

July 25, 2017 continued

The Board participated in the Granite County Board of Health meeting. Minutes of that meeting are kept separately.

The session adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 1ST, 8TH, 15TH 22ND AND 29TH OF AUGUST 2017 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2017 WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

<u>WARRANT</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
53403 HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS	PRESSURE WASHER	\$369.99
53404 VISA #1	PUMP & CONFINED SPACE KIT	\$1,906.93
53405 VISA #2	SLC CONVENTION	\$863.76
53406 FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK	PAYROLL & NOD FEE	\$98,835.28
53407 360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$1,271.76
53408 A & M FIRE AND SAFETY, INC	SUPPLIES	\$86.30
53409 AG - WEST	REPAIR & SUPPLIES	\$4,893.38
53410 AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	ACETYLENE	\$19.87
53411 ANACONDA LEADER	EVACUATION SIGNS	\$739.38
53412 ANNIE YOUNG	SUPPLIES	\$308.46
53413 AXMEN	HOSE & NOZZLE SUPPLIES	\$181.40
53414 BEN HAUPTMAN	TRI-COUNTY FAIR	\$199.00
53415 BILL SLAUGHTER	TRAVEL	\$76.51
53416 BLACKFOOT CFT	JULY BILLING	\$4,088.65
53417 BLANCHE MCLURE	CONVENTION & SUPPLIES	\$201.40
53418 BOB'S QUALITY AUTO	MAINTENANCE	\$231.00
53419 BUTTE PRODUCE	SUPPLIES	\$550.40
53420 CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$145.62
53421 CASCADE CO YOUTH SERVICES CNTR	JUVENILE DETAINEE	\$7,285.00
53422 CENTURYLINK	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$520.56
53423 CENTURYLINK	FCP PHONE	\$55.79
53424 CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES	MAG CRYSTAL	\$6,198.50
53425 COLETTE ADELE FADNESS	MILEAGE	\$544.63
53426 COMDATA	JULY BILLING	\$5,282.99
53427 COONEY'S LOCKSMITH	KEYPAD ENTRY	\$829.99
53428 CROP PRODUCTION SERVICES	CHEMICAL SUPPLIES	\$3,161.80
53429 CROWN CORRECTIONAL TELEPHONE	CALLING CARDS	\$280.00
53430 DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$1,606.50
53431 DRUMMOND COMMUNITY HALL	RENT	\$300.00
53432 DUSTBUSTERS INC	DUST CONTROL	\$52,529.05
53433 ENERGY PARTNERS LLC	PREPAY CONTRACT	\$697.50
53434 F & R LLC	GRAVEL	\$38,594.48
53435 FACILITY REIMBURSEMENT	SERVICES	\$2,043.11
53436 FAITH G WILSON	MILEAGE	\$246.10
53437 FICKLER OIL CO. INC.	FUEL & SUPPLIES	\$996.80
53438 FLINT CREEK LODGE #11	RENT	\$2,550.00
53439 GARDEN CITY FUNERAL HOME	VETERNA BENEFIT	\$300.00
53440 GENERAL DISTRIBUTING CO.	ACETYLENE	\$135.07
53441 GRANITE AMMUNITION	SUPPLIES	\$325.00
53442 GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$176.22
53443 GRANITE DISPOSAL	DUMPSTERS	\$200.00
53444 GRANITE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$362.23
53445 GRANITE SPORTLAND	SUPPLIES	\$21.70
53446 GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$2,816.80
53447 HALL GRAVEL WORKS	GRAVEL	\$106.40
53448 HEADWATERS RC&D	DUES FY18	\$1,216.80
53449 HEALTHCARE BILLING, INC	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$419.68
53450 HIGH TECH LINEN	RUGS CLEANING	\$140.54
53451 HOGAN'S RANCH & BUILDERS	SUPPLIES	\$519.70
53452 HUFFMAN GROCERY	PRISONER MEALS	\$1,869.36

53453	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES	\$120.74
53454	I STATE TRUCK INC	REPAIRS	\$458.00
53455	IBS, INC	SUPPLIES	\$260.11
53456	INTOXIMETERS, INC	24/7 SOBRIETY	\$148.50
53457	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	\$301.82
53458	JOHNSON CONTROLS	CONTRACT	\$3,866.00
53459	KAREN PALMER	TRI-COUNTY FAIR	\$533.92
53460	KYLE ZIMMERMAN	TRANSPORT	\$350.00
53461	LANE & ASSOCIATES	PRE-EMPLOY TEST	\$76.23
53462	LICKETY PRINT	BUSINESS CARDS	\$82.65
53463	LOLO GLASS LLC	SAFETY GLASS	\$350.66
53464	LONGFELLOW FUNERAL HOME	VETERAN BENEFIT	\$300.00
53465	MACO	DUES & MED BUDGET PROTECTOR	\$5,064.96
53466	MACO PCT	INSURANCE PREMIUM	\$134,912.00
53467	MAPS INC	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$4,602.25
53468	MARGARET TALLON	TRAVEL	\$32.10
53469	MCGOWAN WATER COND, INC	SUPPLIES	\$45.85
53470	MED-TECH RESOURCE	SUPPLIES	\$548.25
53471	MONIDA HEALTHCARE NETWORK	BILLING SERVICES	\$34.58
53472	MONTANA AERONAUTICS	WINDSOCK	\$46.23
53473	MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	CONFERENCE	\$330.00
53474	MONTANA BOLT & HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$56.33
53475	MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH	SUPPLIES	\$152.79
53476	MTCORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES	UNIFORMS	\$393.28
53477	MONTANA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACAD	SUPPLIES	\$102.67
53478	MONTANA RAIL LINK	GRAVEL & EQUIPMENT STORAGE	\$2,660.00
53479	MONTANA WEED CONTROL ASSOC	CALENDARS	\$200.00
53480	MOUNTAIN SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$185.71
53481	MOUNTAIN WEST COOPERATIVE	SUPPLIES	\$24.00
53482	MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	SALARY SHARE	\$2,145.43
53483	MT DEPT OF ENVIRO QUALITY	CLASS III BURN SITE FEE	\$1,242.00
53484	MYBINDING	HALF SHEET PAPER	\$226.98
53485	NICK DIESEL KESLER	MAINTENANCE	\$80.00
53486	NORCO, INC	SUPPLIES	\$119.88
53487	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO	SCARIFIER BITS	\$1,628.84
53488	NORTHWEST INSURANCE GROUP	AIRORT INSURANCE PREMIUM	\$3,199.00
53489	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	JULY STATEMENTS	\$2,602.24
53490	PACIFIC STEEL - MISSOULA	SUPPLIES	\$655.19
53491	PATRICIA BAUER	MILEAGE	\$151.67
53492	PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	ADS	\$607.00
53493	PHILIPSBURG SR CITZ CENTER	SUPPLIES	\$6,595.46
53494	PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF	WATER/SEWER	\$479.00
53495	PINTLER PETROLEUM	FUEL & OIL	\$3,614.00
53496	POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	\$196.00
53497	REPUBLIC SERVICES #889	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$8,747.12
53498	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$7,051.60
53499	RICK DAY	TRAVEL	\$82.39
53500	RIVERSIDE MARKET	SUPPLIES	\$795.43
53501	RTW ENTERPRISE	REPAIR	\$350.00
53502	SARAH E GRAHAM	TRAVEL	\$74.90
53503	SATELLITE PHONE STORE	DVA SATELLITE PHONE	\$93.02
53504	SW MONTANA DRUG TASK FORCE	MATCHING FUNDS	\$4,000.00
53505	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	SUPPLIES	\$128.34
53506	SUNSHINE STATION	SUPPLIES	\$4.63
53507	SUPPLYWORKS	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$192.21
53508	SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	REGULAR CLEANING	\$225.00
53509	TASK MASTER	BUILDING INSPECTION	\$395.00
53510	TERRY JO VIETOR	SUPPLIES/TRAVEL	\$108.30
53511	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT, INC	MAINTENANCE	\$347.41
53512	TRI-COUNTY SANITARIAN	4TH QUARTER FY17	\$10,971.62
53513	US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY	FCP GAGE MAINTENANCE FEE	\$2,860.00
53514	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$361.78
53515	WOODLAND CREATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$193.46
		CLAIMS FUND TOTAL	\$464,065.92

<u>WARRANT/NOD</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ADLER, MAKENZIE T	WEED SPRAYER	\$2,312.00
ADLER, SCOTT C	COUNTY COMMISSIONER	\$2,131.97
ALT, PAUL	ROAD SUPERVISOR	\$5,833.33
ANDERSON, MELINDA K	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY	\$1,031.38
BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V	\$562.03
BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	\$3,932.65
BONNEY, BARTON C	COMMISSIONER	\$2,021.68
BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN	\$2,448.00
BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER	\$4,858.53
BRADSHAW, BLAINE C	COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$7,867.93
BUTLER, JODI L	SOLID WASTE	\$2,617.44

CAIN, RONALD J	RELIEF DEPUTY	\$1,523.20
CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N	DISPATCH	\$2,292.73
CAYKO, NICKIE N	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$1,692.00
CROSS, AUSTIN M	DISPATCHER	\$524.45
DAY, JAN P	DEPUTY CLERK	\$1,400.00
DAY, NELS R	DES COORDINATOR	\$1,421.79
DUNKERSON, WAYNE S	SHERIFF	\$4,406.90
FADNESS, COLETTE A	AREA V AIDE	\$349.20
FRATZKE, DEBBIE	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	\$1,933.08
GRAHAM, RONALD L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,896.40
GRAHAM, SARAH E	DEPUTY CLERK & RECORDER	\$3,307.50
GREANY, KYLE L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,176.28
GROSVOLD, LACIE J	CLERK	\$1,233.38
HARDING, JEAN M	DISPATCHER	\$2,420.36
HARDING, VICKI B	TREASURER	\$4,331.67
HENNAGER, DEANNA L	DISPATCHER	\$2,319.09
HOEHNE, JOHN W	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,445.90
HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,114.00
HOUSE, ROBBI	TREASURER'S OFFICE	\$2,669.52
HULTMAN, TY R	DEPUTY	\$4,235.03
18955 HULTMAN, TY R	EQUIPMENT ALLOWANCE	\$1,000.00
JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,311.60
KAHOE, MICHAEL	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	\$4,263.84
KANE, KATHERINE	DISPATCHER	\$3,722.53
KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE	\$2,889.60
KENDALL, JOY J	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$82.77
KINGREY, ELWYN	JUNK VEHICLE	\$394.30
KOLBECK, GLEN G	WEED SPRAYER	\$2,312.00
LATRAY, DANETTE L	TREASURER DEPUTY	\$3,307.50
LEHNEN, VICTORIA A	DISPATCHER	\$2,861.32
MCDONNELL, FRED N	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$311.87
MCLURE, BLANCHE A	CLERK & RECORDER	\$4,331.67
18954 O'DELL, SARAH L	DISPATCHER	\$397.60
OLSEN, RICK C	DEPUTY	\$3,765.60
18956 OLSEN, RICK C	EQUIPMENT ALLOWANCE	\$950.00
OWENS, NANCY	RELIEF	\$389.76
PALMER, KAREN P	COUNTY AGENT SEC	\$2,303.28
PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY	\$2,908.08
PAWLAK, KIMBERLY	FLOATING CLERK	\$1,462.83
PETERS, DEBORAH A	DISPATCHER RELIEF	\$598.16
PETERS, STEVEN D	DEPUTY	\$3,362.85
18957 PETERS, STEVEN D	EQUIPMENT ALLOWANCE	\$1,150.00
RUSSELL, JAMES R	DEPUTY	\$4,137.23
18958 RUSSELL, JAMES R	EQUIPMENT ALLOWANCE	\$1,150.00
SHORT, GERVIN	UNDERSHERIFF	\$4,145.14
18959 SHORT, GERVIN	EQUIPMENT ALLOWANCE	\$1,000.00
SLAUGHTER, BILL L	COMMISSIONER	\$2,044.08
SMITH, REBECCA	PHEP COORDINATOR	\$1,234.40
SWANSON, DAVID C	WEED FOREMAN	\$2,595.90
TALLON, MARGARET	COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIALIST	\$130.00
TORRE, SUSAN R	RELIEF CUSTODIAN	\$23.88
VIETOR, TERRY J	CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE	\$1,154.40
WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,060.00
WEST, WILLIAM H	DAM TENDER	\$707.32
WILSON, FAITH GRACE	AREA V AIDE	\$573.81
YOUNG, ANN D	COUNTY HEALTH NURSE	\$3,978.00
62 EMPLOYEES	TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	\$157,320.74

WARRANT		AMOUNT
18954 SARAH O'DELL	SEE "GROSS PAY"	
18955 TY HULTMAN	SEE "GROSS PAY"	
18956 RICK OLSEN	SEE "GROSS PAY"	
18957 STEVEN PETERS	SEE "GROSS PAY"	
18958 JAMES RUSSELL	SEE "GROSS PAY"	
18959 GERVIN SHORT	SEE "GROSS PAY"	
18960 AFLAC INS		\$302.92
18961 CHRISTMAS CLUB		\$1,925.00
18962 COLONIAL		\$18.75
18963 FIT		\$12,183.50
18963 MEDICARE		\$4,413.56
18963 P.E.R.S.		\$18,763.25
18963 PERS RETIREE		\$531.88
18963 SHERIFF RETIRE		\$5,611.09
18963 SRS RETIREE		\$199.77
18963 SOCIAL SECURITY		\$18,871.50
18963 TRS		\$22.13
18964 IUOE 400		\$435.80

18965 MACO DENTAL	\$2,313.00
18965 MACO VISION	\$558.00
18965 MACOHCT	\$47,915.00
18965 UNUMLIFE	\$890.45
18966 PEBSC	\$3,725.00
18967 SIT	\$6,382.00
18968 UNION - PENSION	\$532.48
TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES	\$125,595.08

GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

August 1, 2017

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Office of the Granite County Courthouse with Chairperson Barton Bonney and Commissioner Bill Slaughter attending. Commissioner Adler was absent this day. Also attending was Kim Pawlak in for Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended a portion of the session.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.69 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 45.9 cfs through the pipeline to the power plant and 45.9 cfs across the weir. The pipeline is repaired and the power plant is back online. The lake is approximately 2.52 inches above full pool. The Board agreed to no change in the outflow on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Bonney. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt's report was postponed.

Engineer Bill Lloyd, Great West Engineering of Helena, met with the Board to discuss the South Main Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project in Drummond. Plans call for the railing to be repaired, not replaced; a waterproof membrane placed on the bridge deck; an asphalt overlay; rebar to be cleaned and a protective covering installed; and the top surface to be sealed. The work is expected to give an additional 15-20 years of life to the bridge. Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper attended to discuss the town contracting with the county's paving contractor to do additional paving for the Town of Drummond on South Main Street. Bill Lloyd pointed out that pack rust has been noticed in some pin and hanger joints and inquired whether the county would like to seal joints or replace them; replacement would increase the project from \$80,000.00 to \$150,000.00. The Board agreed that sealed joints should adequately slow the pack rust and the joints would be monitored to check on the progression of pack rust. Bill Lloyd noted that the project will add weight to the bridge, losing 2 tons of load capacity, but the existing load limit will not need to be changed. He inquired whether the county is comfortable requesting bids without an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) from the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) for the state's share of the cost, which had been verbally indicated at \$40,000.00. The Board agreed to contact Shane Stack with MDT's Missoula Office regarding the state's share and to proceed with the bid process. Bill Lloyd inquired if the county wants to do spot painting where pack rust is located and the Board declined, stating that sealing should be sufficient. The Board agreed to have the bridge railing repair as an added alternate on the bids, so if the total cost is high, then the entire bid will not have to be rejected. Also, the Board declined to extend paving on the south side by 25 feet. It was agreed to advertise the bridge bid process in the *Missoulian* and *Philipsburg Mail* newspapers for a bid opening date of August 22, 2017. Bill Lloyd estimated that the project could take up to 30 days, to be completed by October 15, 2017. The engineer's written itemized project cost estimate is \$79,547.00. Commissioner Slaughter moved to have Great West Engineering proceed with the project and to advertise for bids. Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. On another subject, Bill Lloyd noted that the annual inspection of the Flint Creek Dam by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is scheduled for August 23 and 24, 2017, to include the Focused Spillway Assessment to be completed by Great West

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Engineering. He noted that the county is responsible to supply all safety gear for personnel from FERC to participate. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that he would like to have Sheriff Dunkerson or a deputy present during the inspection. Also, plans call for having the main gate valve in the dam replaced when DNRC grant funding, which has been approved, is released.

Commissioners Bonney and Slaughter and Paul Alt, Road and Bridge Superintendent and Solid Waste Program Manager, made up the interview committee for the Part-Time Relief Transfer Site Attendant position. An interview was held with applicant Chuck Gursky. The interview committee recommended that he be offered the position. Chuck Gursky agreed to come in on Tuesday, August 8, 2017, to formally accept the position.

During public comment, Mark Harvey and Daniel Jacobs, Fire Management Team, and Mike Almas and Jeannette Dreadfulwater, ICP, met with the Board. Mark Harvey briefed the Board on the Whetstone and Meyers fires; the fire grew 300-400 acres last night; new start east of Frog Pond; fire is going south and east, and will get larger; approximately 400 personnel on the fires; a number of complexities including standing dead trees; meeting today with Moose Lake residents to give update; campgrounds are not at Stage II fire restrictions. Mike Almas briefed the Board on the Sapphire Complex (Goat Creek, Slide Rock and Little Hog Back Fires); the fire grew 800 acres; having good success at controlling the fires; Brewster Creek homes are safe; 500 plus personnel on the fires; hoping to open Rock Creek Road soon; BPA main electric lines are a concern. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Commissioner Slaughter stressed that Sheriff Dunkerson be kept up to date with fire activity. Vince Reece, Granite County Airport Board, reported that he is working on an Emergency Operations Plan for Riddick Field Airport with the assistance of County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw. He is also working with the forest service to obtain a financial agreement for the use of airport resources. Wednesday, August 2, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. a stakeholders meeting is scheduled in the District Courtroom of the Granite County Courthouse. Also, on Wednesday in the evening, there will be a community meeting at Granite High School in Philipsburg.

The agenda item regarding the contract agreement with DNRC Renewable Resources Grant and Loan Program (RRGL) for the Flint Creek Dam Improvement Project was deferred as the document had not yet been received by the County.

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON Granite County Hospital District, met with the Board for the monthly financial update. She reported that the staff is working through issues with Athena on the new electronic medical records system. The financial report included projected cash available of \$68,370, projected deposits of \$125,594, projected cash requirement of \$125,000 and projected cash reserves of \$68,964 (6 days of operation). Also included was an administrator's report dated July 25, 2017; the M. J. Murdock Foundation plans a site visit for CT scan project at Granite County Medical Center in September; the district is working with Great West Engineering of Helena on the CT scan project. There are several candidates for a vacant board seat and the district board is hoping to fill the seat soon.

The session adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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August 8, 2017

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Office of the Granite County Courthouse with Chairperson Barton Bonney and

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Commissioner Bill Slaughter attending. Commissioner Adler was absent this day and participated in a portion of the session by speaker telephone. Also attending was Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.54 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 45.9 cfs, with 45 cfs through the pipeline to the power plant, .9 cfs down the creek, and 45.9 cfs across the weir. The pipeline is repaired and the power plant is back online. The lake is approximately 0.48 inches above full pool. The Board agreed to no change in the outflow on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Bonney. There was no public comment. The motion carried. The Board agreed to ask County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw to request that engineer Ben Singer with Flint Creek Hydroelectric send e-mails out and obtain the appropriate permission from the three relevant agencies to exceed the required outflow of 30 cfs.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and reported that the entire road crew has been busy applying dust control on the Moose Lake Road at the request of the Forest Service for the safety of the public and those fighting the forest fires in that area.

Kim Johnson, agent with Pintlar Territories Real Estate, met with the Board regarding the county's planned purchase of property (three irregular tracts in NW1/4 of Section 35, T10N, R13W) adjoining the county road department shops at Hall. The Board reviewed the written inspection report on the home on the property at 110 South Broadway Avenue. The Board agreed to request that surveyor Hans Bohrsen perform a boundary adjustment survey on the property to be purchased.

County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw met with the Board regarding a letter from the state Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) dated 8-2-2017 to County Attorney Bradshaw regarding the Black Pine Mine Reclamation Project and the portion of Black Pine Mine Road, a county road, that was relocated without the County's permission. Attorney Bradshaw agreed to respond to the letter with the request that the county receive a recordable easement to the County (for public's use forever) on the new road. Also, the plan was made not abandon the existing county road which was barricaded by the DEQ.

Scott Casagrande with Northwestern Energy met with the Board regarding a project to replace power poles near Interstate 90 from Powell County into Granite County. The project will involve about 19 structures for 2½ miles in Granite County. The Board agreed to allow the construction with written terms and conditions due to the Stage II Fire Restrictions being in place. The written terms and conditions, signed by Chairperson Bonney, will be sent to Scott Casagrande today.

John Vukonich, Public Works Director with the Town of Philipsburg, met with the Board to report damage to an old water line from Murphy Springs to the Philipsburg Cemetery cistern on the Stewart Lake Road. He did not know how or when the damage occurred, but he wanted the Board to be aware of it.

The Board held a budget work session. Clerk and Recorder Blanche McLure informed the Board that the county's county-wide taxable valuation, as received on August 3, 2017, from the state Department of Revenue, is \$12,599 (previous year was \$12,439) and the taxable valuation for county roads is \$10,816 (previous year was \$10,604) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. She noted that county budgets must be adopted by September 5, 2017.

The Board reviewed a letter from Sheriff Scott Dunkerson regarding an ongoing issue of lack of response from the Granite County ambulance services. The Board agreed to have an in-depth discussion when Commissioner Adler returns from fighting forest fires.

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During public comment, Philip McDonald presented gravel prices for the Fred Burr Gravel Pit and laboratory test results for the ¾ inch crushed road mix, which meets state specifications. He is interested in bidding on gravel for county projects.

The agenda item regarding the contract agreement with DNRC Renewable Resources Grant and Loan Program (RRGL) for the Flint Creek Dam Improvement Project was deferred as the document had not arrived.

The session adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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August 15, 2017

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Office of the Granite County Courthouse with Chairperson Barton Bonney and Commissioner Bill Slaughter attending. Commissioner Adler was absent this day and participated in a portion of the session by speaker telephone. Also attending was Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.43 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 44.7 cfs, with 44.7 cfs through the pipeline and 44.7 cfs across the weir, according to the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 0.84 inches below full pool. The Board agreed to no change in the outflow on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Bonney. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and reported that metal for recycling has not been hauled by Pacific Recycling of Butte from the solid waste sites and another way is being investigated to get it hauled. The road crew is working on the Upper Willow Creek Road at the Forest Service's request for the firefighting effort on the Sapphire Complex Fire. Sam Brown met with the Board to inquire about what is going to be done regarding runoff into his driveway entrance on the Rumsey Road. Paul Alt responded that some belt diversions will be used to divert the water away from the driveway. Sam Brown requested that it be done prior to spring runoff.

As an administrative matter, the Board signed the agreement with Doyle & Associates, P.C. of Lolo to complete the county Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Sheila Manley with the Drummond Ambulance met with the Board regarding Sheriff Dunkerson's letter dated 7-31-2017 regarding the lack of response when calls for an ambulance are made. Various methods of recruiting new ambulance volunteers were discussed, including an annual stipend, a stipend per run, an appreciation dinner, and having one paid administrative position for both (Drummond and Philipsburg) ambulance services to assist with paperwork and maintain supplies

The Board reviewed county claims for July 2017. The claims were paid on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Bonney. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

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Board minutes for June 2017 were reviewed. Commissioner Slaughter moved for approval of the June 2017 minutes and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Incident Command Team (ICT) leaders on two fires burning in Granite County met with the Board. Bob Habeck reported on the Sapphire Complex Fire; they are concentrating resources and emphasis on the Little Hogback Fire in that complex; continue to staff a night shift with commitment to stop any new fires and minimize the footprint; they are in competition for available firefighting resources; next four to five days are critical with good weather; reduced smoke makes flying now possible; the condition of Rock Creek Road and Willow Creek Road were discussed; the team is on day 5 of their 14-day tour. Travis Lipp gave a report on the Meyers Fire; Moose Lake area reduced from red (mandatory evacuation) to yellow (be prepared for evacuation) and people are allowed back in; Frog Pond area continues at red and under evacuation; continuing to maintain fire lines; some direct attack; protecting Moose Lake is a priority; monitoring by air; putting in contingency lines; clearing approximately 150 feet on each side of road to protect East Fork Reservoir and Georgetown Lake areas, which will take about three weeks; some slash piles with merchantable timber decked; safety of firefighters is primary; and weather predicted to get warmer and dryer. Jay Esperance inquired about any public concerns and requested comments on what they can be doing better; they are here to fight a fire, but also to work with the public with open communications. Commissioner Slaughter indicated his desire that forest management staff would listen more to the fire staff regarding forest fuel reduction to increase timber sales and reduce forest fires. Attending were County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, Granite County DES/Safety Coordinator Rick Day, Vince Reece with the Granite County Airport Board, and other firefighting officials from both fires.

Patrick Fox, owner of Boulder Creek Lodge at Maxville, met with the Board to request to rent or lease the old Maxville dump landfill site. He indicated that lodge guests sometimes do not follow mapped instructions to his guest cabins and end up at the end of the road where there is no place available to turn around. He is trying to make his facility horse friendly by connecting to BLM land and the additional ground (the former landfill site) would allow him to do that. He plans some improvements for next year and his objective is to avoid conflicts with his neighbors. He indicated that he has spoken with Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt, who has looked at the site. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that he is skeptical about renting or leasing the former dump ground not knowing what is in there, but would consider putting up some signs and facilitating an agreement with Montana Rail Link to cross that land. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and suggested possible wording for a sign. The County Attorney was also asked to look into whether a current inspection is needed for the former Maxville landfill site or not.

There was no public comment during the time specified on the agenda.

The Board held a budget work session with Clerk and Recorder Blanche McLure.

The agenda item regarding the contract agreement with DNRC Renewable Resources Grant and Loan Program (RRGL) for the Flint Creek Dam Improvement Project was deferred as the document had not arrived.

The session adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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August 22, 2017

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Office of the Granite County Courthouse with Chairperson Barton Bonney and Commissioners Scott Adler and Bill Slaughter attending. Also attending was Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.

At 9:00 a.m. the Board began the public hearing process on the 2017-2018 preliminary budget. The hearing will be continued day to day and will be concluded, and the budget scheduled to be approved and adopted, on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.27 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 44.7 cfs, with 44.7 cfs through the pipeline and 44.7 cfs across the weir. The lake is approximately 2.76 inches below full pool. The Board agreed to no change in the outflow on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and he reported on the proposed purchase of chips and sand, the volume of which will be verified by a surveyor. Discussion was held by speaker telephone with seasonal employee Barney Conrads on Lower Rock Creek to be prepared for the winter season. The Board agreed to install LED lighting in a shop building at Hall and proposals will be solicited from local electricians.

As public comment, Susan Hale met with the Board regarding delinquent taxes and the effect on local budgets. The Board agreed to speak with Treasurer Vicki Harding regarding the matter.

Also as public comment, Jason Wingo met with the Board regarding attracting volunteers for the Philipsburg Ambulance. Suggestions discussed were a stipend per run, a paid administrative position to handle the paperwork and recruitment, and some way to show appreciation to the volunteers. Discussion was held on potential people for the administrative position. Jason Wingo noted that Patrick Little is now the president of the Philipsburg Ambulance. On another subject, Jason Wingo reported that he is having the property for the new ambulance building surveyed and plans are to have framing commence by October 1, 2017.

Treasurer Vicki Harding met with the Board and presented financial reports for June and July, 2017. The June report included a cash analysis, CD investments of \$529,775.45, STIP investments of \$7,689,648.24, a checking account register, pledged securities held at Glacier Bank in the amount of \$500,000.00 and pledged securities held at Granite Mountain Bank in the amount of \$440,000.00. The July report included a cash analysis, STIP investments of \$8,331,801.88, CD investments of \$529,775.45, the checking account register, pledged securities held at Granite Mountain Bank in the amount of \$440,000.00, and pledged securities held at Glacier Bank in the amount of \$500,000.00.

The Board deferred an employee evaluation of Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe.

The Board reviewed the draft minutes for July 2017. The minutes were approved on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Bonney. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and Granite County for the South Main Street Bridge (across the Clark Fork River at Drummond) Rehabilitation Project. MDT is planning to contribute \$40,000.00 to the project. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and engineer Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering of Helena advised the Board of proposed revisions to the agreement. The Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement, as revised, on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Bonney. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

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The Board referred to the legal advertisement "Invitation To Bid" as published in the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper on August 10 and 17, 2017, for the South Main Street Bridge (over the Clark Fork River at Drummond) Rehabilitation Project. Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering met with the Board at 2:00 p.m. for the opening of the sealed bids for the project. Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe opened the one sealed bid received as follows:

	Base Bid	Alt. No. 1	Alt. No. 2
Battle Ridge Builders LLC	\$76,937.00	\$9,600.00	\$6,400.00

The Board agreed to take the bid under advisement on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Bonney. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Engineer Jeremiah Theys will check the bid documents for accuracy and a potential award of the bid will be scheduled for a regular session on August 29, 2017. Cody Ham with Battle Ridge Builders of Belgrade attended.

There was no public comment during the time specified on the agenda.

The session adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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August 23, 2017

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in special session in the District Courtroom of the Granite County Courthouse with Chairperson Barton Bonney and Commissioners Scott Adler and Bill Slaughter attending. Also attending was Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.

Engineers Kelcy Adamec and Glenn Koester, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Portland Regional Office, met with the Board to begin the annual inspection of the Flint Creek Dam. Following a review of inspection documents the group proceeded to the Flint Creek Dam, where it was joined by Dam Tender Bill West and Paul Tallon with Flint Creek Hydroelectric. During discussion, Paul Tallon stated that engineer Ben Singer with Flint Creek Hydroelectric will not do any more paperwork on the project. The FERC annual inspection was conducted on site at the dam.

The session adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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August 24, 2017

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. in special session at the Flint Creek Dam with Chairperson Barton Bonney and Commissioner Bill Slaughter attending. Commissioner Adler was absent this day. Also attending were engineers Jeremiah Theys and Ryan Elliott with Great West Engineering of Helena, engineers Kelcy Adamec and Glenn Koester, with

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the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Portland Regional Office, and Dam Tender Bill West to conduct the Focused Spillway Assessment on the Flint Creek Dam.

In the afternoon, the group convened in the District Courtroom of the Granite County Courthouse to complete the Potential Failure Mode Analysis on the spillway at the Flint Creek Dam. Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe attended. FERC will send a written report on the dam inspection at a later date.

The session adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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August 29, 2017

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Office of the Granite County Courthouse with Chairperson Barton Bonney and Commissioners Scott Adler and Bill Slaughter attending. Also attending was Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and reported that he has been working on dust control on the Upper Willow Creek Road at the request of the Forest Service. Following previous discussion and due to the poor condition of two Road and Bridge Department pickups, the Board had agreed to purchase two new 2017 Chevrolet pickup trucks for the Road and Bridge Department from Karl Tyler Chevrolet in Missoula on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The Board agreed to trade in a 2008 Ford pickup.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.14 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 44.7 cfs, with 44.7 cfs through the pipeline and 44.7 cfs across the weir. The lake is approximately 4.32 inches below full pool. The Board agreed to no change in the outflow on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Sheriff Scott Dunkerson met with the Board to discuss the sheriff's department budget, including a possible grant through Homeland Security for approximately \$52,000.00 for mobile data terminals for patrol vehicles. The county would need to purchase the equipment and then be reimbursed for the expense. If applied for, such grant application would be on a future agenda of the Board. Sheriff Dunkerson noted that his department is fully staffed following the retirement of Undersheriff Ed Short at the end of this month. Budget for the purchase of new firearms for the department was discussed. The Board agreed to put \$10,000.00 into the sheriff's preliminary 2017-2018 fiscal year budget for firearms.

The Board reviewed correspondence dated August 28, 2017, and a bid tabulation from engineer Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering of Helena regarding the bid on the South Main Street Bridge (over the Clark Fork River at Drummond) Rehabilitation Project. The engineer recommended a bid award to Battle Ridge Builders LLC of Belgrade for the base bid of \$76,937.00, additive alternate No. 1 Concrete Curb & Bridge Rail Repairs

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of \$9,000.00 and additive alternate No. 2 concrete deck reinforcement protection of \$6,400.00, for a total of \$92,937.00. The Board reviewed that a \$40,000.00 payment from the State of Montana Department of Transportation for the project is anticipated through the "Funding Memorandum of Agreement Between Granite County and the Montana

Department of Transportation for the South Main Street Bridge Over the Clark Fork River at Drummond." Commissioner Slaughter moved to award the bid to Battle Ridge Builders LLC of Belgrade for the total of \$92,937.00 and to invoice the state Department of Transportation for \$40,000.00 for the project. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

The Board held a closed session.

The Board conducted a review of the current Executive Assistant position description and no changes were made on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board conducted an employee evaluation of Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. The Board agreed to a step increase according to the county's pay matrix effective July 1, 2017, on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the agreement between Granite County and Flint Creek Hydroelectric LLC dated May 24, 2011, and the license for the Flint Creek Project issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission dated July 8, 2010. The Board agreed to do additional review of the documents with County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw.

The Board held a budget work session with Clerk and Recorder Blanche McLure.

During public comment, Philip McDonald met with the Board to request that he be considered for gravel proposals from Fred Burr Gravel, which he sells by the ton with a volume discount. He noted that he is currently crushing road mix gravel. The Board agreed to give Fred Burr Gravel consideration for future gravel purchases and to forward the information to Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt.

Also during public comment, Acting District Ranger Eric Tomasik and Range and Roads Manager Cameron Razor with the Pintler Ranger District met with the Board regarding forest fires in the county. Mike Almas reported on the Sapphire Complex Fire; it is doing well with a few engines and a hand crew on site; repair has been started on Goat Creek and Slide Rock Fires; Little Hog Back Fire is doing well also and is secure; 1,000 acres have been added within the last three days; some edges are unchecked; working on getting areas open for hunting season; road closure has been moved up Rock Creek; a public meeting was held last night on Rock Creek; staffing some road closures to prevent public from entering certain areas. Irv Leach reported on the Meyers Fire which made a 5,000 acre run, as of midnight last night, into the Bitterroot National Forest toward Sula; crews are concentrated in the Frog Pond area; Moose Lake proper is doing well; box being tightened in the Zeke's Meadow area; fire continues to move on the western and northwest edge; fire line to protect Georgetown Lake is nearly completed; smoke inversions have hampered air operations; doing free firewood program near fire camp with approximately 600 cords of wood to date; sharing resources with Sapphire Complex Fire; difficult to get quality resources with the number of fires in the northern Rockies; he feels many of the fires will continue until snowfall. The Board initiated discussion on the difficulty of obtaining the county's reimbursement for fire-related dust control completed by the county road department on the Moose Lake Road between the Skalkaho Highway and the Copper Creek Bridge, as requested by the Forest Service; Irv Leach suggested that the forest engineer be contacted for authorization prior to any future work being done. Irv Leach noted that when the fires are over that a rehabilitation plan will be completed for work to be done on county

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roads damaged by heavy fire-related traffic. County DES/Safety Coordinator Rick Day attended.

The session adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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