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The Board reviewed the Montana Association of Counties Joint Powers Agreement Property and Casualty Trust document, which had been recently revised. Commissioner Bonney moved to agree to the acknowledgement of the document and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Montana Association of Counties' (MACo) Workers Compensation Trust's Joint Powers Agreement and MACo's Property & Casualty Trust's Joint Powers Agreement which had been recently revised. Commissioner Bonney moved to agree to the revised documents and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Montana Association of Counties (MACo) Insurance Trust Administrator Shannon Shanholtzer, PayneWest Insurance Agent Rody Holman and PayneWest Insurance Senior Account Executive Lynn Thompson met with the Board for the annual MACo insurance review and renewal. Shannon Shanholtzer reviewed that there are 49 member counties and over 40 special districts in the MACo trusts. She reviewed the Property and Casualty Trust rate comparison for the county between the 2017-2018 fiscal year (\$134,912) and the preliminary rate for the 2018-2019 fiscal year (\$145,569), an increase of 7.9%, effective July 1, 2018. Shannon Shanholtzer noted that an increase of 7.9% is the average among all trust participants. Loss ratios, the comprehensive indemnification agreement, errors and omissions coverage, no liability coverage for use of drones (due to invasion of privacy issues), an increase in annual aggregate coverage limit to \$300 million, additional coverage for electronic vandalism, animals, crisis event, emergency evacuation expense, and cost to upgrade to green alternatives were reviewed. Commissioner Slaughter inquired whether the county is covered for employment-related legal issues and Rody Holman discussed that there is policy coverage for legal representation as it relates to employment practices and Shannon Shanholtzer reviewed that the MACo attorney must be consulted prior to any county employee termination in order for the insurance policy to provide compensation (indemnification) to the terminated employee if that should be necessary. Shannon Shanholtzer reviewed the loss control/risk management program, including new staff, MobileEye Program, regional trainings, upcoming refuse site guidelines, BRIT online safety training, contracted land use attorney and personnel services attorney. Shannon Shanholtzer noted that all these services are for the county's use and are included in the cost of the policies. She encouraged the county's use of these resources. Discussion was held on a claim which was previously settled without the county's knowledge. The Workers' Compensation Trust was reviewed, including that rates were reduced in every class code and the county's modification factor is .85, which should reduce the county's overall workers' compensation cost. Commissioner Bonney moved to renew the MACo insurance package for property and casualty and for workers' comp for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The session adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 5TH, 12TH, 19TH & 26TH OF JUNE 2018 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2018 WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

<u>WARRANT</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>	
54518	FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK	PAYROLL & NOD FEE	\$103,008.31
54519	VISA #1	COUNTY HEALTH CHARGES	\$519.78
54520	VISA #2	ROAD CHARGES	\$415.63
54521	VISA #3	SHERIFF CHARGES	\$173.20
54522	RICK OLSEN	CIT TRAINING	\$703.00
54523	360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$889.71
54524	A & M FIRE AND SAFETY, INC	FIRST AID	\$116.40
54525	AG - WEST	WEED SUPPLIES	\$230.31
54526	ALICIA HICKS	ELECTION JUDGE	\$180.76
54527	ALL AMERICAN GARAGE DOORS LLC	GARAGE DOOR REPAIR	\$908.00
54528	ALLISON CASH	ELECTION JUDGE	\$128.65
54529	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	ACETYLENE	\$23.45
54530	ANNIE YOUNG	TRAVEL	\$239.80
54531	BARBARA CAHILL	ELECTION JUDGE	\$16.60
54532	BARBARA HARTMAN	ELECTION JUDGE	\$124.50
54533	BART BONNEY	TRAVEL	\$182.60
54534	BECKY SMITH	PHEP TRAVEL	\$236.54
54535	BILL ANTONIOLI	SEARCH & RESCUE	\$400.00
54536	BLACKFOOT CFT	MAY BILLING	\$3,897.00
54537	BOB BARKER CO INC	INMATE CLOTHING	\$54.51
54538	BOB WEAVER CONSTRUCTION	GRAVEL	\$1,824.00
54539	BOB'S QUALITY AUTO	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$105.00
54540	BROADWAY INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	GALV CABLE & CLIP	\$254.66
54541	BUILDING CODES BUREAU	LICENSES	\$93.00
54542	CAROL BOHRNSEN	POSTAGE & TRAVEL	\$649.87
54543	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	MAINTENANCE & SUPPLIES	\$748.50
54544	CENTURYLINK	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$415.80
54545	CENTURYLINK	FCP PHONE	\$57.03
54546	CLAUDETTE PARKE	ELECTION JUDGE	\$139.55
54547	COLETTE ADELE FADNESS	MILEAGE	\$171.68
54548	COMDATA	MAY BILLING	\$5,495.68
54549	COMPLIANCE MONITORING SYSTEMS	SUPERVISION	\$75.00
54550	CROP PRODUCTION SERVICES	CHEMICAL SUPPLIES	\$2,341.44
54551	CULLIGAN	HOT-N-COLD RENTAL	\$25.75
54552	DEBORAH PETERS	TRAINING	\$731.40
54553	DIANA YOUNG	ELECTION JUDGE	\$8.30
54554	DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$12,025.47
54555	DONNA MCLEAN	ELECTION JUDGE	\$143.70
54556	DRUMMOND AMBULANCE ASSOC	TRAINING	\$63.00
54557	DRUMMOND COMMUNITY HALL	ELECTION RENT	\$60.00
54558	DUNNE COMMUNICATIONS	CHECK FCP SIRENS	\$400.00
54559	DUSTBUSTERS INC	DUSTGARD	\$5,123.27
54560	ESTHER J. MCDONALD	ELECTION JUDGE	\$136.07
54561	F & R LLC	GRAVEL	\$1,179.50
54562	FICKLER OIL CO. INC.	SUPPLIES	\$1,679.19
54563	GENERAL DISTRIBUTING CO.	SUPPLIES	\$286.62
54564	GRANITE CONSERVATION DISTRICT	WEED CLINIC	\$30.00
54565	GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$427.62
54566	GRANITE DISPOSAL	HAUL REFUSE	\$508.00
54567	GRANITE PHARMACY	INMATE MEDICATION	\$2,267.88
54568	GRANITE RECYCLING	RECYCLE	\$871.00
54569	GRANITE SPORTLAND	WEED EATER REPAIR	\$150.19
54570	GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$21,132.98
54571	HAL SEWARD	ELECTION JUDGE	\$155.90
54572	HIGH TECH LINEN	RUGS	\$116.42
54573	HOGAN'S RANCH & BUILDERS	SUPPLIES	\$363.62
54574	HUFFMAN GROCERY	INMATE MEALS & SUPPLIES	\$728.41
54575	HUFFMAN GROCERY	DRMD SENIOR CITIZENS	\$341.99
54576	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES	\$80.15
54577	JAMIE DUPUIS	VETERAN'S BENEFIT	\$300.00
54578	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	\$309.92
54579	JOY WETSCH	ELECTION JUDGE	\$173.13
54580	K L S HYDRAULICS	SUPPLIES	\$104.94
54581	LANE & ASSOCIATES	FEE & TEST	\$301.23
54582	LARENE ENGLE	ELECTION JUDGE	\$49.80
54583	LISA CAMPBELL	ELECTION JUDGE	\$53.95
54584	LYNN ANDERSON	ELECTION JUDGE	\$170.20
54585	MACO	INMATE MED BUDGET PROTECTOR	\$66.96
54586	MAPS INC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$7,284.25
54587	MARETTA MCGOWAN	ELECTION JUDGE	\$84.58
54588	MARGARET PARKE	ELECTION JUDGE	\$132.80
54589	MARGARET TALLON	TRAVEL	\$65.40
54590	MARY SCHROEDER	ELECTION JUDGE	\$132.80
54591	MCGOWAN WATER COND, INC	SALT & SOFTENER	\$40.90
54592	MICHAEL KAHOE	TRAVEL & SUPPLIES	\$236.29
54593	MIDWEST LABORATORIES, INC	SUPPLIES	\$34.50
54594	MONIDA HEALTHCARE NETWORK	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	\$96.69

54595	MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$44.15
54596	MONTANA MAGISTRATES ASSOC	FY19 DUES	\$200.00
54597	MONTANA RAIL LINK	STORAGE FEE	\$231.27
54598	MONTANA WOOLGROWERS ASSOC	MOU MONIES - SHEEP	\$329.00
54599	MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	\$2,275.00
54600	NORCO, INC	SUPPLIES	\$221.00
54601	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO	SCARIFER BIT	\$861.69
54602	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	MAY STATEMENTS	\$3,350.92
54603	PARKER'S	ELECTION MEALS	\$99.00
54604	PATRICIA BAUER	ELECTION JUDGE & AREA V	\$291.94
54605	PATRICIA BUCK	ELECTION JUDGE	\$127.65
54606	PATRICIA ST TOURANGEAU	ELECTION JUDGE	\$145.21
54607	PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	ADS	\$2,221.25
54608	PINTLER PETROLEUM	FUEL & SUPPLIES	\$5,324.79
54609	POLICE LEGAL SCIENCES, INC	TRAINING	\$480.00
54610	POORE, ROTH & ROBINSON	CBA	\$140.00
54611	POSTMASTER	PO BOXES - ANNUAL	\$348.00
54612	QBS SAFEGUARD	PAYROLL WARRANTS	\$172.91
54613	RDO EQUIPMENT CO	IDLER GRIP, WATER PUMP	\$1,545.56
54614	REPUBLIC SERVICES #889	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$8,137.50
54615	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$7,104.42
54616	ROBBI HOUSE	ELECTION JUDGE	\$132.80
54617	ROGER CAMPBELL	ELECTION JUDGE	\$169.70
54618	RUSSELL MORRISON	FUEL	\$14.50
54619	SCOTT ADLER	TRAVEL	\$209.28
54620	SHARON MUNGAS	ELECTION JUDGE	\$71.18
54621	SHELLEY JOHNSON	ELECTION JUDGE	\$23.56
54622	SILVER MILL	ELECTION MEALS	\$368.00
54623	SOLE STONE REIMBURSEMENT	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	\$211.06
54624	STEEL, ETC.	CATTLE GUARD TIMBERS	\$1,800.00
54625	STEVEN PETERS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$365.65
54626	SUE MCCANN	ELECTION JUDGE	\$132.80
54627	SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$225.00
54628	TEC THE ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS	CO HEALTH OUTLETS	\$764.35
54629	TERRIE WILSON	ELECTION JUDGE	\$69.00
54630	TERRY JO VIETOR	SUPPLIES	\$221.00
54631	THERESA LOOBEY	ELECTION JUDGE	\$39.43
54632	THREONEEIGHTSOUTH,LLC	LICENSE - SWIFT	\$2,850.00
54633	TNT TRUCK PARTS	VALVE, ADAPTER, FITTINGS	\$135.25
54634	TRANSUNION RISK	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$76.00
54635	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	ERECORDING & IDOC	\$2,295.00
54636	US POSTAL SERVICE	STAMPED ENVELOPES - JP	\$288.55
54637	VALERIE CARTWRIGHT	SVOR TRAINING	\$193.60
54638	VERIZON WIRELESS	MAY BILLING	\$817.23
54639	VICKI HARDING	SUPPLIES	\$33.76
54640	VIVIAN CROUSE	ELECTION JUDGE	\$49.30
54641	WARREN TOURANGEAU	ELECTION JUDGE	\$27.50
54642	WEBGRAIN	IDOC POST	\$63.75
54643	WESTERN POLICE SUPPLY	BULLET RESISTANT VESTS	\$1,798.00
54644	WESTERN STATES EQUIPMENT	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$102.76
54645	WESTTEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$650.00
54646	WILLOWROCK INC	SURVEY REVIEW	\$300.00
54647	WOODLAND CREATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$178.57
		CLAIMS FUND TOTAL	\$231,822.57

<u>WARRANT/NOD</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ADLER, SCOTT C	COMMISSIONER	\$2,196.13
ALT, PAUL	ROAD SUPERVISOR	\$5,833.33
ANDERSON, MELINDA K	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY	\$1,123.79
BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V	\$570.32
BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	\$3,981.67
BONNEY, BARTON C	COMMISSIONER	\$2,102.27
BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN	\$2,563.60
BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER	\$4,955.60
BRADSHAW, BLAINE C	COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$7,945.07
BUTLER, JODI L	SOLID WASTE	\$2,923.76
CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N	DISPATCH	\$2,439.36
CAYKO, NICKIE N	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,420.00
CROSS, AUSTIN M	DISPATCHER	\$1,889.26
DAY, JAN P	DEPUTY CLERK	\$1,458.28
DAY, NELS R	DES COORDINATOR	\$1,146.62
DUNKERSON, WAYNE S	SHERIFF	\$4,471.67
FADNESS, COLETTE A	AREA V AIDE	\$407.92
FRATZKE, DEBBIE	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	\$1,955.83
GRAHAM, SARAH E	DEPUTY CLERK & RECORDER	\$3,307.50
GROSVOLD, LACIE J	CLERK	\$1,159.54

HARDING, JEAN M	DISPATCHER	\$2,143.84
HARDING, VICKI B	TREASURER	\$4,331.67
HENNAGER, DEANNA L	DISPATCHER	\$2,596.60
HOEHNE, JOHN W	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,851.30
HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,420.00
HULTMAN, TY R	DEPUTY	\$4,055.50
JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,775.30
KAHOE, MICHAEL	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	\$4,763.76
KANE, KATHERINE	DISPATCHER	\$323.06
KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE	\$3,164.80
KENDALL, JOY J	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$124.16
KINGREY, ELWYN	JUNK VEHICLE	\$394.30
19079 LARDY, JAMES D	SITE RELIEF	\$711.98
LATRAY, DANETTE L	TREASURER DEPUTY	\$3,307.50
LEHNEN, VICTORIA A	DISPATCHER	\$2,506.56
19081 LEHNEN, VICTORIA A	VACA/SICK PAYOUT	\$3,715.32
19080 LEPPALA, RYAN A	WEED SPRAYER	\$408.00
LOOBEY, THERESA R	TITLE CLERK	\$2,809.68
MCDONNELL, FRED N	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$194.87
MCLURE, BLANCHE A	CLERK & RECORDER	\$4,331.67
MORRISON, RUSSELL F	WEED SPRAYER	\$2,720.00
OLSEN, RICK C	DEPUTY	\$3,880.98
OSTLER, JASON K	DEPUTY	\$3,614.15
OWENS, NANCY	RELIEF	\$331.30
PALMER, KAREN P	COUNTY AGENT SEC	\$2,522.64
PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY	\$3,046.56
PAWLAK, KIMBERLY	FLOATING CLERK	\$2,795.09
PETERS, DEBORAH A	DISPATCHER RELIEF	\$713.50
PETERS, STEVEN D	DEPUTY	\$3,399.00
RUSSELL, JAMES R	DEPUTY	\$3,465.00
SHEPARD, RAYLENE O	DISPATCHER	\$1,071.25
SLAUGHTER, BILL L	COMMISSIONER	\$2,089.07
SMITH, REBECCA	PHEP COORDINATOR	\$1,969.87
SMITH, THADDEUS M	RELIEF DEPUTY	\$3,503.36
SWANSON, DAVID C	WEED FOREMAN	\$3,054.00
TALLON, MARGARET	COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIALIST	\$312.00
VIETOR, TERRY J	CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE	\$1,154.40
WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,420.00
WEST, WILLIAM H	DAM TENDER	\$578.06
WILKINS, KENNETH D	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,420.00
YOUNG, ANN D	COUNTY HEALTH NURSE	\$5,967.00
60 EMPLOYEES	TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	\$159,808.62

<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
19079 JAMES LARDY	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19080 RYAN LEPPALA	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19081 VICTORIA LEHNEN	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19082 AFLAC INS	\$205.81
19083 CHRISTMAS CLUB	\$1,780.00
19084 COLONIAL	\$18.75
19085 FIT	\$10,670.49
19085 MEDICARE	\$4,475.78
19085 P.E.R.S.	\$19,416.42
19085 PERS RETIREE	\$566.45
19085 SHERIFF RETIRE	\$5,403.46
19085 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$19,137.82
19085 TRS	\$53.10
19086 IUOE 400	\$349.75
19087 MACO DENTAL	\$2,314.00
19087 MACO VISION	\$514.00
19087 MACOHCT	\$46,856.00
19087 UNUMLIFE	\$736.85
19088 PEBSC	\$4,375.00
19089 SIT	\$6,512.00
19090 UNION - PENSION	\$555.62
TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES	\$123,941.30

GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

June 5, 2018

The Board of County Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Office of the Granite County Courthouse with Commissioners Scott Adler and

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Barton Bonney attending. Chairperson Slaughter was absent this day. Also attending was Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.

In Commissioner Slaughter's absence, Commissioner Bonney was selected as temporary chairperson for the session.

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

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Manager Paul Alt was not able to attend to give his report as he was busy in the field.

Ben Burdick and Theresa Burdick met with the Board to inquire about county maintenance on Cross Cut Road and South Granite Road, as they are considering purchasing 84 acres of property in that area. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Maps of the area were reviewed. Ben Burdick requested the county's assistance in repairing a difficult portion of the road, about 2 miles, and he would do some improvement on the remainder of the road. The Board agreed to do some research on whether or not the Cross Cut Road is a county road. Ben Burdick suggested that it be a shared effort between himself and the county. The Board advised Ben Burdick to meet with Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt at the site and then schedule another noticed public meeting with the Board.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.97 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 5.64 inches above full pool at an outflow of approximately 40 CFS through the power plant and 103 CFS over the weir. Water is going over the spillway. Commissioner Bonney moved that no change be made in the outflow and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Bonney reported that the warning buoys are being restrung this morning across Georgetown Lake in front of the upstream face of the dam after becoming dislodged during ice over at the lake.

Sheriff Scott Dunkerson met with the Board to discuss the status of his department's current fiscal year budget. Funds for the Southwest Montana Drug Task Force and the budget for autopsies were discussed. He reviewed his proposed 2018-2019 fiscal year budget; revenue is anticipated to increase for Care of Prisoners; salaries were discussed; and that no new law enforcement vehicles are needed for the upcoming fiscal year, but that he would make new purchases law enforcement vehicles on a rotating basis over the years so the expense will be spread out over time and not such a burden all in one year.

Becky Smith, Public Health Emergency Planning Coordinator, met with the Board regarding her department's proposed 2018-2019 budget. Discussion was held on adding the county insurance in the budget, which would significantly reduce the budget for salaries. The Board agreed that Becky Smith should calculate the budget at the current wage including county health insurance to determine what, if any, projected shortfall would be at the end of the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: None.

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON of the Granite County Hospital District, met with the Board and presented the monthly financial update, including a financial report dated June 5, 2018, projected cash available of negative \$155,000, projected deposits of \$364,700, accounts payable of \$125,000, projected cash reserves of \$84,700 (seven days of operation). She noted that finances are well above this time the previous year. Also included was an administrator's report dated May 29, 2018, an income statement as of April 30, 2018, and a revenue cycle breakdown. She noted that the Drummond Kiwanis is sponsoring two small

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equipment purchases for the Drummond clinic, a phlebotomy chair and a liquid nitrogen dispenser.

The session adjourned at noon.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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June 12, 2018

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

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Manager Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report, including that he is working on the preliminary budget. He will get a list of old equipment and vehicles, that may potentially be put on a noticed public sale, for the Board's review.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,430.17 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 8.04 inches above full pool at an outflow of approximately 40 CFS through the power plant and 114 CFS over the weir. Water is going over the spillway. Commissioner Bonney moved that no change be made in the outflow and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Linda Smith, Gail Leeper and Colette Fadness with the Drummond Senior Citizens and John Johnson, Vera Johnson and Jo Tucker with the Philipsburg Senior Citizens met with the Board to discuss a requested change in the distribution of the county mill levy for senior citizens, which had been previously requested by the Philipsburg Senior Citizens. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. John Johnson related that the number of meals being served should be considered in the distribution of mill levy funds. Gail Leeper stated that both Drummond and Philipsburg areas are both taxed for Senior Citizens, and also Drummond delivers meals as far as Bearmouth, Helmville, Hall and Maxville; meal delivery expenses to areas outside of Granite County are not paid for by the Drummond Senior Citizens. Commissioner Adler noted that any remaining funds at the end of the year are put into cash and redistributed to both groups the following year. Each group discussed which positions are paid and which are volunteer; Drummond has more volunteer positions; both boards are volunteer. Commissioner Slaughter reviewed some budget expenses for each group, including rent and utilities, which vary between the two locations. Gail Leeper noted that each center operates differently. Revenue, expenses and meals served figures were compared between the groups. Drummond served 1,157 center meals and 2,641 meals to the homebound, for a total of 3,798 meals total for 2017. Philipsburg served 571 meals more than Drummond for the same year. Philipsburg delivers meals only within town limits. Also, it was noted that there is not currently a grocery store in Drummond, which makes obtaining food more costly due to travel to Philipsburg and Missoula. Commissioner Slaughter noted that each center serves a very different community. Attorney Bradshaw noted that in his review of the current census results, he believed that the poverty rate is about the same in Drummond and Philipsburg. Philipsburg maintains a building fund, currently at about \$10,000.00, which has been used in the past to pay payroll taxes and buy a freezer. Drummond has about \$30,000.00 in a building fund, begun in 1970. John Johnson said that Philipsburg did not have a dollar number in mind, but would like to have a larger portion of the annual county mill funds because Philipsburg serves more meals. Jo Tucker estimated

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that \$5,000 is needed to get to the end of the fiscal year. Commissioner Slaughter stated that the public should have something to say as to how tax funds are allocated or increased, possibly through a voted levy. Gail Leeper said that it is not good financial policy to take funds from one senior center to fund another. Attorney Bradshaw indicated that a mill levy election would need to begin with a resolution by the Board. Commissioner Slaughter suggested that a public meeting be held to see how the public feels about possibly increasing the mill levy. Gail Leeper suggested that the Board give the Philipsburg Senior Citizens the funds to get through the fiscal year if those funds are available. Commissioner Adler indicated that if the county subsidizes the Philipsburg Senior Citizens at this time that it would likely hurt any future mill levy election for the Senior Citizen Centers. Commissioner Slaughter stated that it would be better public policy to fix the problem, rather than find a remedy each year. Commissioner Adler moved that no change be made in how the mill levy money is split, keep it at a 50/50 split, and hold a public meeting in two weeks on running a mill levy on the ballot in November. Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. As discussion, Commissioner Adler requested that those present consider the amount of future mill funds would be needed. The motion carried unanimously. Attorney Bradshaw agreed to investigate the legality of running a standalone, voted upon mill levy election for the two Senior Citizen Centers in the county.

The Board reviewed county claims for May 2018. Commissioner Adler moved to pay the May 2018 claims as presented and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

In response to a letter from engineer Gordon Sorenson of Missoula, the Board considered commenting on the Alt Flats potential minor subdivision located at 4983 Montana Highway One regarding the impact on county roads. The potential subdivision consists of two lots, one of which has a home currently constructed on it. Because Paul Alt is the subdivider and also the county Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Superintendent, the Board agreed to comment, instead of Mr. Alt, in order to avoid any conflict of interest. The Board discussed that the subdivision is potentially one additional home, which will have access from Montana Highway One. Planning Director Linda Bouck had reviewed the matter and concluded there would be only negligible impact on any county roads, and she recommended to the County Commission that they respond as such to Mr. Sorenson in writing as a formal comment regarding the foreseeable impact on county roads. Commissioner Bonney moved that the comment be made that impact on county roads would be negligible. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bonney excused himself from the session at 11:00 a.m. and noted that he found the draft minutes for May 15, 16, 22 and 29, 2018, to be acceptable.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board referred to the legal advertisement as published on May 31 and June 7, 2018, in the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper regarding the Invitation To Bid on the Flint Creek Dam – Stilling Basin Repairs Project. Project Engineer Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering of Helena, Dakota Ham with Battle Ridge Builders and County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. The following sealed bid, the only one received, was opened and read aloud by Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe:

Battle Ridge Builders LLC, Belgrade, Montana: Base Bid: \$90,350.00
Alternative No. 1: \$14,000.00

Engineer Jeremiah Theys took the bid to review and verify the costs in the bid.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for May 15, 16, 22 and 29, 2018. The minutes were approved on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

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The Board considered the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Contract (Task Order/Contract #19-07-5-01-020-0) with the state Department of Public Health and Human Services. The task order/contract was approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered the Immunization Program Contract (Task Order/Contract #19-07-4-31-119-0) with the state Department of Public Health and Human Services. The task order/contract was approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Project Engineer Jeremiah Theys met with the Board and presented his tabulation of the bid of Battle Ridge Builders on the Flint Creek Dam – Stilling Basin Repairs Project. He recommended that the contract for the base bid of \$90,350.00 and Alternate No. 1 of \$14,000.00 be awarded to Battle Ridge Builders as the lowest responsive bidder. Commissioner Adler moved to award the contract in the total amount of \$104,350.00 to Battle Ridge Builders LLC. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Slaughter signed the Notice of Award.

Rick Day, DES/Safety Coordinator Rick Day met with the Board for a final review of the County Buildings Emergency Action Plan. Rick Day reviewed the clarifications proposed by County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, and Rick Day further noted that the key contacts will be entered into the document. Rick Day also added that he will conduct training of employees on the plan. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the plan as revised and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: None.

The session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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June 13, 2018

The Board of Commissioners met at 6:30 p.m. in special joint session with the Towns of Drummond and Philipsburg in the Drummond School and Community Library with Chairperson Bill Slaughter and Commissioner Scott Adler attending. Commissioner Barton Bonney was absent this day. Also attending from Granite County were County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. Attending from the Town of Drummond were Mayor Gail Leeper, Town Attorney Jana R. McGill and town council members Cary L. McLure, Earl Clute and Ray Powell. Attending from the Town of Philipsburg were Mayor Daniel Reddish, Town Attorney Robert Medof, and town council members Carl Sundstrom, John L. Johnson and Nicole Nelch. Members of the public signing the sign-in sheet were Lisa Villa, Dan Villa, Dick Motta, Elena Ingraham, Susie Browning, and Chuck Hinkle. Mayor Gail Leeper conducted the session, which convened with the pledge of allegiance.

Introductions

Self-introductions were made by everyone attending.

Economic Development

Commissioner Slaughter reported on the planned development of the Golden Jubilee Mine, an underground mine at Red Lion which plans to employ 50 people and ship gold ore to Golden Sunlight. He warned the group about a possible upcoming, statewide ballot issue that would prohibit mining altogether. He also reported that there is an active county airport board which has been cleaning up the hangars at the Philipsburg airport and a courtesy vehicle is now available to people flying in. The runway needs resurfacing and The Ranch at Rock Creek has offered a team of lawyers to assist in obtaining funds, likely grants. Also, Homeland Security funds may be available for small airport improvement. Mayor Gail Leeper reported that Drummond's grocery store has closed, but may re-open in the next couple of years. Montana Limestone Resources is moving forward and is working on an approach to Montana Highway One. As public comment, John Spaeth suggested that state property could be used to make an appropriate approach onto the highway. Mayor Leeper said the approach issue would be reasonably worked out, and that Montana Limestone Resources had already expended approximately \$4 million dollars on the project. Mayor Reddish reported that building and real estate are seeing increased activity. Also, there is a new ice cream shop in Philipsburg.

Granite County Update

Commissioner Slaughter reported on planned improvements to the Flint Creek Dam which are required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), including new gate valves in the dam and spillway improvements. A \$125,000.00 DNRC grant has been received and application has been made for a second \$125,000 DNRC grant, working with Great West Engineering of Helena. Future work on the upstream dam face is planned and all the proposed work is related to public safety. He reviewed that county funding sources include funds from the Montana Power Company, funds from power generation and Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) which could be loaned to the project, if necessary, to be paid back through power generating revenue. Rick Day, county DES/Safety Coordinator, obtained grant funds for computers in all law enforcement vehicles, which includes the county mapping information, which will improve officer safety. Plans are to put a new roof on the courthouse this season and a new roof was put on the jail last year. Mayor Leeper inquired if the courthouse roof project was put out to bid and it was noted that it was below the threshold required for bidding. Susie Browning inquired if it was on the agenda and Commissioner Slaughter responded that it was. Mayor Leeper asked that the roof project be put out to public bid. Elena Ingraham inquired how the former Department of Revenue Office in the courthouse is going to be used and how the courthouse will be made usable for the disabled and hearing impaired. Commissioner Slaughter responded that the county is getting estimates on utilizing it as a Justice of the Peace office, as the current office has no escape route, but the plans and cost estimate from a local contractor have not yet been received. Also, he said that a fund for an elevator has been accumulating for many years, but is not yet sufficient for an elevator; plus, it would need to be engineered into the building. Dick Motta inquired whether the taxpayers would be asked to pay for repairs to the Flint Creek Dam. Commissioner Slaughter responded that there are four sources of funds for the dam repair: Montana Power Company funds the county received when it took over the dam, revenue from power generation, grants, and PILT funds for public safety and infrastructure. Mayor Reddish inquired whether county public works employees work on the dam and Commissioner Slaughter responded that they sometimes do, when it's within their scope of ability, like cleaning out a drain pipe or repairing a PVC pipe. Dick Motta inquired if the lease for power production is going to be renegotiated. Attorney Bradshaw said that there is a current contract with Flint Creek Hydro for power generation.

Town of Drummond Update

Mayor Leeper reported that the water tower needs to be relined and South Main Street repaired. She had met with the Commissioners to see if it would be possible to get a loan from PILT funds of the county. Attorney Bradshaw said that he could find no statutory authority that would allow it. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that Homeland Security funds may be available for the water tower, which is used for fire protection, since it is a public safety issue. Mayor Leeper inquired about solid waste letters regarding overages.

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Commissioner Slaughter responded that the letters are sent when a solid waste user is getting close to their annual limit. Also, he noted that new solid waste software and hardware were installed recently and some glitches are being worked out. Discussion was held that if garbage is commercially hauled that the entire household unit is used by the hauler, which does not weigh individual solid waste as it is picked up. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that the county cannot force the commercial hauler to install scales on his trucks as it is a private business, and the scales may be worth more than the truck. Mayor Leeper noted the horrific smell from the carcass composting site at Drummond. Commissioner Slaughter responded that there was unusually heavy use this spring, the state has inspected the site and the enlargement of the composting site is being investigated, although space is limited. Mayor Leeper suggested that the towns and schools could possibly get together with the county to sell surplus property. Commissioner Adler noted that sometimes surplus property is scrapped or traded, rather than sold, to get the best value. Dan Villa inquired about old tire rims and if they will be for sale. Commissioner Adler indicated that some will be used by the county and some will be sold. Sue Peterson indicated an interest in cattle guards, if they become available. Susie Browning inquired if fixed assets are physically checked and Mike Kahoe responded that it is marked on each fixed asset card when it is done. Several members of the public urged the County Commission to hold regular surplus sales of unneeded county property, regardless of valuation, that are noticed to the public, and they further felt that certain property was being transferred improperly. Philipsburg council member Sundstrom inquired if the county can donate funds to a town within the county for a project and Attorney Bradshaw agreed to research. Dan Villa inquired whether the county bids projects under the statutory requirements and Commissioner Slaughter responded that it does, especially if it can be done locally. Mayor Leeper inquired about obtaining asphalt millings from the county stockpile and the Commissioners agreed to work with her.

Town of Philipsburg Update

Mayor Reddish reported that the town is working on water and sewer projects and that the DEQ is evaluating the sewer lagoons. The recently formed Philipsburg Library District was discussed and Attorney Bradshaw agreed to check on when levied funds would be available. The Interlocal Agreement between the town and the district is being finalized, according to Mayor Reddish. Attorney Medof explained that district trustees will be appointed, some by the town and some by the county, according to the preliminary agreement. The law enforcement contracts between the towns and the county were discussed. Mayor Leeper said that she does not recommend a town like Drummond or Philipsburg operating its own police force. She said that she feels that Drummond gets more law enforcement than is specified in the agreement and that Sheriff Dunkerson is very accessible. Council member Sundstrom reviewed that there is a set annual percentage increase in the law enforcement agreement and he inquired if that varies by a Cost of Living Allowance that may be given by the County Compensation Board. Attorney Bradshaw noted that the percentage increases in the law enforcement contract are not affected by the decisions of the County Compensation Board. Elena Ingraham inquired if the Justice of the Peace gets extra pay for acting as town judge and the response was yes. Attorney McGill noted that the town's ordinances are enforced by the sheriff and that this is lawful. Attorney McGill and Attorney Bradshaw concurred that towns are required to have their own courts by statute and Elena Ingraham disagreed.

Public Comment

Nicole Nelch stated that she likes the joint meetings and feels they are beneficial. Elena Ingraham stated that this meeting came up fast as it is not regularly scheduled. Commissioner Slaughter noted that the Commission often has time between agenda items and he encouraged anyone with questions or comments to come to a regular Commission meeting. He noted that if it is an item of significant public interest that it will be placed on a future Commission agenda. Also, he noted that Commission actions follow the basic standard of a motion, a second, Board discussion, public comment, and then the vote, so there is always the opportunity for public input. Also, there is a time for public comment on each Commission agenda. Kyle Greany inquired why a county water truck was not available for Larry Martell's non-profit mud bog event (suicide prevention fundraiser) and Commissioner Slaughter explained that there was not a qualified (with a CDL) county

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employee to run it for a recent mud bog event. Kyle Greany inquired about the county's Good Neighbor Policy and Attorney Bradshaw indicated that the policy states that it is used when private businesses are not being competed with. Kyle Greany also inquired if an aluminum water tank was given away and Commissioner Adler response was that it was in very poor condition (cracked) and given to Bob Weaver. Several members of the public, who were speaking over each other, expressed their feelings that the tank should have never been given away. Commissioner Adler noted the tank could be returned to the county. Dick Motta stated that the County Commission agenda should be published in the newspaper as this is required by his interpretation of the law. Attorney Bradshaw stated that publication of the agenda for public meetings is not required by law, only for public hearings. Mayor Leeper indicated that Drummond does not have the money to routinely publish the town's agenda. Attorney McGill concurred with Attorney Bradshaw and stated publication of regular meeting agendas is not required by law. Elena Ingraham stated that the county's advertisement in the local newspaper, about the availability of the agenda on the Internet, should have a phone number and state that the agenda can also be mailed.

Next Joint Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for September 5, 2018, 6:30 p.m., at the Georgetown Lake Fire Hall on Fire Lane.

Adjourn

The session adjourned on a motion, second, and unanimous vote at 8:20 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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June 19, 2018

The Board of County Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Office of the Granite County Courthouse with Chairperson Bill Slaughter and Commissioners Scott Adler and Barton Bonney attending. Also attending was Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Manager Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report, including that the crew is hauling sand to Rock Creek for winter use, plans for using asphalt millings on the Maxville road, several cattle guards have been installed, and plans for some chip sealing. The preliminary budgets for roads and bridges were reviewed.

- Jon Bergerson met with the Board to discuss the condition of the Walberg Bridge, which is a county bridge, which is not capable to carrying an ambulance or a propane truck. He is constructing a new house which utilizes the bridge as the only access and an existing house also utilizes the bridge. He indicated that his clients are having some engineering done on the bridge to determine what it would take to make it more structurally sound and he will forward that information to the Board. The Board agreed to contact the county's on-call engineer to inspect the bridge. Jon Bergerson suggested that the planking should be replaced to improve the bridge weight limit. Note: Per agreement signed by the County years ago in 1932, the County is responsible for reasonable maintenance of and repairs to this said bridge.
- Ben Burdick canceled his appointment because the necessary road improvements would be excessive to access the property he was considering purchasing. He noted that he appreciated the county's cooperation.

Pintler District Ranger Cameron Rasor met with the Board to provide an update. He introduced Jeff Tomac, the new Deputy Forest Supervisor. The FLAP grant was discussed and a tour of the site at Georgetown Lake is planned for June 27, 2018. Burned Area Relief Funds and Disaster Relief Funds for repair of bridges and roads have been received by the district. Fire salvage was discussed and it cannot be done in wilderness areas or near streams; winter access and cooperation with the snowmobile clubs was discussed for fire salvage. Fire season predictions, which include 200% of snowpack and heavy rain in June, look good in Granite County, although some counties adjoining Granite County look worse than they did last spring, according to District Ranger Rasor. Wilderness Study Areas have been requested to be released by the Forest Service, except for a small area which would join the Pintler Wilderness Area. Timber sale information was distributed, and sales are up for several years in the district. The Board requested that the permitting be streamlined for posts and poles sales. The SRS (Secure Rural Schools) distribution was discussed. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Election Administrator Blanche McLure met with the Board to canvass votes for the Primary Election held on June 5, 2018. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Election results were declared official on the motion of Commissioner Bonney and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The official results were as follow:

GRANITE COUNTY ABSTRACT OF VOTES
6/5/2018 MONTANA PRIMARY ELECTION

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District	Precinct	Registered Voters	Valid Cast
HD 77	Precinct #1	552	298
	Precinct #10	508	284
	Precinct #2	478	303
	Precinct #9	459	211
SubTotal		2006	1197
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HD 77	Precinct #1	114	119
	Precinct #10	183	186
	Precinct #2	136	138
	Precinct #9	112	112
SubTotal		545	555
Total		545	555

District	Precinct	Registered Voters	Valid Cast
HD 77	Precinct #1	114	119
	Precinct #10	183	186
	Precinct #2	136	138
	Precinct #9	112	112
SubTotal		545	555
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HD 77	Precinct #1	114	119
	Precinct #10	183	186
	Precinct #2	136	138
	Precinct #9	112	112
SubTotal		545	555
Total		545	555

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,430.29 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 9.48 inches above full pool at an outflow of approximately 40 cfs through the power plant and 126 cfs over the weir. Water is going over the spillway. Commissioner Bonney moved that no change be made in the outflow and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board and County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw considered the proposal by the Granite County Road Unit of the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local No. 400 regarding changes to the Collective Bargaining Agreement beginning July 1, 2018. The Board agreed on a counteroffer to be presented to the union by County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2018-11 "A Granite County Resolution Establishing A Formal Policy For Leases And Use Permits Regarding County Property Near Or At Georgetown Lake Reservoir." County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. The Board agreed to invite officers and members with the Georgetown Lake Homeowners' Association to discuss the Resolution on next week's agenda.

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The Board held the opening of sealed bids for the Flint Creek Dam – Tree Removal Project as advertised in the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper on June 7 and 14, 2018. Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe opened and read aloud the one bid received as follows:

Grosvold Inc., Anaconda Total price for removing trees, cleaning everything up and hauling it away: \$7,250.00

Commissioner Bonney moved to accept the bid and the agreement for services drafted by the County Attorney and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

A. J. Michnevich and Caroline Persico met with the Board regarding the poor condition of the Lower Rock Creek Road. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. There is heavy traffic due to construction, delivery trucks and garbage trucks in addition to the regular traffic, floaters and boaters, according to A. J. Michnevich. He noted that the condition of the road in the Missoula County section is also in poor condition. Caroline Persico stated that she presented a petition with 200 signatures to Missoula County about two years ago and Missoula County did some crack sealing, but road has since deteriorated again. A. J. Michnevich also noted that many reflectors are missing along the road. Caroline Persico noted that some rocks have fallen from the hillside which narrows the driving surface. The Board discussed how to improve the lack of cooperation from Missoula County regarding the road and agreed to attempt to set up a meeting with Missoula County representatives. The Board also discussed getting organizations like Trout Unlimited and the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the Forest Service involved in a master plan for the road. On another subject, A. J. Michnevich discussed the failure of the recent hospital mill levy by 18 votes and possibly changing the hospital district boundaries. Attorney Bradshaw indicated that a boundary change is a resident driven process through a petition, which describes the area to be removed, to be signed by resident property owners. A. J. Michnevich also noted that the digital speed limit sign is working to slow traffic and sheriff's patrols have increased.

Commissioner Adler excused himself from the session at 2:00 p.m.

As an administrative action, Commissioner Bonney moved to have the next joint session with the Towns of Drummond and Philipsburg held on Lower Rock Creek, rather than at Georgetown Lake as previously scheduled, on September 5, 2018. During discussion on the motion, Commissioner Bonney noted the significant public interest from residents of Lower Rock Creek and the possibility of poor weather conditions to travel to Lower Rock Creek in the winter if the meeting was scheduled then. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion and it carried. Notice of this action will be sent to the Towns of Drummond and Philipsburg.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: None.

The session adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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June 20, 2018

The Board of County Commissioners met at 10:00 a.m. in special session at the Travelers Home Flood Mitigation Project site with Commissioners Scott Adler and Barton Bonney attending for the annual Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) annual site visit. Commissioner Bill Slaughter was absent this day. Also attending from Granite County were Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe and MSU Extension Western Regional Supervisor, and former Granite County MSU Extension Agent, Daniel Lucas. State and federal representatives attending were Mike McGrath with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Nadene Wadsworth and Kyle Sturgill-Simon with Montana Disaster and Emergency Services; and Daniel Jones, Donna Borek and Joan Huston with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The project was viewed by those present with particular attention paid to the growth of willows on the streambank of the project area and weed control in the project area. It was noted that the flow of Flint Creek today is 127 cfs and Georgetown Lake is 9.75 inches above full pool, according to the USGS gages, and the two culverts installed as part of the project were easily accommodating this high flow rate. Nadene Wadsworth will send a complete written review of the site visit to the Commission.

The session adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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June 21, 2018

The special session originally scheduled for today at The Ranch at Rock Creek was canceled.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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June 26, 2018

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

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Manager Paul Alt was not available to meet with the Board as he is hauling asphalt millings today. The Board spoke with Jon Bergerson by speaker telephone regarding his bid to repair the Walberg Bridge for \$33,000.00. The Board sent the bid and the bridge engineering by Bridger Engineering of Bozeman, hired by the property owner, to the county's on-call engineer Great West Engineering in Helena for review. All Road and Bridge/Solid Waste agenda items will be rescheduled for next week.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,430.44 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 11.28 inches above full pool at an outflow

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of approximately 40 cfs through the power plant and 138 cfs over the weir. Water is going over the spillway. Commissioner Bonney noted that one outlet is wide open and one is approximately three quarters of the way open. He also reported that an air valve specifically manufactured for the pipeline to the power plant, which will allow for greater flow to the power plant, and will be installed today or tomorrow by Flint Creek Hydroelectric. As public comment, Chuck Stokke noted that, according to engineer Ken Salo with Morrison Maierle of Helena, the outlet (near the highway) has a wooden butterfly valve at the upstream end which would be risky to operate as it is 100 years old. He noted that the shoreline is eroding and docks are underwater at this lake level. He indicated that the homeowners' association is willing to allow some water over full pool, but not this much. The Board noted that Commissioner Bonney has done an excellent job of operating the dam and that this is an unusually high water year. Chuck Stokke said he has spoken with the author of a clean lake study who advised the release of water in mid-April to improve the oxygen in the lake for the fisheries. Elena Gagliano questioned which valves were being discussed (the outlet pipe through the dam closest to Montana Highway One) and she inquired whether the Board had received a report on the fish kill. The Board responded that it has not received any report on the fish kill. Commissioner Adler moved to make no change in the outflow and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no further public comment or discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered an application for membership on the Tri-County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest. The Board reviewed the membership application and noted that the application goes to Washington, D.C. to be approved. Commissioner Adler nominated Commissioner Bonney to apply to the Tri-County Resource Advisory Committee as a local elected official. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed Initiative-186 (I-186), a mining-related ballot initiative revising reclamation plan and specific reclamation requirements for new hard rock mines in Montana. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that the initiative would essentially close hard rock mining in Montana. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Commissioner Adler moved to have Attorney Bradshaw draft a Commission resolution opposing I-186. Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. As discussion, Commissioner Slaughter requested that the Resolution be strongly worded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed minutes for June 5, 12 and 13, 2018. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. While reviewing the minutes, Commissioner Adler inquired whether Elena Ingraham and Elena Gagliano is the same person, and Elena Gagliano replied that she goes by those two names. The minutes were approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler with second by Commissioner Bonney. As public comment, Elena Gagliano quoted several Montana codes regarding public information and she quoted from the Montana Local Government handbook for boards and committees. She requested to be put on the agenda for July 3, 2018, to discuss the distribution of draft board meeting minutes. Attorney Bradshaw stated that he will not request another attorney general's opinion on the matter and it is his opinion that Board, meaning any county board, meeting minutes are only public documents once they are approved. There was no further public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Dick Motta stated that there is no reason the draft minutes could not be supplied to the public within five minutes of the meeting. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that further discussion would be held next week when it is on the agenda and that approved minutes are posted on the county's website shortly after approval.

The Board discussed Resolution 2018-11 "A Granite County Resolution Establishing A Formal Policy For Leases And Use Permits Regarding County Property Near Or At Georgetown Lake Reservoir." County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Planning Director Linda Bouck attended. The Board had invited officers and members with the Georgetown Lake Homeowners' Association to attend and discuss the draft Resolution, but they did not attend. Commissioner Bonney indicated that there is confusion about the length of leases for county property, which seem to vary. Attorney Bradshaw indicated that the current leases were considered on a case-by-case basis. Linda Bouck noted that the property was received

from a private enterprise, but it is now public county property. She noted that permanent structures should be permitted, but otherwise the lake bottom is public ground. Attorney Bradshaw noted that docks are the property of the owner with county owning land and that permits require those people to have insurance. Discussion was held on Edwards Tracts and which leased property is accessible to the public. Commission Slaughter inquired whether the planning board had discussed this matter and Linda Bouck responded that it had not. He indicated that to be good stewards of public land that the public should have access. Discussion was held on how public access would be considered and allowed. Commissioner Adler indicated that he is not in favor of the county constructing any facilities which would require continued maintenance. It was also discussed that zoning is in place at Georgetown Lake. Elena Gagliano noted that Dick Motta is a property owner at Georgetown Lake. Dick Motta discussed the lease agreement to the hydro company and said that the hydro company should be responsible for the repairs at the dam, which should have been stipulated in the lease. Elena Gagliano and Dick Motta also noted that there had been discussion regarding the historic point of view and there has been little cleanup done following the construction of the hydro pipeline. Attorney Bradshaw noted that the agenda item today is discussion of the Resolution. Dean Ross, a Georgetown Lake land owner, inquired whether the lake will continue to elevate and Commissioner Bonney indicated that as much water as possible is being released, but natural inflow currently is beyond the outflow capacity. Linda Bouck noted that the county owns to a certain marker on the lakeshore. Attorney Bradshaw noted that some lease language is vague and that future leases could expressly include language allowing public access for the general public. Elena Gagliano stated that Deer Lodge County is more responsive to recreation, while Granite County seems more responsive to the irrigators. Linda Bouck noted that another opportunity may be certain Jericho Bay property to provide public access, if that property comes up for sale. Commissioner Slaughter discussed the possibility of trading property and suggested that the discussion be taken up by the county planning board. Linda Bouck noted that property which may be traded does not necessarily all have to be at Georgetown Lake. Dick Motta noted that leases need to be specific about responsibilities of the property owner and who owns the improvement when the lease terminates; and Attorney Bradshaw concurred with Dick Motta in this regard. Elena Gagliano suggested a meeting among all interested parties, including Anaconda-Deer Lodge County and the Forest Service. Linda Bouck noted that if the county looks at it as recreational, that the courts would look at it as recreational. Linda Bouck agreed to take the matter to the planning board and request some guidance for the Board. Dick Motta said that leases that county enters into should define clearly between personal property versus real property to avoid future litigation. Chairperson Slaughter stressed that the public's input is critical and that it would be a good idea for the planning board to discuss this more with the public in public meetings. Commissioner Bonney moved to table the current issue regarding Resolution 2018-11 and refer the matter to the planning board to explore the protection of the public and the county. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Donald N. Davies CPA of Clinton met with the Board and presented the Financial and Compliance (Audit) Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017. Attending were County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, Clerk and Recorder Blanche McLure, Elena Gagliano and Dick Motta. Donald Davies noted that it is good to see a county that is in good financial condition and working to build reserves. He reminded the Board to get the GASB 75 actuary study before the next Annual Financial Report is due. Donald Davies reviewed the Management Discussion and Analysis, balance sheets and income statements. He noted that there should be no changes to the pension liability next year. He advised that the county continue to invest in capital assets to maintain the overall financial balance. He reviewed in detail the liabilities of the various retirement funds, including assumptions for the Sheriff's Retirement. Dick Motta inquired if the Flint Creek hydro expenses and revenues are included in the report and Donald Davies responded that they are not, because it is not classified as a major fund and that information must be obtained locally.

The Board discussed additional funding for the Drummond and Philipsburg Senior Citizen Centers. John Johnson of the Philipsburg Senior Center, Colette Fadness with the Drummond Senior Center, and County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. John Johnson

explained that the savings account is used like a reserve to purchase items such as stoves and freezers. Commissioner Slaughter suggested that some local private fundraisers be held for the Philipsburg Senior Center, like Drummond has done in the past. John Johnson indicated that \$5,000.00 is necessary to get through the year and the Board suggested that a portion of that be taken from the center’s savings account, which John Johnson estimated at about \$7,000.00. There is a possibility that Area V Agency on Aging has some emergency funds available for the Philipsburg center and the Board requested that those funds be accessed before a decision is made regarding additional funds. John Johnson agreed to get a final number of additional absolutely necessary funds needed, access the Area V emergency funds and consider taking some funds from the senior citizens’ savings account. When that is done, the Board agreed to consider supplementing the budget from general fund reserves on a one-time basis. The Board agreed that a voted mill levy, strictly for the Philipsburg Senior Citizens, may be considered for the following fiscal year.

The Board noted receipt of the official notification of a class action lawsuit against the United States on the underfunding of federal PILT (Payments In Lieu of Taxes) payments for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017. The Board conferred with County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw on whether or not it would be beneficial to opt in to the lawsuit as part of the class of affected counties. It is estimated that the total underpayment to Granite County for those three years is \$10,193.00. Attorney Bradshaw reviewed the official notification and indicated that he sees no problem in “opting in” to the class action lawsuit. He further noted that attorney fees would be deducted from any judgment award prior to the Commission receiving such funds. Commissioner Adler moved to join the class action lawsuit and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The Board agreed that Attorney Bradshaw will be the contact person for the county in this action.

Public Comment: The Board had an informational discussion with Denver attorney Peter Kirsch regarding Riddick Field Airport at Philipsburg by speaker telephone. He noted that the airport is in the NPIAS (National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems) and the first step is an Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP); over the course of next five years, \$150,000.00 each year from the FAA, and the FAA will want to know how the airport will proceed with ongoing maintenance of the airport. Attorney Kirsch discussed that the first project could be retaining an engineering firm, and expanding the runway would be part of the plan; resurfacing is sometimes considered routine maintenance and sometimes as capital expense. He proposes meeting with Bill Garrison with the FAA (Federal Aviation Agency) at his Helena office to discuss details and he noted that providing fuel is a key piece and an engineering evaluation would be helpful. The Board agreed to put future discussion on an upcoming agenda.

Correspondence: None.

The session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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June 27, 2018

The Board of County Commissioners met at 10:30 a.m. in special session in the Commission Office of the Granite County Courthouse with Chairperson Bill Slaughter and Barton Bonney attending to discuss the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP). Commissioner Scott Adler was absent this day to attend a presentation by Tim Love with the Montana Forest Collaboration Network and a Granite County Forest Advisory

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Committee hosted tour of logging sites and view of the Sapphire Wilderness Study Area. Also attending was Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe.

The Board and executive assistant traveled to the Grassy Point Boat Launch at Georgetown Lake to meet at 11:00 a.m. with representatives of the U.S. Forest Service, Federal Highway Administration and Western Federal Lands for a field trip to National Forest System Road No. 8686 (locally known as Lakeshore Drive) as an approved project under the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP). Charlene Bucha, former District Ranger with the Pintler Ranger District, led the group and explained that the purpose of the project is to widen the road from 18' to 24' for 3.1 miles to accommodate increasing traffic volumes, improve drainage, install culverts at key locations (private driveways that drain directly onto Road No. 8686), repair filed sub-grade as needed, install a gravel surface, and install new signs. She noted that the conditions requiring relief are poor drainage and a very muddy surface when the road is wet, frost heave in winter and spring, a saturated sub-grade, and poor surface in all weather conditions. The group drove to the road site, made several stops along the road and discussed the benefits of the project under the FLAP Program, which requires a 13.42% match of \$182,008 on the project estimated cost of \$1,356,250. Construction was estimated to occur in 2022. Also discussed was the possibility of a larger road project at Georgetown Lake under the Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP), a new program and such project could possibly include the current project, which would not require any matching funds.

Also attending were Emilee Blount, Assistant Director Engineering and Technology and Geospatial Services, Forest Service, Washington Office; Shyan Yung Pan, Federal Highways Administration Liaison, Forest Service, Washington Office; James Graves and Timothy Hess, Associate Administrator, Federal Lands Highway, Federal Highway Administration; Kristin Austin and Brent Coe, Western Federal Lands; Charlene Bucha, Enterprise, Forest Service, Washington Office; Dan Hager, Regional Director of Engineering, Region One, Forest Service; and Sara Rouse, Rick Collins and Jocelyn Dodge with the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest; and local resident, Dick Motta.

The session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

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