

**RESOLUTION 2024-7**

**SECOND REVISED GRANITE COUNTY RESOLUTION  
PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The County Commissioners of Granite County, Montana (“Commission”), in regular session this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, by motion and second of the Commission, and unanimously approved and duly passed the following Second Revised Resolution:

WHEREAS, MCA § 2-3-103 requires the Commission to develop procedures for permitting and encouraging public participation in decisions of the Commission that are of a significant interest to the public and to allow public comment on public matters where the commissioners have jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Commission intend herewith to revise Granite County Resolution Providing For Public Participation, specifically Granite county Resolution Nos. 2003-23 and 2017-21.

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that:**

1. Prior to making a final decision on matters that are of significant interest to the public or have been presented during the public comment portion of the meeting; the Commissioners shall afford reasonable opportunity for participation and comment.
2. To assure adequate notice and to assist public participation before any decision is made or final action is taken on any matter that is of significant interest to the public or that has been presented during public comment portion of the Commissioners’ regular meeting, the Commissioners shall post, or cause to be posted, its weekly agenda identifying such matters in the following places:

On Granite County’s website at <https://www.granitecountymt.us/>

Weekly advertisement published in the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper informing public of weekly agenda being on County website and providing website link to agenda

Granite County Courthouse, 220 North Sansome Street, Philipsburg, Montana 59858; Main Floor Lobby Bulletin Board

The agenda will be sent to the following via e-mail with request to be posted weekly, to wit:

U.S. Post Office, Philipsburg  
U.S. Post Office, Hall  
U.S. Post Office, Clinton  
U.S. Post Office, Drummond  
Town Hall, Drummond  
Seven Gable Resort, Georgetown Lake  
VFW Post 8292, Maxville  
Huffman’s Grocery, Philipsburg  
Clinton Market, Clinton

3. The agenda for each Commissioner’s meeting shall include an item identified as: “Public Comment on Matters within the Commission’s Jurisdiction.”

4. All agenda items shall be submitted to the Granite County Commission’s Assistant. If the Commission’s Assistant is unavailable, they may be submitted to the Granite County Clerk & Recorder or Deputy. The weekly agenda for each Commissioner’s meeting shall be posted at least 72-hours prior to the Commission’s regular meeting. All agenda items, submitted by the public or county, shall be submitted by 5 p.m. on Wednesday of the week prior to the Commissioners’ meetings.

5. Commission matters that require statutory notice by publication in a newspaper shall be complied with as Montana law provides.

6. As county business requires, the Commission shall generally hold meetings each and every Tuesday, unless modified by the majority vote of the Commission. The purpose for the Commission's regular meetings is the taking of action on any matter within their jurisdiction after allowing reasonable time for public comment.

7. Prior to the Commission taking any action on any matter within their jurisdiction, the Commission's Chairperson shall provide a reasonable time for any person or entity to submit data or comments either orally or in writing regarding any action that may be taken by the Commission.

8. All Commission's meetings shall be open to the public unless otherwise provided by law.

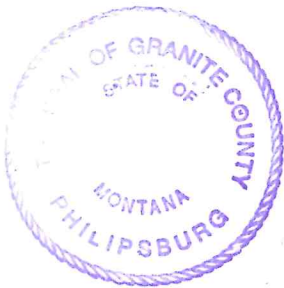
9. Any and all documentation related to any action the Commission are proposing shall be made available at the Granite County Clerk & Recorder's Office and the County Commission's Assistant's office. The Clerk & Recorder's Office is on the main floor of the Granite County Courthouse. Commission's Assistant's office is located in the County Commission's office on the main floor (southeast corner) of Granite County Courthouse. This documentation shall be available by Friday at 3:00 p.m. the week prior to the Commission's meeting where it will be discussed. Copy expenses shall be charged as set by Montana statutory law. However, the public may review the documentation, without charge, during regular Granite County Courthouse hours which are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday excepting all federal holidays.

10. At the earliest, any final action on resolutions of the Commissioners, which has a significant interest to the public, may be taken at the second reading on the Commissioners' agenda.

11. Special Commission meetings may be called by the Commissioner Chairperson, or by majority vote of the Commission, with at least 72-hours advance notice, absent any emergency, with the Commission's agenda to be posted the same as the weekly agenda for regular Commission meetings. Commission meetings on emergency issues may be held without any notice provided to the public.

ADOPTED AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF GRANITE COUNTY



*Blanche McLure*  
Blanche McLure, Chairperson

*Scott C. Adler*  
Scott C. Adler, Commissioner

*Charles L. Hinkle*  
Charles L. Hinkle, Commissioner

ATTEST:

*Sarah Graham*  
Sarah Graham, Clerk and Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

*Blaine C. Bradshaw*

Blaine C. Bradshaw, Granite County Attorney

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