

## **DUI TASK FORCE MEETING**

### **MINUTES – May 5, 2021**

The Granite County DUI Task Force met on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in open meeting at the Granite County Courthouse's District Courtroom for its normally scheduled meeting. The meeting was called to Order by Sheriff Scott Dunkerson at 1:04 p.m. Task Force members in attendance included the following Sheriff Scott Dunkerson; Blaine Bradshaw, Granite County Attorney; Claudette Parke, Granite County Attorney's Office (non-voting); Dirk Sichveland; Dwayne Ulrich, Montana Highway Patrol Sgt. Dave Oliverson (via Zoom).

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

**Reading of the Minutes:** The meeting minutes from December 3, 2020 were reviewed and approved. A motion for approval of the March 3, 2021 minutes was made by Dwayne Ulrich and seconded by Granite County Attorney, Blaine Bradshaw with all voting in favor of the motion.

**FINANCIALS:** There was discussion about the \$300 reinstatement fees that were received for the task force. Sheriff Scott Dunkerson shared that that money is split 50/50 between the Montana Department of Motor Vehicles and the county where it is reinstated with each receiving \$100.

**MIP/DUI REPORT:** Sheriff Scott Dunkerson provided the MIP/DUI report for the last 2 months from the sheriff's office with reporting only one (1) and MHP Sgt. Oliverson and Granite County Attorney stating that MHP Trooper Ellis also has a pending DUI in Granite County. Sgt. Oliverson stated that MHP Troopers Ellis and Milligan had a significant number of DUI's for the year with Trooper Ellis mostly in Powell County and Trooper Milligan mostly in Anaconda/Deer Lodge County and Silver Bow County. Granite County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw stated that a recent Granite County resident who had refused DUI testing had plead guilty in the Granite County Justice Court to DUI, per se.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Sheriff Scott Dunkerson stated that there haven't been any DUI Patrols in the last couple months but will have a few during the upcoming summer months. Sheriff Scott Dunkerson believed that with the Campground patrols and the Western Montana Drug Task Force patrols that they should be able to have sufficient patrols for the county. Granite County Attorney, Blaine Bradshaw made a motion to approve five (5) dui patrols through the end of the year (2021). The motion was seconded by Dwayne Ulrich and all voted in favor of the motion.

Granite County Attorney, Blaine Bradshaw made a motion to approve \$100 to buy Designated Driver gift cards (5 at \$20) from a Drummond area business. The motion was seconded by Dwayne Ulrich and everyone voted in favor of the motion.

Several task force members had looked into the information provided by task force member Tami Martin about the portable breath testers for the local bars to use for patrons. Dirk Sichveland took information to the local establishments in Philipsburg and hadn't heard back from them if they were interested in participating in the program. Dirk stated that there was potential of a lesser cost for liquor liability insurance when participating in the portable tester

program. Sheriff Scott Dunkerson stated that he believed the new owner of the Canyon Bar in Drummond would be interested as she is ex law enforcement. MHP Sgt. Dave Oliverson stated that at \$2 a test it would be worthwhile to purchase some for local businesses.

Granite County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw made a motion to approve \$300 toward the cost of the portable breath testers for local business that provide alcohol as a primary item of sale. The motion was seconded by Dirk Sichveland and all voted in favor of the motion.

New Membership: Granite County Commissioners Assistant, Billie Ann Kulaski put the listing in the Philipsburg Mail asking for new members for the task force. Granite County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw has been in contact with Drummond High School and will contact Granite High School to see about a student member for the task force.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** The Task Force listed the following upcoming events: Flint Creek Valley Days; Rotary Concert, Rodeo (Drummond)

Sheriff Scott Dunkerson stated that he believed that the campgrounds in the area would be busy this summer as well. Sgt. Dave Oliverson stated that the Country Jam would be happening later in the summer as well.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Sheriff Scott Dunkerson stated that the DUI Task Force Annual Operating Plan is up for renewal in June. It was agreed that the dates would be changed on the current and very recent operating plan and resubmitted once approved by the Granite County Commissioners. Sheriff Scott Dunkerson asked Claudette Parke to contact the Commissioners assistant to get the plan approved and to make the changes to the current operational plan as discussed.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None were discussed

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 1:00 pm in the Granite County Courthouse District Courtroom. Meetings are held, per the by-laws, on the first Wednesday of March, May, September and December.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.