE	\$3,714.96
	CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N	DISPATCH	\$3,644.80
	DUNKERSON, WAYNE S	SHERIFF	\$6,511.71
	FRATZKE, DEBBIE	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	\$2,547.01
	GALIHER, BRANDI	CLERK	\$1,976.91
	GRAHAM, SARAH E	CLERK & RECORDER	\$4,963.21
	HINKLE, CHARLES	COMMISSIONER	\$2,547.04
	HOEHNE, JOHNNIE	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$5,029.20
	HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$4,374.00
	JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$4,784.40
	KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE	\$4,101.36
20063	KRUGER, JARROD	DAM TENDER	\$707.45
	KULASKI, BILLIE	ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSION	\$4,104.00
20064	LENZ, RICK R	DEPUTY	\$683.76
	LOOBEY, THERESA R	DEPUTY TREASURER	\$4,120.66
	MAPES, JEREMY	SPRAYER	\$3,357.00
	MCDONNELL, FRED N	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$371.04
20065	MCHALEY, MELODY	DISPATCHER	\$3,703.43
	MCLURE, BLANCHE A	COMMISSIONER	\$2,412.32

	MICKEY, REBECCA	DEPUTY CLERK AND RECORDER	\$4,120.66
	MORRIS, SARAH	DISPATCH	\$1,618.54
	NIENHUIS, CHERYL	TITLE CLERK	\$3,569.60
20067	PALMER, KAREN P	VACA/SICK PAYOUT	\$6,082.80
	PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY	\$4,364.48
	PARRET, BRYCE	DEPUTY	\$4,152.60
	PEDERSON, DAVID	O/M	\$3,877.45
	PERRY, BRIDGETTE	SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS	\$386.80
	PRINCE, MAKENZIE T	DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT	\$3,488.39
	RETTIG, SCOTT	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY	\$1,437.77
	RETTIG, SUSANNE	RELIEF	\$777.10
	ROBINSON, CHRISTOPHER	DEPUTY	\$6,291.47
20066	ROBINSON, DEBRA	PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE	\$4,326.96
	SCHMIDT, JERRI	DISPATCHER	\$3,049.12
	SHEPARD, RAYLENE O	DISPATCHER	\$4,082.45
	STROEBE, RAYMOND	WEED SPRAYER	\$2,989.80
	SVALESON, DAVID	OPERATOR	\$4,120.20
	TODD, ASHLEY	INTERIM TREASURER	\$4,778.51
	VICEDOMINI, KRISTEN	DISPATCHER	\$1,630.41
	VILLA, JASON	DEPUTY	\$4,378.83
	WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$4,417.20
	WEBER, MARLENA	DEPUTY	\$4,883.28
	WILKINS, KENNETH D	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$4,330.80
	51 EMPLOYEES	TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	\$194,419.40

WARRANT	AMOUNT
20063 JARROD KRUGER	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
20064 RICK R LENZ	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
20065 MELODY MCHALEY	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
20066 DEBRA ROBINSON	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
20067 KAREN P PALMER	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
20068 AFLAC L & D	\$1,213.44
20068 BCBS BMC	\$278.30
20068 FIT	\$12,184.64
20068 HSA ADMIN FEE	\$47.50
20068 MACOHSA	\$4,514.00
20068 MEDICARE	\$5,355.44
20068 P.E.R.S.	\$25,732.22
20068 NATIONWIDE	\$3,135.00
20068 SHERIFF RETIRE	\$7,709.58
20068 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$22,899.14
20068 TRS	\$63.43
20069 CHILD SUPPORT	\$369.80
20070 HARTFORD	\$1,321.40
20070 MACO DENTAL	\$2,264.00
20070 MACO VISION	\$746.00
20070 MACOHCT	\$47,474.00
20071 IUOE 400	\$438.00
20072 SIT	\$4,850.00
20073 UNION - PENSION	\$559.25
TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES	\$141,155.14

GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONER’S MINUTES

June 4, 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’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 Road & Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt; *Philipsburg Mail* Editor, Amelia Wood; Granite County Solid Waste Clerk, Scott Rettig; Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) Fisheries Biologist, Adam Strainer, and FWP Water

Conservationist Stephen Begley; Granite County Custodian, Janeen Bonney; and members of the general public including Elena Gagliano, Scott McDonald, and Jim Bacquet.

BOARD MINUTES; Commissioner Hinkle moved to accept the board minutes for May 28, 2024. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. Commissioner Hinkle noted that there was one correction that was made. There were no public comments received. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE; A news release was received from the BLM concerning the BLM drilling a new water well at Devil's Elbow Campground on Hauser Lake.

An email was received from Brady Needles inquiring to sewer line locations and requesting the blue prints for 102 W Kearney Street. Brady Needles was informed that the County does not have that information and that he would need to reach out to the Town of Philipsburg with concerns over sewer lines.

An email was received from Senator Tester's Office providing information about EMS funding sources. This email will be shared with the Volunteer Ambulance Associations.

A save-the-date was received from Montana Association of Dam & Canal Systems for the annual conference on October 29, 2024 in Butte Montana. This correspondence will be shared with the Dam Tender.

An email was received from MACo concerning the MDT request for local priorities on bridge repairs and replacement; focusing on the available use of SB 536.

The end-of-the-month disbursement report was received from Granite County Justice Court; the monthly total was \$8,741.50

An FAQ packet concerning the proposed Philipsburg Resort Tax was received from the Town of Philipsburg.

A memorandum from the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust was received, announcing the official acceptance of the first round of grant applications for funding from the National Opioid Settlement.

A letter from the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority was received, requesting that Granite County consider budgeting \$1,310.00 on a volunteer basis for FY 2025. This matter will be discussed when the budgets are addressed.

No public comment was received on Correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was received.

ROAD & BRIDGE WEEKLY REPORT; CONTRACT HAULING TO GO-OUT TO BID; & SOLID WASTE UPDATE WITH ROAD & BRIDGE SUPERINTENDENT PAUL ALT; Granite County Road & Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt joined the session to provide an update of projects across the County including blading and pot hole filling (dura patching). The Crew is working on Rock Creek today, but they have been working on general maintenance on roadways across the County. The mag truck and water truck should be ready for the season in the coming week, after various repairs and maintenance have been completed. The Commission discussed the stealing of cones up on Georgetown Lake Road. The cones have been placed twice and stolen. This was reported to the Granite County Sheriff's Office. The cones have been placed in preparation for the locate, so the Road Crew can implement the electronic speed signs the Commission approved in September of 2024. Commissioner Adler raised concern over implementing the signs if the cones are continually being stolen, and referenced an issue with stop signs on Rumsey Road. Commissioner McLure raised concern over not implementing the signs, since the Commissioners made that obligation to area residents. The County insurance policy was discussed and how the \$2K deductible would go into effect if the electronic signs were damaged. County Attorney Bradshaw suggested a possible camera be attached to the sign (in a protected steel box). Commissioner Hinkle suggested noticing the issues in the newspaper, and added that the signage should be implemented before the 4th of July Holiday. The group discussed the cross walk (with signage) that was to be implemented on Georgetown Lake Road near Denton's Point. The minutes from the September session were read to confirm that implementation of the crosswalk (proper signage and painted walk) was to be completed with the electronic

signage. Commissioner Adler moved to implement the crosswalk and accompanying signage, if there is vandalism to the signage the County will not move forward with implementation of the electronic speed signs. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There were no public comments received and the motion passed unanimously. Attorney Bradshaw noted that he will confirm the amount of space required between the signage and the regulations regarding painted crosswalk and provide the details to the Granite County Road Department.

The Commission reviewed the purchase agreement for a belly dump out of Colorado. The total price with delivery to the Hall Shop is \$42,679.00. Commissioner Hinkle moved to go forward with the purchase of the belly dump for \$42,679.00. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There were no public comments received and the motion passed unanimously.

Paul Alt provided information for a new grader that he proposed the County purchase through the buy-back program. Payments would begin in FY 2026 at the rate of \$35,781.00 annually. Through the program there would be a guaranteed government buy-back from the organization at a rate of \$300K. Commissioner McLure raised concern over the purchase of more new equipment when the County is still trying to pay of the InterCap Loan that was used to refinance almost one million dollars' worth of equipment payments. She noted that the County has had to supplement the Road Fund out of PILT in recent years and has been working to get the Road Department solvent. She added that the County is already taking from PILT to support the capital projects for the Granite County Courthouse in FY 2025. The Commission will take this under consideration during budget preparations.

Paul Alt provided an Encroachment Permit for approval from the Commission. The permit was reviewed and signed off on.

Solid Waste Report: Granite County Solid Waste Clerk, Scott Rettig joined the session and explained that things are going well. He discussed concerns from the public that he has been dealing with in regard to billing as well as resolving the issue of residents that are using the Solid Waste Site, but do not have refuse tied to the property taxes (no habitable structure), and have not purchased a unit. The County has been receiving payments from those who have been billed that are Granite Disposal Customers and still use the Solid Waste Sites to dump. The group discussed how the policy is affecting renters. Attorney Bradshaw noted that it is between the tenant and landlord to negotiate how the fees for dumping will be determined.

Paul Alt asked that the Commission go into a closed session, as he needed to update them an emergent personnel issue. The Commission closed the session to address the issue.

Public comment was received from Elena Gagliano stating that closing the meeting for personnel matters is a violation of MCA 2-3-203.

GEORGETOWN LAKE OUTFLOW; DAM TENDER'S REPORT; The lake level was reported at 6429.16 feet; 4.08 inches below full pool, according to the USGS lake level gage and the dam tender's report for the week. The group discussed the raising water and upcoming weather for the Georgetown Lake area. Attorney Bradshaw cautioned water could potentially go over the spillway this spring, but the County does have the gate valves that can be utilized. Commissioner Adler noted that he doesn't think the water will reach the spillway. Commissioner Hinkle moved to continue releasing 30 CFS in alignment with the current FERC order in place. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. Public comment was received from Scott McDonald confirming the outflow of 30 CFS. There were no further public comments received and the motion passed unanimously.

UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTION – EXTENSION OFFICE SECRETARY; The Commission reviewed the updated job description for the Extension Office Secretary position. Billie Ann Kulaski worked with Extension Agent Ben Hauptman to draft the job description and weigh it against the compensable factors to determine the classification. The new job description classifies the position as a Grade 8, formerly the position was a Grade 7 on the Granite County pay matrix. Commissioner Adler motioned to accept the updated job description and reclassify the Extension Office Secretary as a Grade 8. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion.

Public comment was received from Elena Gagliano voicing concern over the Extension Office not having a web pages as part of the Granite County Website. She inquired if the Extension Office spans multiple Counties and how the Extension Agent is for Granite County. The County will update the website to ensure that the Extension Office is represented. The Commission explained that Ben Hauptman is the Extension Agent and works for MSU but is contracted to Granite County, and the Secretary would be paid by Granite County as an employee. They also provided details for the Extension Office Secretary and how that role supports the Extension Office to run programs like the County 4-H Program. Attorney Bradshaw clarified that the Extension Office works with the Tri-County Fair as well, but is distinguished from Fair Board operations. There were no further comments and the motioned passed unanimously.

POTENTIAL PROPOSALS AND PLAN FOR SOLID WASTE OPERATIONS (TRANSPORT OF WASTE AND LANDFILL DUMPING FEES); The Commissioners discussed that the County is preparing to review a contract proposal from an outside agency as well as the contract renewal with Republic Services. Commissioner McLure clarified that this is not for Solid Waste Operations, but for the fees to transport from the Solid Waste Sites. Attorney Bradshaw noted that the solid waste transport fees do come from the Solid Waste District. Commissioner McLure added that there is confusion from the public thinking that Grizzly Disposal is coming in to take over. Commissioner McLure explained that right now the County has a contract with Republic to haul solid waste to Missoula, and there is another interested vendor who has a proposal to haul solid waste to Deer Lodge. The Commission discussed that there are no other organization in the area that provide this type of service, except for Republic Services and Grizzly Disposal. Therefore, they will review the contract renewal from Republic Services and the proposed contract from Grizzly Disposal at the same time and decide. The County will only accept a contract on the condition that the contracting company has the requisite permits to haul. This matter will be on an upcoming agenda (June 18, 2024).

PERSONNEL MATTER – PERFORMANCE REVIEW; The Commission went into a closed session to deliver a performance review for a Granite County employee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

June 10, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in a special session at the Flint Creek Project Site at Georgetown Lake for the Annual Inspection (FERC) with Commissioner McLure and Commissioner Adler attending. Also attending were Commissioner's Assistant, Billie Ann Kulaski; Granite County Public Health & Safety Coordinator, Jackie Bolster; FERC Project Engineer Kareem Bynoe; Granite County Dam Tender, Jarrod Kruger; Flint Creek Hydrodynamics Operator, Paul Tallon; Flint Creek Hydrodynamics Engineer, Ben Singer; and Great West Engineering Project Engineers, Jonathan Weaver and Ben Windour. The public was also allowed to attend in person and provide comment. Local resident, Elena Gagliano joined the group for the inspection.

The Inspection commenced with introductions and Kareem Bynoe reviewing upcoming items the County needed to be aware of, including the Comprehensive Analysis that is due to FERC in 2027. This process will include a new PFMA and Risk Assessment. Jackie Bolster inquired about the Public Safety Plan, as many of the signs around the area have faded and need replaced. Kareem Bynoe noted that the County is required to send in an updated Public Safety Plan in 2026; and the signs can be replaced as long as they are in alignment with how the signage is outlined in the current plan. Commissioner Adler noted that cement barriers could be brought into the area to prevent cars from driving down the embankment and deter people from the area. Public comment was received from Elena Gagliano inquiring about the pilings that were discussed when the FERC license was originally applied for. Kareem Bynoe responded that this would potentially be looked at during the comprehensive analysis, but that the pilings are likely fine.

The group reviewed how documentation and communication is coordinated between all of the stakeholders. Then checked the piezometers, noting that at the end of the summer, the area around the piezometer caps will likely need additional cold patch applied to protect the caps during the winter months (snowplowing). The group walked the project. Kareem Bynoe noted that he had concerns over the vegetation around the project and growing on the

face of the dam. He noted that the vegetation needs to be removed from the dam face, and that any vegetation with a large root base needs to be taken care of so they don't impact the stability of the grounds. He emphasized the importance of reviewing the vegetation management plan within the license agreement to ensure alignment when removing such vegetation. Kareem Bynoe noted that the dam face is bowing a bit and the group reviewed the survey points utilized annually. Kareem Bynoe reviewed items the Dam Tender needs to measure and keep an eye on pertaining to the project; and report to the Chief Dam Safety Engineer as necessary. Kareem Bynoe also noted that the drainage from the water on the roadway is washing away the sediment and draining onto the spillway. The group descended down the vault to the gates to ensure they are in operable condition; and completed a full cycle inside of the vault. Then they accessed the outlet works at the toe of the dam where concrete deterioration was documented during the 2021 Part 12D inspection and evaluated by Great West. Following the inspection at the dam, the group went to the Power House with Flint Creek Hydrodynamics to review operations and ensure the current EAP was posted.

The Inspection was completed at 1:45 p.m.

June 11, 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 Adler, attending. Commissioner Hinkle was excused for the day. 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 *Philipsburg Mail* Editor, Amelia Wood; Granite County Solid Waste Clerk, Scott Rettig; Philipsburg Community Library Chairperson, Sue Sweeney; Granite County Airport Board Chairperson, Donovan Jones; Granite County Custodian, Janeen Bonney; MSU Extension Office Agent, Ben Hauptman; Local Rancher, Pat Verlanic; Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) Fisheries Biologist Brad Liermann and FWP Water Conservationist Stephen Begley; Local Contractor, Dave Kesler; and members of the general public including Elena Gagliano.

BOARD MINUTES; Commissioner Adler moved to accept the board minutes for June 4, 2024. Commissioner McLure seconded the motion. There were no public comments received. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE; Electronic mail was received from Stahly Bridge & Transportation Department Manager & P.E., Kathy Thompson following up on the off-system bridge infrastructure in Granite County. She stated that Stahly Engineering will be reaching out to discuss further. This email was also sent to Road & Bridge Superintendent, Paul Alt.

Electronic mail was received from Yellowstone to Yukon Connectivity Coordinator, Morgan Marks providing an update on funding opportunities for the Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program.

Electronic mail was received from MACo providing funding opportunity information in association with the National Parks Foundation to Enhance and Protect America's Parks & Trails.

A response was received from Beaverhead-Deerlodge Working Group concerning the Commissioners request for more information over the "Support for Law Enforcement Officers". Darcy Warden invited the Commissioners to attend the BDWG meeting on August 7, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (virtually or in-person).

A flyer was received from Phillips 66 Pipeline LLC, providing information about safety and emergency preparedness operations concerning pipelines and / or terminals in Granite County.

Electronic mail was received from Linda Ferguson of Ferguson Cleaning Supplies providing information for logo mats; inquiring if the Commission would like to have them create logo floor mats for Granite County.

Electronic mail was received from Jim Bacquet inquiring how to locate past recordings of Commissioner meetings. Commission Assistant, Billie Ann Kulaski responded with the requested information. Commissioner McLure noted that the video pertains to public comment session when Commissioner McLure covered the camera with a piece of paper. She stated that she understands that from his perspective it could look odd; but that she was caught off guard, and there were no comments being made during that part of the session. Commissioner McLure added that she is the only Commissioner that uses a camera during the session and stated that she is getting scrutiny and that she believes all of the Commissioners should be under scrutiny. Attorney Bradshaw noted that the concern or question would be whether or not a meeting was closed, which it wasn't. He further suggested that when personnel matters (and the alike arise), the Commission Chair should state that the persons' right to privacy exceeds the public's right to know anytime they are closing a session. Attorney Bradshaw noted that the County and Mr. Bacquet should forward from past differences, getting along. Attorney Bradshaw meant this advice to be for both sides, including himself and Mr. Bacquet.

Certified mail was received from FEMA concerning the revised flood insurance rate map and flood insurance study for Granite County and incorporated areas. This was also sent to Granite County Planning Director, Linda Bouck. This matter will be on a future agenda for the Commissioners to adopt the updated maps.

Electronic mail was received from Trout Unlimited Project Manager, Tess Scanlon inviting the Commissioners to attend the Watershed Tour on Saturday, June 22, 2024. This will walk through the project the County recently agreed to partner with Trout Unlimited on to apply for grant funding through the DNRC.

An announcement for the upcoming MPERA (Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration) meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2024 was received; with attached meeting materials.

Information concerning a filing in the District Court of Yellowstone County concerning the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust was received.

A notice from the Philipsburg Mail was received asking if the County would like to renew their subscription.

The Granite County LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) Meeting Agenda was received for the meeting on June 13, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was received from Elena Gagliano noting the amount of correspondence to be reviewed in a short period of time. She referenced a comment concerning open meeting laws from the previous week, asking that MCA 2-3-203 (subsection 3) be notated in the minutes. She read the section of the MCA and asked that the Commissioners look into the matter further and gain clarification on how to handle closed sessions. Attorney Bradshaw stated that anytime the Commissioners are going to discuss employees that it will be a closed session, since the employees right to privacy outweighs the public's right to know. He explained that when the Commission closes a public session (and the matter is not on the Commission's agenda) it is for an administrative matter such as to receive information from an employee through their Department Supervisor. If there is an employee discipline matter or the like, then the matter is placed on an agenda and the employee is directed to be at the meeting, and the employee(s) are given an opportunity to either close the session or waive their right to privacy. He cautioned the Commission regarding disclosing employees names in relation to closed sessions as it could hurt their reputation. Commissioner Adler agreed. Elena Gagliano commented that she doesn't agree with Attorney Bradshaw and that she would like this matter looked into further, noting that the Commission could request an opinion from the Attorney General (AG). She added that when people are attending the meeting in person, they can see the employee walking into the closed session, so not disclosing their name does not make any sense. Commissioner McLure confirmed with Attorney Bradshaw that they could get an opinion from the Attorney General or continue based off of his interpretation of the MCA. Attorney Bradshaw confirmed that the County can get an opinion from the AG, and commented that many times the employee matters (that are closed to public) are often insignificant, but that if employee discipline is required then the matter is an agenda item (personnel matter on agenda) and the employee is always given the opportunity to waive their rights to privacy. Commissioner

McLure stated that she doesn't feel as though the County needs to get an opinion on this matter from the AG. Commissioner Adler agreed. Attorney Bradshaw noted that listing an employee name next to the closed session is not necessary and listing "personnel matter" suffices.

ROAD & BRIDGE WEEKLY REPORT; CONTRACT HAULING TO GO-OUT TO BID; & SOLID WASTE UPDATE WITH ROAD & BRIDGE SUPERINTENDENT PAUL ALT; Granite County Road & Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt was not able to join the session to provide an update of projects across the County because he had to go to Billings for maintenance issues on the water truck. Commissioner Adler explained that the Road Crew is working on blading and pot hole filling (dura patching) up the Middle Fork.

Solid Waste Clerk, Scott Rettig joined the Commission and explained that things are going well. Commissioner McLure noted that since his report is mostly administrative that it doesn't need to be done weekly unless there is something he needs to report on or policy changes that he needs to be aware of.

GEORGETOWN LAKE OUTFLOW; DAM TENDER'S REPORT; The lake level was reported at 6429.24 feet; 3.12 inches below full pool, according to the USGS lake level gage and the dam tender's report for the week. The Commission was joined by Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) Fisheries Biologist and FWP Water Conservationist Stephen Begley for the session. The group discussed the raising water and upcoming weather for the Georgetown Lake area, raising concern over reaching the spillway. Commissioner McLure noted that on June 10, 2024 the Commission met with FERC for the Annual Inspection; during that meeting, Flint Creek Hydrodynamic Operator, Paul Tallon recommended increasing the outflow to 35 CFS. Commissioner Adler noted that he would like to see the outflow increased to get the irrigators some additional water, and that the lake level is sitting in a good place.

Brad Liermann commented that FWP would not recommend increasing the outflow to 35 CFS, noting that he is nervous that the lake won't fill this year. Commissioner Adler motioned to remain at 30 CFS; in alignment with the current FERC order in place. Commissioner McLure seconded the motion. Local irrigator, Pat Verlanic commented that the USGS website shows that only 25 CFS is being released currently. The Commission noted that an error in the USGS gauge was identified by Flint Creek Hydro LLC and reported to USGS. This is in the process of being remedied, but that 30 CFS is being released. The County will follow up on the matter. Pat Verlanic inquired about more water being released from the dam. Commissioner Adler noted that they tried to increase the outflow but that FWP will not agree to the increase. Pat Verlanic commented that the County own the dam and that the agencies should not be able to tell the County what to do. He inquired what would happen if the County were to act without consent. Attorney Bradshaw explained that the agencies or citizens would then file a complaint with FERC, and the federal courts would likely rule against the County. There were no further comments and the motion passed unanimously.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET REVIEW; The Commission reviewed several preliminary budgets for FY 2025 including the Victims / Witness Advocate, Special Counsel Fund, Flint Creek Project, Rumsey Mountain, and County Building budgets provided from the Clerk & Recorder's Office. Commissioner McLure noted that in the past there was a policy in place in regard to County Building expenditures, where anything in excess of \$200 needed the Commission's prior approval. She suggested that the County reenact this policy, since the Commission oversees the County Building budget.

MONTHLY CLAIMS; The Commissioners reviewed and discussed monthly claims for May 2024. The Commissioners analyzed a claim received from Kesler Kustom Shops for repairs to a sink / faucet at the Granite County Jail. Dave Kesler raised concern over a request for more information regarding his claim in previous weeks. He explained that he was specifically concerned over the request for his wholesale receipts. The group discussed the interaction that took place in the Courthouse weeks earlier. Attorney Bradshaw noted that he did not appreciate the matter escalating into his office, when the price associated with the claim was only around \$300.00. Commissioner Adler explained that the Commission analyzes all claims they receive and ask questions, but that this should be done during claims processing. Attorney Bradshaw noted that the work associated with the claim was completed at the Jail and the Sheriff should have been requested the Commission to ask for receipts if

that is the rule. Commissioner McLure raised concern over that suggestion, since the Commission is responsible for the County Building budget. Attorney Bradshaw responded that the Commission does have final say, but he advised against micromanaging the Sheriff with the Jail, especially on smaller expenditures. Commissioner Adler stated that the County needs to know more about repairs that are being done and paid out of County building (prior to them being completed). He noted that the Commission doesn't want to micro-manage departments but that they need to be made aware. Attorney Bradshaw commented that it is a good practice to have Department Heads request approval for repairs in excess of \$500 (or in that range) that will come out of County Building. He noted that the Sheriff's Office may require a higher limit for the Jail since the Sheriff oversees repairs to the Jail.

Commissioner Adler suggested that the Commission would need to know more about repairs that are being paid out of the County Building Fund, prior to them being completed. Attorney Bradshaw suggested that it is a good practice to have Department Heads request approval for repairs coming out of County Building in excess of \$500; but that the Sheriff should have oversight over repairs to the jail that are not extensive. These issues will be on a future agenda for decision.

Commissioner Adler motioned to approve the monthly claims for May 2024. Commissioner McLure seconded the motion. There were no public comments received and the motion passed unanimously.

PHILIPSBURG COMMUNITY LIBRARY UPDATE; The Commission was joined by Philipsburg Community Library Board Chairperson, Sue Sweeney for an update on Library happenings. She updated the Commission on the current Library Board members, including Kathy Gillies, Charlene Bucha, and Bethany Foley. Sue Sweeney discussed that one item making the Library unique, is the fact that they have a mortgage. The organization would like to pay off the mortgage sooner than later, and are working to do so through events like a silent auction as well as rental spaces which include office spaces (basement) and a residential loft. Sue Sweeney explained that they are potentially looking at mill levy in 2027.

The Library Board is currently seeking a new member. Current programs that are operating at the Library include Book Club, Bingo, Sit & Fit, After School Programing, Summer Reading Programs, Seed Swap, and Preschool Playtime. The Library is also offering several special programs including MT Author Visits, Yule Night Kids Crafts, Adult Art Classes, and Tax Rebate Assistance. Sue Sweeney reviewed the many community uses of the space and the grants that are currently supporting operations. She also reviewed the current Strategic Action Plan of the Library Board, sharing the mission and goals of the organization. Sue Sweeney noted that the Library has been having drainage issues with the sidewalk, and looked into a Transportation Alternative Grant. The Library wasn't successful, since it was a small project, however the Library is hoping to partner with the City to expand the project and include ADA accessibility across the four corners. Commissioner Adler motioned to accept the Philipsburg Public Library Report and to provide support concerning the ADA Projects. Commissioner McLure seconded the motion. There were no public comments and the motion passed unanimously.

GRANITE COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD UPDATE; AIRPORT NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFERS; DNRC LAND USE APPLICATION; The Commission was joined by Granite County Airport Chairperson, Donovan Jones for an update. He reviewed the current Airport Layout Plan, they are expecting approval from the FAA in July of 2024; and updated the Commission on the airfield beacon replacement, which is still in process. The group discussed the ongoing work between the Airport Board and the Montana DNRC concerning land surrounding the airport in Philipsburg (Riddick Field). The Airport Board is requesting approval from the Commission to proceed with the proposed scope for an underground conversion from an overhead pole on DNRC property to the airport property fence line; as well as a new access road, and airport property adjustment. Donovan Jones explained that they are also working with the DNRC on an airport building restriction line adjustment. Donovan Jones is exploring funding available to support the project(s), he added that they can potentially use funding under the grant that was received for the airport beacon; but that the area does need to be surveyed out. The Commission discussed that there is funding available under the Capital Projects Fund for the Airport. There is over \$100K that needs to be transferred into the Airport Fund. Commissioner McLure stated that the Commissioners will need to look at the budgets as they may need to levy more than they have

in the past to support future improvements. Commissioner Adler motioned to approve The Granite County Airport Board to contract with Ken Jenkins for upcoming surveying and boundary work at Riddick Field in Philipsburg. This will enable the Airport Board to proceed with the proposed scope for an underground conversion from an overhead pole on DNRC property to the airport property fence line; as well as a new access road, and airport property adjustment. Commissioner McLure seconded the motion.

Public comment was received from Elena Gagliano stating that the County does not have an Airport, and Riddick Field is just an Airfield. She raised concern over the funding available with the FAA, asking if there is any seed money involved from the County, and if the County needs to adhere to any new rules or regulations. She also raised concerns over the budget, noting that not everyone in the County cares about the airfield and decisions the Commission makes are tying the County residents to future costs. Attorney Bradshaw noted that the federal regulations and strings attached to grant funding are a real thing, but not associated with the current agenda item relating to the survey. Elena Gagliano raised concerns over the future costs and increased mill levies that could be associated with airport improvements. There were no further public comments and the motion passed unanimously.

The Group discussed the Airport Entitlement Transfers that were recently requested from KLJ Engineering. Donovan Jones explained that a few years back, the County borrowed entitlements from Mineral County to fund the Airport Master Plan Study. In this case, the County would be returning the borrowed entitlements to Mineral County and lending to Powder River County to help these two Sponsors fund airport projects they have this year. In return, Powder River County would execute a reciprocal agreement to return the entitlements being borrowed from Granite County in a future fiscal year. If the County would be willing to assist Mineral County and Powder River County, they would just need to approve the entitlements transfer documentation that was sent over. Commissioner Adler motioned to approve the Airport Entitlement Transfers to Mineral County and Powder County. Commissioner McLure seconded the motion. There were no public comments and the motion passed unanimously.

Public comment was received after the motion from Elena Gagliano stating that she objects (opposes).

SURPLUS PROPERTY SEALED BID OPENING (COURTHOUSE ITEMS); One bid was received from Rick White for several items:

Item #4: TV/ VCR	\$15.00
Item #7: Two folding tables	\$5.00
Item #8: Metal Desk (1)	\$20.00
Item #9: Metal Desk (2)	\$20.00
Item #10: TV/ VCR- DVD	\$10.00
Item #11: Office Desk (wood)	\$15.00
Item #12: office Desk (white)	\$10.00
Item #18: White Plastic Desk	\$20.00

Commissioner Adler moves to accept all of the bids from Rick White for multiple items. Commissioner McLure seconded the motion. There were no public comments received and the motion passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed the remaining items from the surplus sale that were not bid on during the recent public bidding process. Commissioner Adler moved that these items, as they have no value, to the County and can be given away or discarded. Commissioner McLure seconded the motion. There were no public comments received and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Adler noted that if Rick White would like any of the items he did not bid on, that he can take any of them when he picks up the items he has been awarded.

NOXIOUS WEED TRUST FUND PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT (LOWER WILLOW CREEK CWMA); The Commission reviewed the grant agreement. Extension

Office Agent, Ben Hauptman explained that this is a brand-new weed grant, and runs from Willow Creek Reservoir out towards Henderson Creek. This allows private landowners to spray weeds and get reimbursed 50% from the State. Commissioner Adler motioned to approve and sign the Noxious Weed Trust Fund Project Grant Agreement (Lower Willow Creek CWMA). Commissioner McLure seconded the motion. There were no public comments and the motion passed unanimously.

MAINTENANCE WALK-THROUGH WITH CUSTODIAN JANEEN BONNEY; The Commission was joined by Granite County Custodian, Janeen Bonney who raised concern over the water damage to certain interior walls on the top level of the Courthouse. She noted that the walls could fall down when work is done in that area. This will potentially be a change order in the construction contract, since the contractors that are working on the Courthouse Elevator and ADA Projects will have to do repairs in that area to complete their project. This will be looked at more in-depth during the meeting with the contractors (TCS Northwest) next week. Attorney Bradshaw noted that it was recommended by Dave Kaufmann that the roof of the Courthouse be replaced. The Commission discussed the potential of any new or current leaks damaging new construction areas. Janeen Bonney stated that she hasn't seen any evidence of new water leaks.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

June 18, 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'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 *Philipsburg Mail* Editor, Amelia Wood; Granite County Road & Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt; Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) Fisheries Biologist Brad Liermann and FWP Water Conservationist Stephen Begley; Grizzly Disposal General Manager, Billy Fisher; Republic Municipal & Government Affairs Manager, Ryan Coffman; Granite County Public Health & Safety Coordinator, Jackie Bolster; Granite County Courthouse Custodian, Janeen Bonney; State Fund Safety Management Consultant, Mark Rosenleaf; MT Department of Transportation (MDT) Road Engineer, Andy White; Granite County Clerk & Recorder and Elections Administrator, Sarah Graham; TCS Northwest Project Superintendent Ryon Covington; TCS Northwest Assistant Project Manager, Brooke Covington; Slate Principal Architect, Scott Cromwell; Granite Disposal Owner / Operator, Rick Robinson; and members of the general public including Elena Gagliano, Jackie Butler, and Jim & Carol Bacquet.

QUARTERLY SAFETY MEETING; The Commission was joined by Granite County Public Health & Safety Coordinator, Jackie Bolster; Granite County Courthouse Custodian, Janeen Bonney; Granite County Road & Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt; and State Fund Safety Management Consultant, Mark Rosenleaf. Marsh McLennan Agency Consultants Rody Holman and Brodie Loushin were not able to join the session. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 12, 2024. Commissioner McLure seconded the motion. There were no public comments and the motion passed unanimously. Rody Holman provided the Loss Run Report for the Committee to review prior to the session. He had noted that if there were questions on the reports to reach out to him. The Committee reviewed the report. Mark Rosenleaf reviewed the new workers compensation renewal rates, stating that the new eMOD is at 1.03. He provided some information on factors that have an effect the eMOD and things the County can focus on improving safety across County operations. The group discussed the Near Miss Program, which the County has struggled to get employee participation in. Mark Rosenleaf recommended implementing Safety Stand Down Meeting. Concerns were raised over the ability to find the time to have these types of meetings when crews are spread out. Mark Rosenleaf explained that this could be modified to fit department needs. He will send out some materials and resources. Jackie Bolster explained that she will be partnering with Brodie Loushin to complete inspections in

the coming weeks. She noted that her and Billie Ann Kulaski attended a training seminar put on by MT State Fund that focused on the importance of safety orientations being integrated into new hire orientations; and the continued path of job specific training required once they return to their Departments. The County Commission is looking for another Courthouse employee to fill a role on the safety committee. Janeen Bonney and Paul Alt have nothing to report. Billie Ann Kulaski explained that the Montana Safety Culture Act power point and video presentations are now available and she will start rolling them out one Department at a time, and getting signatures from Department Heads on the completion of staff training. She also provided an update on the Drug & Alcohol Testing Program for DOT employees as well as the Fleet Vehicle Safety Program & Policy. She noted that these programs have been rolled out to the County and are working well. Jackie Bolster provided an update of the Near Miss Program that the County rolled out during the last Quarterly Safety Meeting. There have not been any Near Misses turned in and the program needs some tweaks to get more employee involvement. Jackie Bolster showed some examples of what other organizations do to make safety a focus of operations. The group will keep working on new ideas to enhance the Near Miss Program. Commissioner Adler moved to adjourn the Quarterly Safety Meeting. Commissioner McLure seconded the motion. There were no public comments received and the motion passed unanimously.

Public comment was received after the meeting adjourned from Elena Gagliano noting that the meeting is difficult to follow online. She requested copies of the documents associated with the meeting, which will be emailed to her.

BOARD MINUTES; Commissioner Adler moved to accept the board minutes for June 10, 2024; and June 11, 2024. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There were no public comments received. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE; Electronic mail was received from Jake Munn, a FMCSA Training Provider with SaferELDT. He explained that he is available to provide training to employees seeking to obtain their CDL and need to complete the required training.

The annual Water Quality Report was received from the Town of Philipsburg.

Certified mail was received from FEMA concerning proposed flood hazard determination affecting the Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study Report for Granite County. FEMA did not receive any valid requests for changes to the modified flood hazard information, therefore making the information valid and in effect as of June 7, 2024.

Public comment was received from Jackie Butler requesting the County push the Town of Philipsburg to supplement the water supply with wells.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was received from Jackie Butler raising concern over the Solid Waste Policy. She used an example of a resident that disposes of one small garbage bag weekly (who contract with Granite Disposal and is part of the co-op), but recently cleaned out her garage and had to purchase an additional unit of garbage for \$135.00, because she uses Granite Disposal. She noted that there needs to be scales on the trucks to make this fair, and requested a refund for the resident. Attorney Bradshaw noted that Granite Disposal came up with the cooperative idea and the County agreed to that as an option that garbage haulers can choose to select among other options (customers of Granite Disposal agree with cooperative by being a customer of theirs); and that an option in the agreement is to implement scales as opposed to operating the cooperative. Commissioner Hinkle raised concern over Granite Disposal not hauling away the items from cleaning out the garage. Jackie Butler noted that those items included large hard wood doors and tires. Commissioner Adler noted that they cannot make an exception for one person and provide a refund, because then they will have to make another exception for someone else, but empathized with the resident. Attorney Bradshaw noted that the County should move towards gradually implementing and requiring scales on trucks in the future.

Public comment was received from Jim Bacquet referencing his correspondence from the previous week. He explained that as veteran, he took an oath to protect his Country and protect our freedoms, rights, and laws when he was in the military; and to defend all. After watching the video referenced in the correspondence he reviewed his concerns about opening

meeting laws and the public's rights with many locals in the area, who shared his concern. He noted that if he feels like something is being done that needs to be addressed he will address it. He followed up with Commissioner McLure concerning the matter via email. Commissioner McLure apologized, noting that she did not receive the email. Jim Bacquet voiced his concern and reasoning for taking personal responsibility for protecting the freedoms, rights, and laws of the people and the importance of keeping these meetings open. He added that if he sees something that he feels is out of line, he will continue to question it but that everyone needs to respect each other's opinion and conduct themselves in a civil manner. Attorney Bradshaw noted that Mr. Bacquet made several good points and that previously there was a lawsuit but that both parties have moved past it. Commissioner Hinkle mentioned that the Commissioners are not required to video their sessions. Jim Bacquet referenced that there is forensic audio enhancements that can be used taking all of the sounds down to that of a buzzing fly.

Public comment was received from Elena Gagliano stating she would send in correspondence outlining her comments due to technical difficulties delaying the session.

MDT SECONDARY ROADS ENGINEER ANDY WHITE TO DISCUSS ROAD 348; Granite County Road & Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt and MDT Road Engineer Andy White joined the Commissioners to discuss projects planned on Road 348 (Marshall Creek). Andy White explained that Road 348 has been on the list since 2006 and MDT has been working their way to this project, however there have been large reconstruction projects in front of it. The proposed projects on Road 348 are rehabilitation projects and start at Mile 7 and go down the backside. MDT drove the roadway and realized that if monies were diverted to another project it could not wait another 10-15 years. He inquired if the County agreed that Road 348 is a project priority and if so they would recommend to move forward with the project that would include chip sealing and placing new overlay and chip seal. These improvements would keep the project within the realm of payment preservation and a quick delivery (two-three years). Commissioner Adler moved to go forward with Road 348 as the Project Priority. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion, but inquired to future work to be done on the Skalkaho, noting that the roadway needs repairs as well. There were no public comments received and the motion passed unanimously.

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 of projects across the County including dura patching on Rock Creek Road. He explained that they are still working on getting the water truck working, there are issues with the computer system and the computer was sent off to be fixed, if possible. Commissioner Adler raised concern over spending money continually to try and fix this computer system to no avail. Commissioner McLure recommended looking at a new water truck as opposed to looking into a buyback program on the grader. Paul Alt is hoping that the computer can be fixed, it has been sent off to be looked at. The transmission is being replaced on the mag-truck and should be done this week. Commissioner Adler raised concern over the theft of cones at Georgetown Lake, noting that he is opposed to placing crosswalks and signs. The Commission want to move forward with the placement of the crosswalks with signage (and also the posts for electronic speed signs). Paul Alt inquired to how many applicants there are for the Solid Waste Site Supervisor Position. Currently there are three with, the potential of another internal candidate applying. He inquired about internal employee preferences. Any internal candidate that applies for the role will be guaranteed an interview.

SOLID WASTE HAULING CONTRACT (FROM TRANSFER SITES) PROPOSALS FROM GRIZZLY DISPOSAL/ CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH REPUBLIC; The Commission was joined by Grizzly Disposal General Manager, Billy Fisher and Rick Robinson of Granite Disposal; and Republic Municipal & Government Affairs Manager, Ryan Coffman. Granite Disposal provided a competing bid to Republic to haul garbage from the transfer sites to the final place of disposal (landfill). Commissioner McLure reviewed the information included in the proposal coming from Granite Disposal and the contract extension from Republic Services. Rick Robinson explained that his permitting doesn't include some aspects of hauling from the Drummond Transfer Site (could use smaller dumpsters that are hauled to disposal site each day), and that he can get the full licensure, but it will take some time. He added that anything he picks up in the Drummond

area would haul directly to the landfill in Powell County, and no longer use the transfer station. Commissioner McLure requested an acceptance from Powell County that they would accommodate Granite County's solid waste. Attorney Bradshaw just noted that any contract, to be acceptable, would need to guarantee a proper disposal location. The group discussed the roll-off containers and the compactor. Billy Fisher explained that the approach in the proposal is more efficient and cost effective than what is currently being done.

Ryan Coffman inquired how Granite Disposal who would be teaming up with Grizzly Disposal plan to move forward without the necessary permits to haul within Granite County. He noted that the Montana Public Service Commission would have to grant permits to enable them to fully operate in Granite County to transport like Republic currently does. He raised concern over why organizations are bidding services they cannot legally provide. The group reviewed the Public Service Commission (PSC) permitting requirements. Rick Robinson explained that he has permits in place and if he were to apply for permitting in the Drummond area he would have to go through a hearing process with PSC. Ryan Coffman explained that Republic Services has had to obtain all of the permits in alignment with the legal requirements to provide services in Granite County and are not looking to close a transfer site and put people out of jobs. He noted that hauling to Missoula is best course of action at this point. Attorney Bradshaw raised concern over Republic Services not wanting competition. Ryan Coffman responded that it is not about competition, but that all organization need to abide by the PSC regulation to operate, and that if Granite Disposal had an interest in this, they could have gotten the request for permits in front of the PSC a year ago. He explained that if Granite County wants services and they do not want to look at a contract extension, that they need to put out an RFP and ensure everyone submitting proposals can legally provide services in the County. Ryan Coffman added that if he were able to work outside the bounds of a contract extension and create a new proposal he would; and that he wants to be clear on what the intent is of the County. Attorney Bradshaw noted that the County appreciates the information from Republic, and that they were just wanting to see the other offer to decide based on the best interest of the County taxpayers. Ryan Coffman responded that he understood, but is wanting to know the intent of the County, if they would like to put this out for RFP and not extend the contract, Republic will put together a proposal. The Commission agreed that they need clarification on whether or not the permitting is valid for Granite Disposal, and if it is that they will put out an RFP and review the proposals that come in, as opposed to a proposal and a contract extension. Rick Robinson explained that he believes his license is valid to provide the services he proposes and thought he had clarification, but it has been years so he will verify the information with the Montana Public Service Commission.

Commissioner Adler commented that the Commissioners just want to try and help the tax payers to find a better deal. Billy Fisher commented that he is here to help Granite Disposal in regard to permitting and to assist them in securing a contract. He raised concern over Republic Services having their information if it is to go out for bid and then lowballing the proposal. Ryan Coffman added that the current offers are not comparable since he is not able to work outside the confines of a contract extension, and if he were able to bid something different he would. The Commission will wait to hear if Granite Disposal has the necessary permits in place, and if they do, this matter will go out for RFP (request for proposals). If not, the Commission will review the contract extension with Republic Services. This matter will be on an upcoming agenda.

GEORGETOWN LAKE OUTFLOW; DAM TENDER'S REPORT; The lake level was reported at 6429.31 feet; 2.28 inches below full pool, according to the USGS lake level gage and the dam tender's report for the week. The Commission was joined by Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) Fisheries Biologist Brad Liermann for the session. The group discussed the raising water and upcoming weather for the Georgetown Lake area, raising concern over reaching the spillway. Commissioner Hinkle noted he thinks water is coming in from Silver Lake. The group discussed potentially raising the outflow to 35 CFS. Commissioner Hinkle moved to seek a temporary modification order and increase the outflow to 35 CFS; in alignment with the current FERC order in place. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. Brad Liermann commented that he doesn't understand the desire to increase the outflow to 35 CFS, noting that he is nervous that the lake won't fill this year. Commissioner Hinkle then modified his motion to continue releasing 30 CFS in accordance with the FERC Order in

place. Commissioner McLure seconded the motion. There were no further comments and the motion passed two to one with Commissioner Adler dissenting.

FEDERAL, STATE, & COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTION VOTE CANVASS; The Commission was joined by Granite County Clerk & Recorder and Elections Administrator, Sarah Graham who provided the Commission with a packet showing the results from each precinct as part of the canvass. Commissioner McLure read the results for each race, from each precinct while Commissioner Adler and Commissioner Hinkle confirmed the results as they worked through the packets provided.

*******SEE 2024 PRIMARY ABSTRACT OF VOTES AT END OF JUNE MINUTES *******

UPDATE ON GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE & ADA PROJECTS WITH TCS NORTHWEST AND SLATE ARCHITECTURE; The Commissioners were joined by TCS Northwest Project Superintendent, Ryon Covington; TCS Northwest Assistant Project Manager, Brooke Covington; and Slate Principal Architect, Scott Cromwell. Ryon Covington walked the Commission through the demolition on the second and third floors which is 90% complete. The plumbers and electricians have also begun working on the bathrooms on the second and third floors of the Courthouse. He noted that at the current moment in time the boiler system is drained since heat registers needed to be temporarily removed, but if heat is needed in the coming months they can charge the system back up, but it will take some time, so let them know. The Commission said this will not need to be done, but you never know with Philipsburg weather. TCS is hoping to get the electrical and plumbing completed and inspected within the next 2-3 weeks which will enable them to get a good schedule in place. They have been cautious in scheduling up to this point, since they were unsure what they would find. The group discussed potential change orders that may come later including cabinets in the jury room. Overall the project is moving forward and things are working out well. Scott Cromwell walked the Commissioners through a few different finish options for the interior of the elevator, enabling them to decide on the different options available. The custom elevator is still months out from being completed onsite in Washington, but it is moving forward. There will be progress meetings on a monthly basis going forward.

DUI TASK FORCE ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN; The Commission reviewed the DUI Task Force Annual Operating Plan, which is reviewed on an annual basis. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the DUI Task Force Operating Plan for FY 2025. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There were no public comments received and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

June 25, 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'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 *Philipsburg Mail* Editor, Amelia Wood; Granite County Road & Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt; Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) Fisheries Biologist Brad Liermann and Adam Strainer; Granite County Compensation Board Members, Anna Bergerson, Jack Owens, and Cathy Smith; Marsh McLennan Agency Insurance Consultant, Rody Holman; T-Mobile Account Manager, Jason Wilson, Jay Weitman, and Casey Muilenburg; Granite County Clerk & Recorder, Sarah Graham; Granite County Treasurer, Ashley Todd; Ranch at Rock Creek General Manager, Chance Gibson; Granite County Public Health Nurse, Deb Robinson; and members of the general public including Elena Gagliano.

BOARD MINUTES; The Commission did not receive the minutes from the previous session, and reviewed the meeting during breaks of the session. Commissioner Hinkle moved

to accept the board minutes for June 18, 2024. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There were no public comments received. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE; Electronic mail was received from FERC including comments from the 2024 Dam Safety Inspection. This correspondence has also been reviewed by Great West Engineering and they are working on a plan and schedule to address outstanding issues.

Electronic mail was received from the Montana Department of Transportation announcing the estimated FY 2025 annual fuel tax allocations; Granite County is estimated to receive \$139,668.49.

A memo from Public Health to contractor Rachel Johnson was received as the Commission was carbon copied electronically on the correspondence. The memo outlines the ending of billing contract that they do not wish to renew.

A letter was received from Headwaters RCD requesting the County pay their dues for the agency providing services to the area. The letter outlines the types of services provided to County residents and businesses including First-Time Homebuyer's Education and Social Media Marketing Classes, as well as support for agriculture producers. The County dues amount to \$1,720.68. The matter will be placed on an upcoming agenda.

An email was received from Granite County Sheriff, Scott Dunkerson providing comments on an upcoming agenda item (MOU with Anna Bergerson), voicing his support.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was received from Elena Gagliano raising concern over the difficulties hearing with background noise in the Commissioners Office. She asked why the Commission wouldn't table the approval of minutes from the June 18, 2024 meeting and approve them next week. Elena Gagliano also noted that the correspondence from Headwaters had an invoice attached and should be an upcoming agenda item. The Commission responded that this is an annual agreement, but that the renewal would be a future agenda item.

Public comment was received from Elena Gagliano concerning the specific times notated on the agenda, stating that if the Commissioners are not going to follow the times outlined on the agenda that they should just list that they are meeting at 9:00 a.m. Attorney Bradshaw commented that he likes the times being listed, as it helps the public determine when an agenda item is going to be discussed, noting that there is a disclaimer on the bottom of the agenda stating agenda times are approximate. Elena Gagliano raised concerns over the background noise from the Commission Office be heard on Zoom, making it difficult to hear while attending via Zoom, stating she has provided resources to the County to alleviate this matter (i.e. "How to Conduct Zoom Meetings Properly").

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 of projects across the County including blading on Lower Rock Creek Road and then they will start working on the Bus Run (Upper Rock Creek Road). They will then begin working on the frontage road south of the Interstate and Henderson Creek Road. A few more days of dura patching on Rock Creek then they will move to Georgetown Lake. Paul Alt explained that the posts have been pounded for the electrical speed signs up at Georgetown Lake, and pedestrian signs have come in for the area. The group discussed areas around Maxville where Blackfoot is laying fiber that will need repairs including the potential of laying asphalt. Blackfoot's contractors have been good to work with and have said they will complete any road repairs due to the project. Commissioner Adler noted that Cave Gulch on the way to Garnett Ghost Town is being bladed by Andy Weaver for the BLM.

Solid Waste Update: The Commission discussed transitioning the operating hours of the Philipsburg Solid Waste Site to 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. This would make the hours consistent across both Solid Waste Transfer Sites. Commissioner McLure noted that this was originally adjusted because there were not any lights at the Philipsburg Site, but was never adjusted back once lights were implemented. Commissioner Adler moved to change the hours of operation of the Philipsburg Solid Waste Site to 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from Tuesday through Saturday to align with the Drummond Solid Waste

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

GEORGETOWN LAKE OUTFLOW; DAM TENDER'S REPORT; The lake level was reported at 6429.31 feet; 2.28 inches below full pool, according to the USGS lake level gage and the dam tender's report for the week. The Commission was joined by Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) Fisheries Biologist Brad Liermann and Adam Strainer for the session. The group discussed the water level and reviewed the most recent report from DNRC Water Hydrologist, Todd Blythe. Commissioner Hinkle moved to continue releasing 30 CFS in alignment with the current FERC Order in place. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. Commissioner Hinkle noted that they need to watch the weather in case the lake area receives precipitation and the County find themselves in a position to start going over the spillway. Brad Liermann commented that based on the DNRC report the lake is not projected to fill this season. He inquired if the Commission had any information on the USGS gauges that are not showing the correct outflow data. The County has reached out to Flint Creek Hydrodynamics' Operator, Paul Tallon who has spoken to USGS, but the gauges have not been calibrated yet. There were no further comments and the motion passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed the renters at the house in Hall. The renters would like to build a fence around the house, purchasing their own materials and having the County assist to pound the posts. The Commission agreed that this would be okay. The renters would also like to have horses at the location. The Commission did not agree to having horses, but recommended the renters reach out to the Fire Department to use pasture area around the Fire Station in Hall.

MONTHLY CLAIMS; The Commission reviewed monthly claims. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the monthly claims. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There were no public comments received and the motion passed unanimously.

ANNA BERGERSON TO DISCUSS A POTENTIAL CONTRACT OR MOU TO PROVIDE EVALUATION AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR CARE OF PRISONERS; The Commissioners were joined by Licensed Social Worker (LSW), Anna Bergerson, who provided evaluations of inmates at the Sheriff's Office under her employment with Healthy Granite County Network. She now works with Intermountain Health and needs an agreement in place with the County to continue providing mental health evaluation services. The Sheriff wrote an email stating that he would like to have a contract with Anna Bergerson for continued services and is in support of the proposed contractual agreement. The group discussed the fee schedule associated with the agreement. Anna Bergerson stated the dollar amount for each evaluation would be set at \$75.00; she will need to determine what rate to charge for providing testimony for involuntary civil commitment hearings (handled by the County Attorney), but will provide a rate consistent with customary rates. Commissioner Adler motioned to approve the drafted MOU with Anna Bergerson with customary rates. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. Public comment was received from Elena Gagliano inquiring to the completeness of the agreement, and asked that the Commission table the agreement to see the fee schedule before agreeing. Attorney Bradshaw explained that the Commission could approve the agreement subject to customary rates for such testimony at involuntarily civil commitment hearings (to be included on Exhibit A once Anna Bergerson researches the issue), as there is nothing binding the County to use Anna Bergerson for services. He further explained that he may hire witnesses for such cases without approval from the Commissioner's Office. There were no further public comments received and the motion passed unanimously.

GRANITE COUNTY COMPENSATION BOARD ANNUAL MEETING; RECOMMENDING SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS INCLUDING COLA; The Commission was joined by Granite County Compensation Board Members, Anna Bergerson and Cathy Smith; as well as Granite County Clerk & Recorder, Sarah Graham, Attorney Bradshaw, and Granite County Treasurer Ashley Todd. The group reviewed their packets including the 4.1% increase in the consumer price index for the 2023 calendar year. Sarah Graham explained that there is \$100K left over in funds set aside by the Commissioners last year from LATCF monies; the County could take 2% out of the LATCF funding of the County and the other 2% from the new fiscal year budget. Commissioner Adler moved to

recommend an increase of 4.1% to the salaries of all elected officials. Board Member Smith seconded the motion. There were no public comments and the motion passed unanimously.

GRANITE COUNTY SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS INCLUDING COLA; AND EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION; FINAL DECISION ON COLA FOR ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES (OTHER THAN UNION EMPLOYEES); The Commission discussed increases for all Granite County employees. Commissioner McLure noted that the letter from Granite County Clerk & Recorder, Sarah Graham, asked for longevity for the Elected Officials' deputies. She has done some research and the Commission has a prospective matrix for Elected Officials' Deputies that mirrors the Granite County employee pay matrix, enabling deputies to move through steps and get an additional increase after reaching a fourth-year deputy salary ranking. This matter will be on the agenda next week for further discussion. Sarah Graham explained that the proposed matrix is different from what the Elected Officials have requested, and they would like to provide longevity for their Deputies. Commissioner McLure responded that the Commission spoke with McKenzie McCarthy at MACo and it was recommended to keep whatever is implemented consistent among non-elected employees, which spurred the creation of a special matrix. Commissioner Adler noted that there will not be any back-pay for Deputies if this is implemented; however, the proposed matrix will enable Deputies to keep their seniority for placement on the matrix. Sarah Graham and Ashley Todd were both agreeable to the Deputies being able to keep their seniority while moving through the new matrix. This matter will be on the agenda the following week. Commissioner Adler moved to provide a 4.1% salary increase to all Elected Officials and Granite County employees (other than Union Employees). Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. Public comment was received from Elena Gagliano noting the large packet for the Compensation Board, and the amount of motions associated with the process of granting the increase. She asked for clarification of where the Commissioners were at in the process and noted that none of the Board Members introduced themselves. Commissioner McLure noted that the Compensation Board has adjourned after making a recommendation of a 4.1% salary increase for Elected Officials. The Commissioners are now making a motion to approve that increase for both Elected Officials and Granite County Employees (other than Union Employees). She noted that there was a request from the Clerk & Recorder, Treasurer, and Clerk of Court to provide longevity to their Deputies. The Commissioners proposed a special Deputy Matrix in response to this request; but since this would be a policy change it will be on an upcoming agenda. There were no public comments received and the motion passed unanimously.

RODY HOLMAN & AMY MCNICHOLS WITH COUNTY INSURANCE RENEWAL RATINGS; The Commission was joined by Rody Holman and Amy McNichols to review the insurance renewal (workers' compensation, liability, property, and cyber security insurance) documents, including the market analysis focusing on the casualty insurance and property rates. Rody Holman explained that the pool has lost money over the last five years affecting the renewal rates and the Commission reviewed the claims associated with County over the last five years. The group reviewed the premiums for the county for FY 2025, which as a whole, were slightly down from the previous fiscal year (1.25%); with Property Contribution at \$86,546.00 and Liability Contribution at \$186,353.00 for a total of \$272,899.00. The Commissioners were overall happy with the slight decrease to the overall insurance premiums, and the Commission were all in agreement with the renewal rates.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL JUVENILE DETENTION GRANT MOU WITH GALLATIN COUNTY; The Commission reviewed the Southwest Regional Juvenile Detention Grant MOU with Gallatin County, which is reviewed on an annual basis. Commissioner Adler moved to accept and sign the Southwest Regional Juvenile Detention Grant MOU with Gallatin County. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There were no public comments received and the motion passed unanimously.

JASON WILSON WITH T-MOBILE FOR GOVERNMENT TO UPDATE THE COMMISSION ON NETWORK UPGRADES AND THE BENEFITS THE SERVICE WILL PROVIDE; The Commission was joined by T-Mobile Account Manager, Jason Wilson who presented the benefits of the new service that T-Mobile is providing in the area. Also joining the session were T-Mobile Representatives Jay Weitman and Casey Muilenburg. T-Mobile is new to the Granite County area and Jason Wilson showed a network coverage map where there are four towers covering the area. The towers utilize 600

Megahertz which reaches further than other providers, enabling enhanced services to rural areas. T-Mobile is now larger than Verizon and AT&T in terms of being able to provide service during heavy user traffic times. The group discussed the growth in Montana and the congestion creating failures in Verizon's service as well as the fact that T-Mobile's rates are around 25% cheaper. Jason Wilson will provide pricing information to the County, and stated he is working with both Ravalli and Missoula County. The rate plan for government services with T-Mobile starts at \$35.00 per line for unlimited service. Jason Wilson explained that T-Mobile also has an exclusive agreement with StarLink to cover the US, and in October the first phase of the relationship will go live. This means that anyone with a T-Mobile phone that can see the sky will be able to send text messages. The following year the voice and data plans go live. T-Mobile will allow the County to a 30-day demo to see if the service will work for County operations. The Commissioners will have T-Mobile work with their Assistant to coordinate the demonstration amongst County Departments. T-Mobile boasts the priority of their service for government communications and how government lines are prioritized during high user times. Jay Whiteman serves as the Public Safety Consultant and provided information around the focus T-Mobile has on first responders and government services. Casey Muilenburg explained he serves as a Solutions Engineer working to meet the communication needs of the County. Public comment was received from Elena Gagliano thanking T-Mobile for such a wonderful presentation. She added that she is interested in services and inquired about Blackfoot telephone services and impacts to landline phones.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



GRANITE COUNTY ABSTRACT OF VOTES
6/4/2024 MONTANA PRIMARY ELECTION

District	Precinct	Number of Registered Voters	Votes Cast
HD76	PRECINCT #1	659	347
	PRECINCT #10	647	327
	PRECINCT #2	739	377
	PRECINCT #9	510	280
	Subtotal	2555	1331
	Total	2555	1331





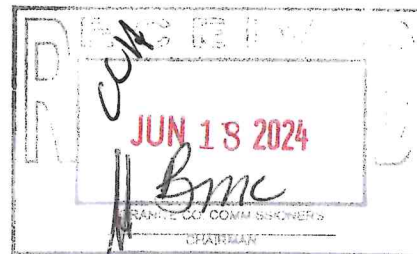
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District	Precinct	PRESIDENT Democratic	
		JOSEPH R BIDEN JR	NO PREFERENCE
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	61	2
	PRECINCT #10	47	5
	PRECINCT #2	83	6
	PRECINCT #9	36	4
	SubTotal	227	17
Total		227	17

District	Precinct	PRESIDENT Republican	
		DONALD J. TRUMP	NO PREFERENCE
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	215	19
	PRECINCT #10	228	25
	PRECINCT #2	225	24
	PRECINCT #9	207	12
	SubTotal	875	80
Total		875	80

District	Precinct	PRESIDENT Green
		NO PREFERENCE
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	0
	PRECINCT #10	0
	PRECINCT #2	0
	PRECINCT #9	0
	SubTotal	0
Total		0

District	Precinct	UNITED STATES SENATOR Democratic	
		MICHAEL HUMMERT	JON TESTER
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	3	68
	PRECINCT #10	2	52
	PRECINCT #2	2	92
	PRECINCT #9	2	42
	SubTotal	9	254
Total		9	254



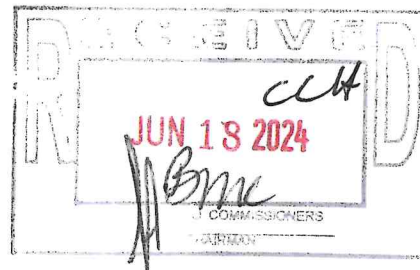


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District	Precinct	UNITED STATES SENATOR Republican		
		BRAD JOHNSON	TIM SHEEHY	CHARLES WALKINGCHILD SR
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	53	168	27
	PRECINCT #10	54	185	14
	PRECINCT #2	63	172	24
	PRECINCT #9	39	171	16
	SubTotal	209	696	81
Total		209	696	81

District	Precinct	UNITED STATES SENATOR Green	
		ROBERT BARB	MICHAEL DOWNEY
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	0	1
	PRECINCT #10	0	0
	PRECINCT #2	0	0
	PRECINCT #9	0	0
	SubTotal	0	1
Total		0	1

District	Precinct	US REPRESENTATIVE DIST 1 Democratic
		MONICA TRANEL
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	67
	PRECINCT #10	53
	PRECINCT #2	89
	PRECINCT #9	40
	SubTotal	249
Total		249





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District	Precinct	US REPRESENTATIVE DIST 1 Republican	
		MARY TODD	RYAN K ZINKE
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	83	173
	PRECINCT #10	46	217
	PRECINCT #2	72	189
	PRECINCT #9	35	194
	SubTotal	236	773
Total		236	773

District	Precinct	US REPRESENTATIVE DIST 1 Libertarian	
		DENNIS HAYES	ERNIE NOBLE
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	0	0
	PRECINCT #10	0	1
	PRECINCT #2	1	1
	PRECINCT #9	0	0
	SubTotal	1	2
Total		1	2

District	Precinct	GOVERNOR & LT. GOVERNOR Democratic	
		RYAN BUSSE	JIM HUNT
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	46	15
	PRECINCT #10	28	23
	PRECINCT #2	45	36
	PRECINCT #9	22	15
	SubTotal	141	89
Total		141	89

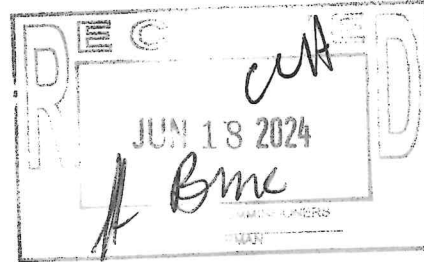
District	Precinct	GOVERNOR & LT. GOVERNOR Republican	
		GREG GIANFORTE	TANNER SMITH
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	187	75
	PRECINCT #10	192	69
	PRECINCT #2	195	71
	PRECINCT #9	170	53
	SubTotal	744	268
Total		744	268

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District	Precinct	SECRETARY OF STATE Democratic
		JESSE JAMES MULLEN
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	59
	PRECINCT #10	55
	PRECINCT #2	78
	PRECINCT #9	40
	SubTotal	232
Total		232



District	Precinct	SECRETARY OF STATE Republican
		CHRISTI JACOBSEN
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	222
	PRECINCT #10	236
	PRECINCT #2	224
	PRECINCT #9	212
	SubTotal	894
Total		894

District	Precinct	ATTORNEY GENERAL Democratic
		BEN ALKE
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	54
	PRECINCT #10	52
	PRECINCT #2	78
	PRECINCT #9	37
	SubTotal	221
Total		221

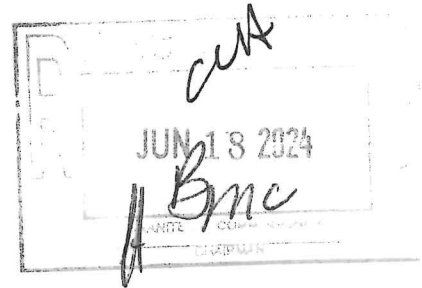


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District	Precinct	ATTORNEY GENERAL Republican	
		AUSTIN KNUDSEN	LOGAN OLSON
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	181	53
	PRECINCT #10	197	45
	PRECINCT #2	190	47
	PRECINCT #9	182	30
	SubTotal	750	175
Total		750	175

District	Precinct	STATE AUDITOR Democratic
		JOHN REPKE
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	54
	PRECINCT #10	51
	PRECINCT #2	80
	PRECINCT #9	36
	SubTotal	221
Total		221

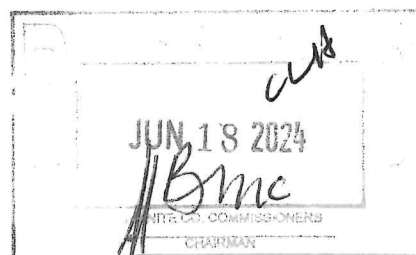
District	Precinct	STATE AUDITOR Republican	
		JAMES BROWN	JOHN JAY WILLOUGHBY
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	139	60
	PRECINCT #10	151	71
	PRECINCT #2	134	75
	PRECINCT #9	147	45
	SubTotal	571	251
Total		571	251





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District	Precinct	STATE SUPERINTEN DENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTIO N Democratic
		SHANNON O'BRIEN
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	57
	PRECINCT #10	52
	PRECINCT #2	79
	PRECINCT #9	35
	SubTotal	223
Total		223



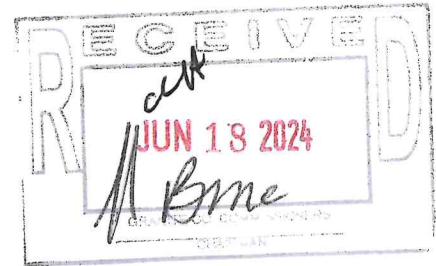
District	Precinct	STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION Republican	
		SHARYL ALLEN	SUSIE HEDALEN
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	89	105
	PRECINCT #10	101	112
	PRECINCT #2	64	129
	PRECINCT #9	87	94
	SubTotal	341	440
Total		341	440

District	Precinct	CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT Democratic	
		ERIN FARRIS- OLSEN	JORDAN OPHUS
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	42	10
	PRECINCT #10	39	9
	PRECINCT #2	59	17
	PRECINCT #9	33	2
	SubTotal	173	38
Total		173	38



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District	Precinct	CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT Republican	
		JASON W ELLSWORTH	BOWEN GREENWOOD
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	96	96
	PRECINCT #10	103	112
	PRECINCT #2	92	110
	PRECINCT #9	84	100
	SubTotal	375	418
Total		375	418



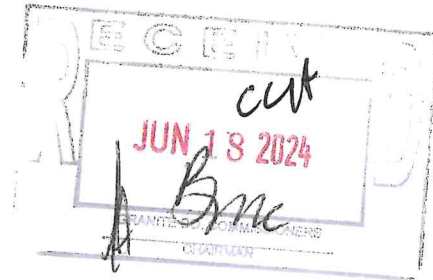
District	Precinct	SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE Non Partisan		
		JEREMIAH LYNCH	DOUG MARSHALL	CORY SWANSON
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	106	44	119
	PRECINCT #10	92	51	136
	PRECINCT #2	93	58	139
	PRECINCT #9	55	31	142
	SubTotal	346	184	536
Total		346	184	536

District	Precinct	SUPREME COURT JUSTICE #3 Non Partisan		
		KATHERINE BIDEGARAY	JERRY O'NEIL	DAN WILSON
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	118	54	91
	PRECINCT #10	116	63	98
	PRECINCT #2	135	66	89
	PRECINCT #9	97	33	88
	SubTotal	466	216	366
Total		466	216	366



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District	Precinct	DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 3, DEPT 1 Non Partisan
		JEFFREY W DAHOOD
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	237
	PRECINCT #10	250
	PRECINCT #2	282
	PRECINCT #9	201
	SubTotal	970
Total		970



District	Precinct	STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 38 Democratic
		JEFFREY BENSON
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	48
	PRECINCT #10	51
	PRECINCT #2	75
	PRECINCT #9	32
	SubTotal	206
Total		206

District	Precinct	STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 38 Republican		
		BECKY BEARD	GREGORY FRAZER	JEREMY MYGLAND
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	133	58	39
	PRECINCT #10	108	59	76
	PRECINCT #2	105	90	31
	PRECINCT #9	118	31	62
	SubTotal	464	238	208
Total		464	238	208

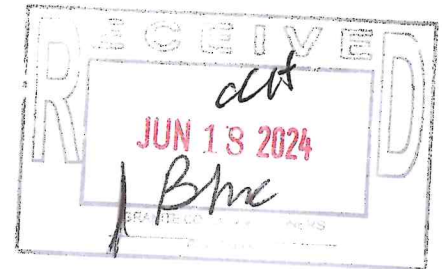


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District	Precinct	STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 76 Republican	
		JOHN FITZPATRICK	DAVE KESLER III
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	130	124
	PRECINCT #10	105	152
	PRECINCT #2	130	133
	PRECINCT #9	99	126
	SubTotal	464	535
Total		464	535

District	Precinct	CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT Republican	
		CAROL BOHRNSEN	
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	250	
	PRECINCT #10	246	
	PRECINCT #2	252	
	PRECINCT #9	217	
	SubTotal	965	
Total		965	

District	Precinct	COUNTY COMMISSION ER DISTRICT 3 Republican	
		PAUL KULASKI	
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	206	
	PRECINCT #10	228	
	PRECINCT #2	209	
	PRECINCT #9	194	
	SubTotal	837	
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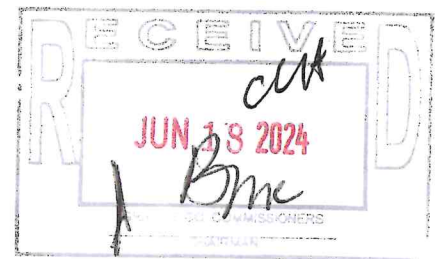
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District	Precinct	TREASURER/SUP OF SCHOOLS/PUBLIC ADMIN (UNEXPIRED) Republican	
		LAUREN ROBBINS	ASHLEY TODD
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	85	167
	PRECINCT #10	75	150
	PRECINCT #2	47	190
	PRECINCT #9	52	150
	SubTotal	259	657
Total		259	657

District	Precinct	GRANITE COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW Non Partisan	
		AGAINST	FOR
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	124	182
	PRECINCT #10	131	147
	PRECINCT #2	135	200
	PRECINCT #9	108	132
	SubTotal	498	661
Total		498	661

District	Precinct	TOWN OF DRUMMOND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW Non Partisan	
		AGAINST	FOR
HD 76	PRECINCT #10	39	33
	SubTotal	39	33
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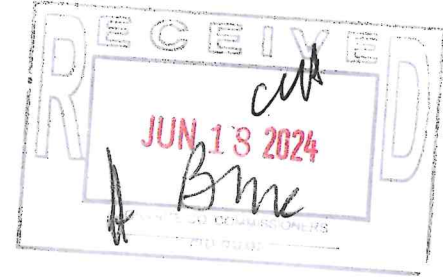
District	Precinct	TOWN OF PHILIPSBURG LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW Non Partisan	
		AGAINST	FOR
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	46	111
	PRECINCT #2	52	79
	SubTotal	98	190
Total		98	190





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District	Precinct	TOWN OF PHILIPSBURG RESORT TAX Non Partisan	
		AGAINST	FOR
HD 76	PRECINCT #1	88	77
	PRECINCT #2	90	43
	SubTotal	178	120
Total		178	120





GRANITE COUNTY ABSTRACT OF WRITE-IN VOTES
6/4/2024 MONTANA PRIMARY ELECTION

		HD 76		Total
		PRE CIN CT #1	PRE CIN CT #2	
	Coral Miller	2	1	3

