

August 7, 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 Paul Alt was unable to meet with the Board today due to multiple road projects.

Pintler District Ranger Cameron Rasor met with the Board to report that there is a forest fire at Medicine Lake, at about 30 acres today. A 20-person prison crew, smokejumpers, retardant dumps and a hot shot crew arriving today are on the fire. There will be some road and trail closures. He reported that Chuck Hinkle had called one of the firefighters last night and he prefers that people call him as his firefighters are busy on the fire. He reported that the Forest Road Project is going smoothly and all culverts have been delivered.

The Board discussed an addendum to the current agreement with Pavement Maintenance Solutions Inc. of Columbia Falls for an additional 1.4 miles of chip seal on the Maxville Road. It is estimated that it will cost approximately \$23,000.00. Commissioner Bonney moved to amend the current agreement to include the 1.4 miles. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed advertising for the labor to replace the decking on the Walberg Bridge. Commissioner Bonney moved to advertise for labor to replace the decking on the Walberg Bridge with the county to supply the materials. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Current Road Project Agreement with Forest Service, Update: Pintler District Ranger Cameron Rasor reported that the project is going well and all culverts for the project have been purchased.

Agreements with subcontractors on current Road Project Agreement with the Forest Service: No new agreements were presented today. Dick Motta inquired whether the amount of the contracts would exceed the amount required to be bid. The Board explained that according to County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw there is an exception in Montana law to the bidding process for contracts related to forest fires.

Commissioner Bonney informed the Board that he will be absent from the state from August 14 to 19, 2018.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.58 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 0.96 inches above full pool at an outflow of approximately 42 cfs through the power plant and 45.9 cfs over the weir. Commissioner Bonney noted that the inflow approximately matches the outflow. Sam Dennis noted that he is the first ranch to receive the Georgetown Lake water and requested that some additional water be released for irrigation. Jason Vietor suggested that more water be released in the winter rather than in March or April. Commissioner Bonney responded that in April of this year the lake was 16 inches below full pool. Sam Dennis requested an additional 15 cfs at this time, for not longer than a three week period, which would be helpful for the irrigators. Commissioner Bonney moved to increase the outflow from Georgetown Lake up to a total of 60 cfs and that the appropriate government agencies be notified for their consent. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The Board agreed to check the outflow with the irrigators every week. Tyler J. Parker attended.

The Board received notification from Clerk and Recorder Blanche McLure that the Montana Department of Revenue certified taxable valuations for fiscal 2019 are:

County Wide Value: \$12,969,294 (Previous year \$12,599,509)

Road Value: \$11,129,290 (Previous year \$10,816,847)

Town of Philipsburg Mayor Daniel Reddish met with the Board and presented a detailed written request dated July 31, 2018 for county PILT (Payments In Lieu of Taxes) funds for the emergency repair of the main Fred Burr water supply pipeline for a total cost estimate (excluding town provided services) of \$130,558.00. Mayor Reddish thanked the Board for its consideration. He reported that he walked the line about a week ago and he estimated approximately 1,600 feet of line is seriously in poor condition. He noted that the water line is in approximately a 40% slope. Commissioner Adler questioned some of the estimated rates for equipment as high. Mayor Reddish noted that some equipment would be used later for inspection and repair of the pipeline. Mayor Reddish noted that some of the pipeline is above ground and some is below ground. He noted that the town crew would install approximately one-quarter mile of necessary access road. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that the request should be sufficient to accomplish the job. There was discussion regarding labor rates and whether the project could be accomplished this construction season. Mayor Reddish noted that he would be very participatory in the project. Commissioner Slaughter suggested that the Board consider an "up to" amount. Commissioner Adler inquired about engineering costs and what amount of the engineering has been paid. As public discussion, Philipsburg Town Councilman Carl Sundstrom thanked the Board for its consideration. Dick Motta inquired whether the project will be put out to public bid and Town Attorney Robert Medof responded that the public bidding laws will be followed. Commissioner Bonney moved to provide county PILT funds to the Town of Philipsburg for the project. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no further public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Also attending were Tim Allen, Carl Sundstrom, Hal Seward and H. J. Hanson.

Town of Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper met with the Board and to give an update on the town's request for PILT funds for an emergency repair of the fire protection water tower. Mayor Leeper stated that she has nothing further at this time, but wanted to express support for Philipsburg's project. She indicated that she will have information from the Town of Drummond's engineer, Brad Koon, on the Board's agenda at a future meeting.

Maria Conn telephoned the Board regarding the funding for the Public Health Nurse and Commissioner Slaughter explained that there is going to be discussion today regarding the possible return to one-half time (20 hours per week), as was originally agreed. Maria Conn noted that the medical foundation provides funds, but cannot provide the manpower.

Granite County Airport Issues:

Granite County Airport Board Chairperson Vince Reece met with the Board for general discussion regarding Riddick Field Airport at Philipsburg. He reported that he has contacted attorney Peter Kirsch and engineer Bill Lloyd and all members of the airport board. He presented a letter from attorney Peter Kirsch to provide limited scope legal services at a cost of up to \$2,000.00. He reported that the airport board has agreed that seeking funds for the airport should be done by the Commission. The airport board has allocated \$2,000.00 in the airport budget for this legal expense.

The Board considered retaining the limited scope legal services, at a cost of up to \$2,000.00, of attorney Peter Kirsch with the law firm of Kaplan, Kirsch & Rockwell LLP of Denver. Commissioner Bonney moved to accept the agreement with Peter Kirsch. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. Vince Reece noted that the airport board has budgeted the amount for the attorney. Dick Motta inquired whether the airport board has an estimate for the work. Vince Reece responded that when he receives an apology from Dick Motta for the false and misleading information regarding the airport board, he will answer the question. Dick Motta said that it is premature to get an opinion at this time. Commissioner Slaughter responded that this retainer agreement is not to provide an opinion, but to get verification from the FAA that funds are available. Vince Reece indicated that it is his understanding that qualifying airports receive \$150,000 annually and can lend accumulated funds to other airports. Mark Hudgens noted that this is not about a new airport, but about improving the existing airport which has been neglected for years. Elena Gagliano questioned what the airport board budget has been spent on over the years. Commissioner Slaughter explained that a runway improvement project is a major project expense. The said motion to retain Peter Kirsch's limited scope legal services carried and Commissioner Slaughter signed the agreement. Vince Reece indicated that the airport board is working well together.

The Board considered writing a letter to Bill Garrison of the FAA Helena Office at the recommendation of attorney Peter Kirsch. Vince Reece noted that engineer Bill Lloyd with Great West Engineering of Helena has looked at the field and he has an associate who

has 25 years of airport engineering experience. Vince Reece noted that he is in favor of the letter. Commissioner Bonney moved that the letter prepared by attorney Peter Kirsch be put on county letterhead and sent to Bill Garrison at the FAA Helena Office. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no further public comment. The motion carried. As general comment, Mark Hudgens inquired about two hangars at the airport which do not meet airport regulations and Vince Reece responded that it is in the hands of the county attorney. Discussion was held on possibly obtaining a surplus mower for the Drummond Airport.

The Board held the scheduled public hearing at 11:00 a.m. on Proposed Amendments to Granite County Subdivision Regulations including changes to Fire Safety Requirements for Georgetown Lake Fire Service Area. The hearing was advertised in the legal notices in the July 19 and 26 and August 2, 2018 issues of the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper. Planning Director Linda Bouck reviewed that the regulations are a request by the Georgetown Lake Volunteer Fire Department. She noted that the Planning Board has generally stayed out of fire department requests and she further noted that the DNRC had previously requested the state fire regulations be adopted into the subdivision regulations, which was not done at the time of the request. Commissioner Slaughter noted that it is a mountain of new regulations. Linda Bouck responded that these regulations only apply to new subdivisions in the Georgetown Lake Fire Service Area and do not apply to existing subdivisions.

Kurt Unger, with the Georgetown Lake Volunteer Fire Department, stated that the fire department would like to have good standards for developers to comply with for new subdivisions or it will not get done after the subdivision is approved. Fred Bjorklund, with the Georgetown Lake Volunteer Fire Department, stated that he originally wanted simpler regulations, but over time came to realize that the regulations must be specific.

An undated letter of objection from Jack McLeod was reviewed by the Board and Linda Bouck noted that County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw feels that the proposed amendments are on firm legal ground. Kurt Unger noted that the legal case referred to in Jack McLeod's letter was regarding fire sprinkler regulations and those regulations were greater than state standards. Commissioner Slaughter indicated his concern about the county's ability to enforce the regulations as proposed. Kurt Unger stated that if there are issues with certain items in the proposed regulations, that they could be eliminated. Commissioner Adler noted that he is generally not in favor of new regulations, but that these regulations must be specific in order to provide support for the fire department.

Discussion was held on how the appendices are referred to in the main document. Kurt Unger noted that the fire department likes the state document and Fred Bjorklund noted that different areas of a fire service area can have different fire class insurance ratings for many reasons. Linda Bouck noted that two things are going to happen on a new subdivision; the fire department will provide a letter at the time of final plat stating the developer has complied with all aspects of the Georgetown Lake Fire Regulations and the developer's engineer will send certification that the regulations have been complied with.

Linda Bouck reviewed that each fire district in the county has different fire regulations and it depends on how involved the fire districts want to get.

Linda Bouck recalled that the county previously didn't want to adopt the state regulations for the entire county. Kurt Unger noted that there is an advantage to staying with the state document, which has been adopted in many fire districts; and the fire department, after much consideration, agreed that the state document is a good document. Commissioner Slaughter stated that he is not in favor of adding the state regulations and he would not vote in favor of it today. Fred Bjorklund indicated that the fire department could choose not to update the regulations even if the state regulations were updated. Linda Bouck noted that the fire department can adopt its own regulations without making them a revision of the county subdivision regulations. She reviewed options, including revising the regulations or adopting the regulations as proposed or having the fire department adopt its own regulations. Fred Bjorklund reviewed that the fire department has considered these proposed regulations and that they primarily relate to the availability of water, which is critical in fighting a fire. Commissioner Bonney noted that the fire department has worked hard on these regulations and he feels that they are important. Commissioner Slaughter called for further comment and there was none.

The Board considered a response to the audit by Doyle and Associates of Lolo of the new Philipsburg Ambulance garage. Attorney Robert Medof met with the Board and reviewed parts of the audit report with which he disagreed and for which he felt that invoices had been provided. He explained that Jason Wingo had intended certain invoices to be draws for funds to purchase materials which may have been used to purchase other materials. The Board questioned whether the materials purchased are actually in the building and indicated that further investigation may be necessary. Attorney Medof stated that it is his belief that all materials purchased were all actually used in the ambulance garage. Commissioner Adler questioned why several invoices were submitted for the same amount. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that the Board should request auditor Tana Doyle to take every invoice and determine where it is in the building. Commissioner Bonney moved to have Tana Doyle go through the building and find the invoices for that material in the building; and explain any invoices that are doubled or tripled. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. Attorney Medof requested that the original invoices in the possession of Tana Doyle be returned to Jason Wingo. The motion carried. Attorney Medof said that going forward it must be determined what is needed to complete the building. The Board suggested that the ambulance association have a meeting and communicate with the Board. Attorney Medof noted that the ambulance association is a small group of volunteers with full time jobs.

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON of Granite County Hospital District, was not able to keep her routine appointment today with the Board, but submitted a written report containing a financial report dated 8-7-2018 with projected cash available of \$12,800, projected deposits through 8-15-2018 of \$318,250, projected cash requirement through 8-15-2018 of \$150,000, for projected cash reserves of \$181,050 (15 days of operation); an

Administrator's Report dated 7-31-2018 and a letter dated 8-1-2018 regarding the receipt of a Network Planning Grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The Board held a review of draft Resolution 2018-15 "A Granite County Resolution Ordering The Abandonment And Discontinuance Of Portions Of First Avenue South, Division Avenue, and Oak Street With All Said Streets Being County Roads Located In The Platted, Unincorporated Maxville Townsite." Planning Director Linda Bouck attended and reported that all provisions that the Granite County Planning Board recommended have been included in the draft Resolution. Gail McIntyre inquired about the subdivision review and Linda Bouck responded that the subdivision review is required by the Granite County Subdivision Regulations. Gail McIntyre inquired about the definition of reasonable access and Linda Bouck responded that it is a county attorney question, and she noted that a 30-foot easement does not necessarily mean a 30-foot driving surface. Commissioner Slaughter noted that Larry DeMott had previously stated that he wanted to build a shop, so the easement may be moved to accommodate that building. There was no further public comment. Commissioner Slaughter noted that there is time to change the provisions in the Resolution after the first reading scheduled for next week's regular Commission meeting. Also attending was David King, Larry DeMott, and Bob Moore.

The Board held the first Reading of Resolution 2018-13 "A Granite County Resolution Amending The Granite County Subdivision Regulations Pertaining To Fire Safety Requirements Of The Georgetown Lake Fire Service Area." Fred Bjorklund stated that it makes sense to re-write the regulations to eliminate the state regulations and the Georgetown Lake Volunteer Fire Department will present the revised regulations. There was no further public comment. Also attending was Kurt Unger.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2018-14 "A Granite County Resolution Increasing The County Health Department's 2018 Fiscal Year Budget And Authorizing A Transfer Of PILT Funds To County Health Department Fund No. 2270." Commissioner Slaughter noted that the health department's budget was in a deficit position by \$5,664.14 at the end of the 2017-2018 fiscal year due to the purchase of vaccine and that this Resolution is needed to balance the budget for that fiscal year. Commissioner Bonney moved to adopt Resolution 2018-14 and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. Public Health Nurse Annie Young indicated that the expense of the vaccines will be reimbursed when the vaccines are administered. There was no further public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Health Nurse Annie Young met with the Board to discuss reducing the hours of the public health nurse to one-half time (20 hours per week). She presented a written report of accomplishments in 2017 and a diagram of Public Health Interventions. Commissioner Slaughter noted that previously the position had been held through a contract with Missoula County for a one-half time position and after several years Missoula County ended the contract. Also, the Board previously had agreed to fund the position for a time at $\frac{3}{4}$ time (30 hours per week) at Annie Young's request to get the public

health program re-established. Commissioner Slaughter reviewed the number of county-wide mills utilized for the Public Health Department. Annie Young reviewed that she is doing work that does not require an R.N. to do, which could be done by someone who is not an R.N., and she does not know how to provide all the services required by law in fewer hours. She noted that in reality she works far more than the 30 hours budgeted per week. Commissioner Slaughter reviewed all the county departments and functions that are funded through county-wide mills and he noted that the total number of mills is limited by law. Commissioner Adler noted that Annie Young may be doing too good a job and more people are utilizing the service. Commissioner Slaughter stated that the entire Board is very supportive of Annie Young and the position.

Michele Sare noted that there are other sources of revenue through state grants. Annie Young reported that the hospital has received an HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) grant for overall public health in Granite County in which she will be involved, but the first meeting has not been scheduled. Discussion was held on emergency preparedness and reporting. Michele Sare inquired what are the Board's top priorities for county programs. Commissioner Slaughter responded that the county is in need of a needs survey to determine the health priorities. Commissioner Adler noted that when the services were supplied through Missoula County that the Board was largely unaware of the services provided. Michele Sare gave a history of home health and public health in Granite County and she congratulated Annie Young on building an excellent program. Annie Young stated that she considers herself a professional and she is in the process of building a program which will last into the future. Barbara Conn inquired whether the program can be done at half time. Michele Sare responded that there is an estimate that every dollar spent on prevention results in a savings of five dollars and she feels that it cannot be operated at less than 30 hours per week. Michele Sare noted that it is difficult to do the job at less than full time without administrative support. She stated that she is willing as a taxpayer to support public health in Granite County.

Commissioner Slaughter reviewed that for financial support it is a case of "robbing Peter to pay Paul" with county-wide levies. Carl Sundstrom, a Philipsburg town council member, stated that the value of the prevention of one suicide is impossible to calculate and that health is the responsibility of everyone. Commissioner Slaughter reviewed that it may be possible to take some mills from the General Fund if a community health assessment indicates that public health is a priority. Michele Sare noted that some health statistics can be found through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Annie Young noted that she is working on a strategic plan for public health.

Commissioner Slaughter indicated that the Board would also look at funding some type of administrative support. T.J. Vietor suggested that if the strategic R.N. hours were defined then administrative support could be determined after that. Annie Young indicated that an administrative person could be paid at \$12.00 per hour plus benefits. Commissioner Slaughter requested that Annie Young prepare a budget and then the Board would search for ways to fund the budget. Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper noted that the Drummond School does not have a school nurse and possibly that funding of about \$6,000.00 would be available. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that another meeting should be scheduled to discuss a proposed budget with real numbers. He also noted that the General Fund has a current cash balance because those people funded through the General Fund have been frugal. Annie Young noted that she tries to be transparent in her

activities and those planned for the future. Commissioner Slaughter mentioned that an additional mill levy may need to be considered. Commissioner Bonney noted that there is now more evidence about the value of public health which the Board did not have before. Commissioner Slaughter noted that the hospital levy recently failed, so is a mill levy election for public health realistic at this time.

Mayor Leeper suggested that PILT (Payments In Lieu of Taxes) funds be utilized to support public health rather than run a mill levy election at this time. Commissioner Slaughter noted that county-wide mills have historically been used to fund the basic services with which the taxpayers have agreed. He noted that he sees PILT funds as a safety net, and he may not be in favor of using those funds to support a routine county service. Mayor Leeper indicated that it would not be routine funding but more of a kick start for the public health program. T.J. Vietor suggested that the public health program should be established for a year or two before a mill levy election is held. Annie Young stated that it would be advantageous to have administrative help that would be experienced in grant writing. Michele Sare suggested that a professional grant writer be employed due to their experience. Mayor Leeper noted that a Healthy Granite County Network is being formed and it would be a good idea to be involved in that. Annie Young responded that she plans to attend a meeting of that group in September and she is working to develop a relationship with the public. Annie Young thanked those present for coming. Michele Sare indicated that it may be possible to combine the school nurse positions with county public health. Commissioner Slaughter recapped that Annie Young's salary will remain the same for now and that the public health budget will be scheduled for detailed discussion on a future agenda. Attending were Betty Jo May, Barb Conn, Michele Sare and T.J. Vietor.

Public Comment: Celestine Duncan met with the Board to request some maintenance of the Willow Creek Road beyond the Loren Luthje Ranch. She noted that it is full of ruts and pot holes due to firefighting traffic, logging trucks and heavy snow pack. Commissioner Slaughter noted that the road is routinely maintained to the Luthje Ranch and the road beyond that is a non-maintained county road. The Board agreed to have the road supervisor look at the road. Celestine Duncan indicated that some maintenance on a mile or a mile and one half would be very helpful. She noted that she has had a cabin there for 15 years and the road has not been maintained once. Also, Commissioner Slaughter noted that some Forest Service funds may be available to restore roads damaged due to forest fires.

The session adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

August 14, 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 Commissioner Scott Adler attending. Commissioner Barton Bonney was absent this day. 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 gave his weekly report. The crew is working on the chip sealing projects and there is interest in the work on labor to replace the decking on the Walberg Bridge, which has been publically advertised.

Repair of damage by a private contractor to the Boundary Road was discussed with Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt. It was discussed that the road repair would be done by a qualified contractor and that the bill would be equally divided between the party that hired the contractor and the contractor. Commissioner Adler moved to have a private contractor repair Boundary Road and have county bill the contractor which caused the damage and the land owner which ordered the contractor which caused the damage, splitting the cost. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Current Road Project Agreement with the Forest Service: Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt submitted several invoices on the project to be paid by the county today. The invoices will be submitted to the Forest Service for payment, plus a 10% administrative fee.

Agreements with Subcontractors on the current Road Project Agreement with the Forest Service: No new contracts were presented today.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2018-15 “A Granite County Resolution Ordering The Abandonment And Discontinuance Of Portions Of First Avenue South, Division Avenue, and Oak Street With All Said Streets Being County Roads Located In The Platted, Unincorporated Maxville Townsite.” County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, Planning Director Linda Bouck and land owner Paul Alt attended. Paul Alt discussed that he is not comfortable with one septic per block and limiting the number of residents per block. Attorney Bradshaw suggested that the matter be returned to the Planning Board. Linda Bouck noted that the Planning Board was attempting to limit the number of residences to a single family residence regarding the property currently owned by Paul Alt, as he is requesting the abandonment and traffic is an issue. Paul Alt indicated that there were other issues with the proposed resolution with which he does not agree. Commissioner Slaughter noted that he believes in landowner rights for a person to do what he wants to with their own land. Linda Bouck noted that the Planning Board considered the use of the land with limited available access and if other access is available, it should be documented. Louis Polinsky indicated that Judge Dayton had ruled that the Maxville Road is not exactly in the same location as it was originally, but the Judge, following the law, allowed the Maxville Road to stay in current location. Attorney Bradshaw indicated that if Paul Alt would sit down with the Planning Board that the remaining issues could likely be worked out. Commissioner Slaughter noted that there should be some consideration of what the property owner wants. He noted that there is no decision scheduled to be made today. Attorney Bradshaw stated that if changes are made to the

Resolution that it should be put on the Commissioners' agenda again for a first reading. Linda Bouck noted that the Planning Board may make suggestions but the Commission has final authority. Larry DeMott, Rae McKay and Louis Polinsky attended.

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As an administrative matter, Treasurer Vicki Harding met with the Board and presented the Hall Elementary School Budget Report for fiscal year 2019. Commissioner Slaughter signed the report.

The Board reviewed county claims for July 2018. Commissioner Adler expressly recused himself from voting on any claims for Adler Towing. The claims were ordered paid on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2018-16 "A Granite County Resolution Establishing Granite County Forest Management Advisory Committee, An Advisory Board." County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Commissioner Adler noted that the draft Resolution had been favorably reviewed by members of the Granite County Forest Management Advisory Committee. The Board noted that coordination with the Forest Service is required in the Resolution and in state law, as noted in the Resolution. Attorney Bradshaw noted that by-laws for the committee will come later and be placed on a future Commission agenda. Discussion was held that the committee is advisory to the Commissioners and Attorney Bradshaw noted that such a provision could also be put in the committee's by-laws. Dick Motta suggested that a budget be set up for the committee, and that the Resolution should contemplate such a budget. Discussion was held that other advisory boards do not compensate anyone for taking minutes of the meetings. Dick Motta indicated that there are other items, like copies, which could be provided for in a budget for the committee. Elena Gagliano indicated that a budget should be provided for in the Resolution which creates the committee. She noted that once a recommendation is made by the committee to the Commissioners, then coordination occurs with the Forest Service and the Commissioners. Elena Gagliano noted that the coordination provision is powerful in negotiations. Attorney Bradshaw indicated that legally speaking, the budget provision could be in the Resolution or in the committee by-laws. Commissioner Slaughter stated that the work and minutia would be done at the committee level and then the Commissioners would negotiate with the Forest Service. Dick Motta referred to a statute

which outlines the requirements for a Resolution and Attorney Bradshaw noted that he has reviewed that statute as it relates to this proposed Resolution, and this Resolution follows the statutory requirements. Dick Motta stated that the Committee should be advised to submit a budget before county budgets are finalized. Elena Gagliano inquired if any changes were going to be made in the Resolution as proposed and Commissioner Slaughter suggested that proposed changes be submitted in writing. Elena Gagliano suggested that MSU be brought in for training of all county boards, including the Commissioners. No additional public comment was given.

The bid opening on the Courthouse Roof Project, scheduled for 11:00 a.m., was not held because no bids were received. The "Notice To Bid" for the project was advertised in the July 26 and August 2, 2018, issues of the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that since the project was advertised and no bids were received that the Board may now negotiate with contractors. Commissioner Adler moved to put the project specifications on the Montana Contractor's Exchange for two weeks, reach out to firms which do this type of work and to contact Great West Engineering of Helena for names of potential contractors. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board held the bid opening on three surplus sheriff's vehicles. The "Notice To Bid" was advertised in the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper on August 2 and 9, 2018, and it described the three Ford Crown Victoria automobiles up for bid, each valued at under \$2,500.00. Executive Assistant opened the one bid received from Tyler Dunkerson on the 2006 Ford Crown Victoria (blue) for \$201.00. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the bid of Tyler Dunkerson. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that per statute, the other two vehicles can be sold at private sale provided that it is not less than 70% of the appraised value.

The Board discussed the reimbursement of Heidi Hinkle for taking minutes for the Granite County Forest Management Advisory Committee. Commissioner Adler noted that the committee recommended that she be reimbursed for her services performed for the committee. Commissioner Slaughter noted that other volunteer committees in the county do not have paid secretaries. Commissioner Slaughter moved that Heidi Hinkle not be reimbursed for taking minutes. The motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Adler noted that this committee is new and additional work needs to be done to get it set up. Commissioner Slaughter noted that if a budget is established then it should be reconsidered. Elena Gagliano inquired whether other boards have budgets and Commissioner Slaughter responded that they do have budgets. Commissioner Slaughter continued that the question is whether there should be another county employee to take minutes. Dick Motta stated that any expenditures by the committee would be inconsistent with the law since the committee does not have an approved budget. The claim of Heidi Hinkle for eleven hours of work was denied by the Board.

The Board held the First Reading of Resolution 2018-13 “A Granite County Resolution Amending The Granite County Subdivision Regulations Pertaining To Fire Safety Requirements Of The Georgetown Lake Fire Service Area.” County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, Planning Director Linda Bouck, and Fred Bjorklund and Kurt Unger with the Georgetown Lake Volunteer Fire Department attended. The Board noted that this is the second “first reading” of the Resolution because some changes had been made to the regulations which are attached to the Resolution. Fred Bjorklund reviewed that some options had been written out of the regulations because the county does not have the ability to permit or inspect those options. Both Fred Bjorklund and Kurt Unger indicated that they are happy with the Resolution as revised. Fred Bjorklund indicated that this Resolution should take care of the problems the department has been dealing with all winter. There was no further public comment.

The Board noted that union negotiations with the IUOE (International Union of Operating Engineers) Local 400, Granite County Road Unit, which had been scheduled for today have been postponed until August 28, 2018, at 3:00 p.m.

The Board noted receipt of the resignation of Gail Leeper as secretary of the Granite County Tax Appeal Board effective immediately. The Board accepted the resignation and agreed to advertise the position.

The Board noted receipt of the resignation of Shelley Johnson from the Drummond School and Community Library Board effective October 1, 2018. The Board accepted the resignation and agreed to advertise the position when other county board positions are advertised in September.

In an administrative action, Chairperson Bill Slaughter signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Montana Wool Growers’ Association Predator Control Fund for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. The MOU states that there are 493 stock sheep on the tax rolls.

Public Health Nurse Annie Young did not meet with the Board as scheduled to review her preliminary budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Clerk and Recorder Blanche McLure attended. The Board reviewed the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget and Clerk and Recorder Blanche McLure advised the Board that the expenditures exceeded the budget by \$7,327.48 for that fiscal year. The Board was unable to determine what the preliminary budget for supplies and other line items should be as Annie Young had not submitted a preliminary budget request. Commissioner Adler moved to return the Public Health Nurse position to half-time, 20 hours per week, due to funding concerns and that this action be effective August 15, 2018. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. The

Board discussed revising the position description for the Public Health Nurse designating the primary and secondary duties of the position.

Clerk and Recorder Blanche McLure met with the Board regarding the scheduling of public hearings on the preliminary budget. The Board agreed to be in the office for public hearings on the preliminary budget from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. week days, except for regular Commission meeting days, once the budget hearing begins on August 23, 2018 until the budget is scheduled to be approved and adopted on September 4, 2018.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: None.

The session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.