

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 4TH, 11TH & 18TH OF DECEMBER 2018 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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

<u>WARRANT</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
55241 ANN VEIS	POST ELECTION AUDIT	\$24.90
55242 POSTMASTER	EXTENSION POSTAGE	\$500.00
55243 REPUBLIC SERVICES #889	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$8,401.80
55244 ROBBIE HOUSE	POST ELECTION AUDIT	\$24.90
55245 SOUTHWEST ARBORCARE	COURTHOUSE TREE CLEAN UP	\$2,935.00
55246 FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK	PATROLL & NOD FEE	\$95,402.63
55247 VISA #1	SUPPLIES	\$21.29
55248 VISA #2	LODGING; SUPPLIES; MAINTNENCE	\$965.27
55249 VISA #3	TRANSUNION	\$152.30
55250 360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$1,290.23
55251 ADAM MICHNEVICH	PLANNING BOARD	\$89.92
55252 AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	ACETYLENE	\$23.10
55253 ANNIE YOUNG	CO HEALTH	\$211.46
55254 APPLIED CONCEPTS, INC	ANTENNA CABLE	\$136.00
55255 AXELSON ALTERNATIVE CREMATION	VETERAN'S BENEFIT	\$300.00
55256 BART BONNEY	TRAVEL & SUPPLIES	\$188.59
55257 BILL SLAUGHTER	TRAVEL	\$87.20
55258 BLACKFOOT CFT	NOVEMBER BILLING	\$3,530.70
55259 BLAINE BRADSHAW	SUPPLIES & TRAVEL	\$107.63
55260 BLANCHE MCLURE	POSTAGE	\$54.87
55261 BOB WEAVER CONSTRUCTION	BLADE BURT WEAVER ROAD	\$525.00
55262 BOB'S QUALITY AUTO	MAINTENANCE	\$101.00
55263 CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	MAINTENANCE	\$152.63
55264 CATERPILLAR FINANCIALSERVICES	EXCAVATOR	\$1,144.07
55265 CENTURLINK	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$415.80
55266 CENTURLINK	FCP PHONE	\$58.30
55267 CHARLES HINKLE	NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL TRAINING	\$698.58
55268 CLAUDETTE PARKE	CERTIFIED MAILINGS	\$36.05
55269 COLETTE ADELE FADNESS	AREA V MILEAGE	\$176.58
55270 COMDATA	NOVEMBER BILLING	\$3,775.36
55271 COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS, INC	SUPERVISION	\$100.00
55272 CONNIE SCHIEDERMAYER	MILEAGE	\$21.80

55273	COONEY'S LOCKSMITH	VAULT MAINTENANCE	\$708.00
55274	CREMATION SOCIETY OF THE ROCKIE	VETERAN'S BENEFIT	\$300.00
55275	CROWN CORRECTIONAL TELEPHONE	INMATE PHONE CARDS	\$280.00
55276	DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	CONTRACTOR'S WITHHOLDINGS	\$1,500.61
55277	DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$2,181.30
55278	DRUMMOND COMMUNITY HALL	RENT	\$360.00
55279	DRUMMOND, TOWN OF	SEWER CONNECTIONS	\$811.80
55280	ENERGY PARTNERS LLC	PROPANE	\$1,098.50
55281	F & R LLC	GRAVEL	\$793.59
55282	FICKLER OIL CO. INC.	FUEL & SUPPLIES	\$1,234.80
55283	FLINT CREEK LODGE #11	RENT	\$2,550.00
55284	GARLINGTON, LOHN & ROBINSON	MEDIATION	\$1,054.89
55285	GENERAL DISTRIBUTING CO.	CO2,HP,ACETYLENE	\$164.40
55286	GRANITE CO MUSEUM	RENT	\$200.00
55287	GRANITE COUNTY	RUMSEY MTN SPECIAL USE	\$123.06
55288	GRANITE CO HOSPITAL DISTRICT	INMATE CARE	\$135.00
55289	GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$251.39
55290	GRANITE DISPOSAL	HAUL REFUSE	\$434.00
55291	GRANITE PHARMACY	INMATE MEDS	\$24.70
55292	GRANITE SPORTLAND	COIL & CAP ASSY; CLEANER	\$140.09
55293	GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	\$17,138.75
55294	HARLOW'S TRUCK CENTER	ORANGE INTN'L REPAIRS	\$1,105.83
55295	HIGH TECH LINEN	RUGS	\$130.38
55296	HOGAN'S RANCH & BUILDERS	SUPPLIES	\$185.22
55297	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES	\$1,046.83
55298	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES	\$34.34
55299	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES	\$73.52
55300	IDENTISYS INC	REMOTE TECH SERVICE	\$125.00
55301	JEWELL FUNERAL HOME	VETERAN'S BENEFIT	\$300.00
55302	K L S HYDRAULICS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$229.25
55303	LANE & ASSOCIATES	DOT TEST	\$76.23
55304	LONGFELLOW FUNERAL HOME	INDIGENT CREMATION	\$1,250.00
55305	MACAA	2019 MEMBERSHIP	\$105.00
55306	MACO	SUPPLIES	\$117.20
55307	MAPS INC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$4,241.50
55308	MCGOWAN WATER COND, INC	SALT & SOFTENER	\$33.95
55309	MICHAEL KAHOE	DINNER,ENVELOPES,PLAQUE	\$81.88
55310	MICHELE PUIGGARI	REVIEW APP & REFERENCE	\$60.00
55311	MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$366.11
55312	MONTANA CO ATTORNEY ASSOC	FY 19 DUES	\$699.00
55313	MONTANA ELECTRONICS CO, INC	COAX	\$16.49
55314	MONTANA RAIL LINK	GRAVEL & EQUIPMENT STORAGE	\$230.64
55315	MT WOOLGROWERS ASSOCIATION	PREDATOR CONTROL	\$246.50
55316	MSU ANIMAL & RANGE SCIENCES	IRM RED BOOKS	\$156.25
55317	MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	SALARY SHARE	\$2,513.84
55318	MT ASSO OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS	2019 MEMBERSHIP	\$90.00
55319	MYBINDING	HALF-SHEET PAPER	\$165.90
55320	NEAL'S PHOTO SERVICE	8 1/2 X 11 PRINTS	\$9.00
55321	NELSON CONSTRUCTION LLC	REBUILD 660' OF MULLEN RD	\$22,712.00
55322	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	NOVEMBER STATEMENTS	\$3,888.18
55323	PACIFIC STEEL - MISSOULA	20' ANGLE PIECES	\$69.90
55324	PALMER ELECTRICAL	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$3,020.15
55325	PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	ADS	\$1,019.50
55326	PHILIPSBURG SR CITZ CENTER	INMATE MEALS	\$455.00
55327	PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF	WATER/SEWER	\$431.00
55328	PINTLER PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$1,872.65
55329	PLAINSMAN	RECEPTION BINDER & PAPER	\$349.00
55330	POLICE LEGAL SCIENCES, INC	DISPATCH TRAINING	\$480.00
55331	PROVIDENCE HEALTH & SERVICES	EMPLOYEE SCREENING	\$365.00
55332	REPUBLIC SERVICES #889	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$6,057.40
55333	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$4,732.46
55334	RTW ENTERPRISE	DISMOUNT/MOUNT TIRES-BACKHOE	\$964.00
55335	SARAH E GRAHAM	NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL TRAINING	\$498.58
55336	SHADOW ASPHALT, INC	ASPHALT BID ESTIMATE	\$250.00
55337	SHI	FY19 SOFTWARE REPLACEMENTS	\$1,091.16
55338	SOLE STONE REIMBURSEMENT SERV	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	\$234.26
55339	SW MONTANA AGING SERVICES	COUNTY PLEDGE	\$561.00
55340	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	SUPPLIES	\$141.33
55341	STATE BAR OF MONTANA	LAWYERS' DESKBOOK	\$65.00
55342	SUPPLYWORKS	INMATE WASHING MACHINE	\$509.95
55343	SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$450.00
55344	TERRY JO VIETOR	CRIME CONTROL	\$628.84
55345	TIRE RAMA	'17 SILVERADO TIRES	\$832.00
55346	TNT TRUCK PARTS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$820.75
55347	TRANSUNION RISK SOLUTIONS	SEARCHES & REPORTS	\$75.00
55348	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	DOCUPRO BASE MODULE FEE	\$4,066.52
55349	US POSTAL SERVICE	PRE-STAMPED ENVELOPES	\$577.25
55350	USDA FOREST SERVICE	RUMSEY MTN USE PERMIT	\$5,333.66
55351	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$916.64

55352	VICKI HARDING	SOLID WASTE PHONE	\$13.47
55353	WEBGRAIN	WEBHOSTING ANNUAL FEE	\$258.00
55354	WESTERN STATES EQUIPMENT	EDGES & FILTERS	\$3,426.16
55355	WESTTEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$667.00
55356	WILLOWROCK INC	SURVEYOR REVIEWS/REPORT	\$1,460.00
55357	WOODLAND CREATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$395.08
		CLAIMS FUND TOTAL	\$236,515.59

<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
	ADLER, SCOTT C	COMMISSIONER	\$2,232.88
	ALT, PAUL	ROAD SUPERVISOR	\$5,955.83
	ANDERSON, MELINDA K	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY	\$1,359.92
	BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V	\$820.05
	BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	\$4,055.17
	BONNEY, BARTON C	COMMISSIONER	\$2,119.40
	BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN	\$2,706.51
	BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER	\$5,057.77
	BRADSHAW, BLAINE C	COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$8,107.05
	BUTLER, JODI L	SOLID WASTE	\$2,854.72
	CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N	DISPATCH	\$2,737.36
	CAYKO, NICKIE N	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$4,436.87
	DAY, JAN P	DEPUTY CLERK	\$1,488.90
	DAY, NELS R	DES COORDINATOR	\$1,277.76
	DUNKERSON, WAYNE S	SHERIFF	\$4,548.84
	FADNESS, COLETTE A	AREA V AIDE	\$436.44
	FRATZKE, DEBBIE	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	\$1,992.58
	FRYE, TINA J	DISPATCHER	\$1,023.41
	GRAHAM, SARAH E	DEPUTY CLERK & RECORDER	\$3,376.96
	HARDING, JEAN M	DISPATCHER	\$2,909.16
	HARDING, VICKI B	TREASURER	\$4,488.20
	HENNAGER, DEANNA L	DISPATCHER	\$2,731.96
	HOEHNE, JOHN W	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$4,111.56
	HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,467.31
	HULTMAN, TY R	DEPUTY	\$3,762.16
	JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,578.50
	KAHOE, MICHAEL	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	\$4,651.68
	KANE, KATHERINE	DISPATCHER	\$1,013.57
	KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE	\$3,152.16
	KENDALL, JOY J	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$423.43
	KINGREY, ELWYN	JUNK VEHICLE	\$437.67
19152	LARDY, JAMES D	SITE RELIEF	\$499.55
	LATRAY, DANETTE L	TREASURER DEPUTY	\$3,376.96
19153	LEPPALA, RYAN A	WEED SPRAYER	\$51.81
	LOOBEY, THERESA R	TITLE CLERK	\$2,743.84
	MCDONNELL, FRED N	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$823.95
	MCLURE, BLANCHE A	CLERK & RECORDER	\$4,454.87
	OLSEN, RICK C	DEPUTY	\$3,522.61
	OSTLER, JASON K	DEPUTY	\$3,399.81
	OWENS, NANCY	RELIEF	\$155.75
	PALMER, KAREN P	COUNTY AGENT SEC	\$2,513.28
	PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY	\$3,111.68
	PAWLAK, KIMBERLY	FLOATING CLERK	\$2,325.03
	PETERS, DEBORAH A	DISPATCHER RELIEF	\$2,147.62
	PETERS, STEVEN D	DEPUTY	\$3,465.15
	SCHIEDERMAYER, CONNIE	COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIALIST	\$112.50
	SHEPARD, RAYLENE O	DISPATCHER	\$2,742.75
	SLAUGHTER, BILL L	COMMISSIONER	\$2,077.86
	SMITH, REBECCA	PHEP COORDINATOR	\$2,281.01
	SMITH, THADDEUS M	DEPUTY	\$3,366.15
	STEPHENSON, CHRIS D	SEASONAL ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$76.52
	VIETOR, TERRY J	CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE	\$1,179.20
	WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,608.00
	WEST, WILLIAM H	DAM TENDER	\$258.97
	WILKINS, KENNETH D	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,323.84
	WILKINSON, BARBARA A	JUSTICE CLERK	\$1,431.23
	YOUNG, ANN D	COUNTY HEALTH NURSE	\$1,312.08
19154	YOUNG, ANN D	VACA/SICK PAYOUT	\$5,727.22
	57 EMPLOYEES	TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	\$151,405.02

<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
19152 JAMES LARDY	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19153 RYAN LEPPALA	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19154 ANN YOUNG	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19155 AFLAC INS	\$205.81
19156 CHRISTMAS CLUB	\$1,880.00

19157 COLONIAL	\$18.75
19158 FIT	\$9,422.42
19158 MEDICARE	\$4,222.52
19158 P.E.R.S.	\$19,708.39
19158 PERS RETIREE	\$438.88
19158 SHERIFF RETIRE	\$5,209.49
19158 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$18,054.86
19158 TRS	\$19.26
19159 IUOE 400	\$457.20
19160 MACO DENTAL	\$2,386.00
19160 MACO VISION	\$535.00
19160 MACOHCT	\$45,817.00
19160 UNUMLIFE	\$728.65
19161 PEBSC	\$4,450.00
19162 SIT	\$6,162.00
19163 UNION - PENSION	\$512.28
TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES	\$120,228.51

December 4, 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 as scheduled. Commissioner Bonney moved to purchase a new stainless steel sanding unit for the new snow plow truck. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Discussion was held on improving the restrooms at the county road department shops at Hall and Philipsburg.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.73 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 9.24 inches below full pool with 38 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 38 cfs over the weir. Commissioner Bonney moved to make no change in the outflow until the lake gets to one foot below full pool, then reduce the total outflow down to 20 cfs at that point. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Commissioner Slaughter moved that Commissioner Bonney and engineer Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering prepare a draft news article on the recent work done on the Flint Creek Dam for the Board's review. Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for November 20 and 27, 2018. Commissioner Bonney moved to approve the minutes as presented and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Coordinator Becky Smith met with the Board to review the position. She informed the Board that she may be taking a different position, but she will not know for certain until later in the year. She noted that she contacted the state Department of Public Health and Human Services which stated that the PHEP Coordinator position could potentially be accomplished by working from home and that the office could logically be maintained in conjunction with the county public health office. She also noted that the position is completely grant funded. The Board reviewed, revised and finalized the position description for the PHEP Coordinator position. Commissioner Adler moved to continue the position as it is currently and to adopt the revised position description. Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2018-25 "A Granite County Resolution Increasing The County's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP Fund No. 2967) Budget For 2019 Fiscal Year To Account For Additional Grant Funding." There was no public comment.

The Board reviewed a draft sample procurement policy with County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw. The Board reviewed provisions which it felt were too restrictive and a provision which would involve suspension of a contractor from receiving contract awards from the county due to a

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contractor's non-compliance with the policy standards for construction. The Board agreed that further review and discussion would be necessary prior to adoption.

In an administrative action, the Board contacted Wade Cebulski with the Montana Aeronautics Division of the Montana Department of Transportation, at his request, by speaker telephone to discuss the Board's letter to him regarding the availability of the 10% match for federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds. Wade Cebulski noted that Riddick Field Airport would qualify for a grant or loan for the 10% match for an FAA project, but a grant for the full amount of the match is definitely not guaranteed. He indicated that grant applications are evaluated and ranked by the Montana Aeronautics Board and typically asphalt projects receive high priority, but there is never enough funding to cover all of the application requests. Application submission opens on July 15 and applications are due in November each year. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON Granite County Hospital District, met with the Board and presented the monthly financial update. She included a financial report dated 12-4-2018 with projected cash available a negative \$(64,737), projected deposits through 12-15-2018 \$455,784, projected cash requirements through 12-15-2018 accounts payable of \$150,000, projected cash reserves \$241,047 (20 days of operation); a utilization recap; balance sheet; income statement detail; accounts receivable aging report; and an administrator's report dated November 27, 2018.

DES/Safety Coordinator Rick Day met with the Board for the consultant selection for the update of the county Hazard Mitigation Plan, which includes Drummond and Philipsburg. He reviewed that the county was awarded a grant for \$24,999.99 from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) for the five-year update and the RFP (Request For Proposals) was published in the local newspaper for two consecutive weeks as required and sent to 11 prospective respondents. He noted that only one proposal, from Great West Engineering of Helena, was received and he has evaluated that proposal, which meets or exceeds the required standards. The Board reviewed the Great West Engineering proposal. Rick Day reported that a scope of work will be negotiated prior to a contract being recommended. Commissioner Bonney moved to select Great West Engineering to provide the five-year update of the county Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Rick Day said he would work with the County Attorney and Great West Engineering on a draft agreement for services which would be placed on an upcoming Board agenda for a decision.

Courthouse vaults as safe areas in an active shooter situation were discussed with DES/Safety Coordinator Rick Day. Commissioner Slaughter reported that Scott White with Cooney Locksmiths of Butte has been preliminarily consulted on the matter and noted that some locks on some vaults may be reversible from the inside. The Board made a visit to the vault in the Clerk and Recorder's Office to see the workings of the lock mechanism. Commissioner Adler commented that a handle could possibly be constructed to lock and unlock the vault from the inside without adjusting the regular locking mechanism. The Board will further consider the vaults as safe areas in an active shooter situation with DES/Safety Coordinator Rick Day over the next few weeks. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

The Board reviewed the Partially Completed Mediation in the Granite County v. Rising Sun Estates and Jack McLeod Case. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw reported that the mediation was held in Anaconda, Montana on November 26, 2018, conducted by attorney William T. Wagner of Missoula with County Attorney Bradshaw and Commissioner Bill Slaughter attending. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the Partially Completed Mediation and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Public comment: None.

Correspondence: The Board received written notice from the Pintler Ranger District of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest that members are needed for the Tri-County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC).

The session adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his weekly report. He reported that the state has offered 50,000 yards of asphalt millings from I-90 near Rock Creek to the county, likely in the spring. He will determine how far the contractor will haul the millings to be stored by the county. The Board agreed that Paul Alt will further investigate. Paul Alt noted that an accident last week destroyed a chute on the sanding unit of a county truck which was hit by an automobile operated by an inattentive driver. A new chute has been ordered for approximately \$2,000.00, plus cost of installation, which will be submitted to the county's insurance company and the inattentive driver's insurance company.

The Board went into executive session for a personnel matter, which was closed to the public.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.64 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 10.32 inches below full pool with 35.9 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 35.9 cfs over the weir. Commissioner Bonney moved to make no change in the outflow until the lake gets to one foot below full pool, then reduce the total outflow down to 20 cfs, which he estimates will occur in January. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

The Board considered the FY2019 Extension Services Agreement between Montana State University and Granite County with Extension Agent Ben Hauptman. The agreement states that total county support for extension services, including agent salary support, support staff salaries and benefits, travel, other and capital will be \$78,607.30. Commissioner Bonney moved to approve the agreement and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The Board requested Ben Hauptman to make regular reports to the Board on his activities and he agreed.

Ron Beck with the Philipsburg Ice Association, met with the Board to request to rent or lease county property for outside storage. He reported that the association is negotiating on purchasing property adjoining the ice rink to use for their storage needs, but that has not been completed. If this plan fails, then the association would then be looking for a place to store two locked storage trailers during the off season, possibly near the old county shop building. The Board stated their general agreement with this plan if the storage area was needed in event the purchase of the adjacent property fell through. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw suggested that their association continue to work on purchasing the property, and he agreed to draft a lease agreement if one is needed. Commissioner Adler moved that it is the Board's intention to allow the storage if the property is not purchased and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the written report of the interview committee for the Public Health Nurse position interview with Katie Muhly RN, the only applicant for the position. The interview committee consisted of Commissioner Bonney, CEO/DON of Granite County Hospital District Maria Stoppler, and Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. It was the committee's unanimous recommendation that she be offered the position. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. The Board noted that an assistant/clerk for the position is in the current budget.

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The Board considered an offer of employment for Katie Muhly RN for the position of Granite County Public Health Nurse, on the recommendation of the interview committee. Commissioner Bonney moved to offer the position to Katie Muhly at a Grade 16, Step 8, \$32.36 per hour, due to her experience, with the provision that she have her bachelor's degree in nursing substantially completed within 36 months (by the end of year 2021). Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Mr. Bruce Wiederspiel, a local property owner, met with the Board by speaker telephone regarding a family transfer hardship. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and gave background on the situation where a division of property was made using the family transfer exception to subdivision laws (still subject to survey requirement and zoning regulations) under Montana law (MCA Section 76-3-207(1)(b) (family transfer exception). Attorney Bradshaw reviewed the circumstances under which a family transfer can be made and he noted that the Montana statute on family transfers has been in place for years, although there was a county policy on family transfers adopted in May 2018 (requiring two year period before property deed may be recorded with Clerk & Recorder if property was conveyed using family transfer exception). Attorney Bradshaw acknowledged that this policy adopted in 2018 was adopted after Mr. Wiederspiel's division of land was made; however, Granite County's Subdivision Regulations have specific language pertaining to the evasion of subdivision laws and these regulations were in place well prior to this division of land by Mr. Wiederspiel. Also, Mr. Wiederspiel must follow the statute that he used in dividing the land under family transfer exception and this statute does not allow for using the law to simply evade the Subdivision and Platting Act. Mr. Wiederspiel acknowledged he divided a piece of property in 2017 using the family transfer exception, transferred the property to his wife, but that she now desires to sell the property. Kent Ellis, a neighboring landowner to Mr. Wiederspiel's property, attended in person and reported to the Board that Mr. Wiederspiel has been a property developer for many years; the property in question is difficult to get to, is overpriced and will require access through Forest Service land. Mr. Wiederspiel stated he has been a property developer in the past and explained that he had purchased the property and built a home on it. He then put the home and 235 acres on the market, and it did not sell. He then considered selling one of the government lots, which would reduce the price on the house with a smaller parcel of land. He divided the property using the family transfer exemption to the subdivision laws. He noted that his wife now has a purchaser intending to use a reverse 1031 land exchange, which must be made in January 2019. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that it seems that this is a business transaction, rather than a hardship. Mr. Wiederspiel noted that he has had the property on the market for three years. Commissioner Slaughter noted that Bruce Wiederspiel had taken advantage of the family transfer when the property was divided with his wife, but he apparently was not aware of the statutory restrictions on the family transfer. He noted that he is 78 years old and has had cancer twice. The property has been on the market for a while now, and he has a firm offer on a parcel of the land. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that the Board intends to follow the law and will need to explain why an exception was made, if one is made here by the Commission. When asked what his hardship was here, Mr. Bruce Wiederspiel acknowledged he did not have a true hardship, but indicated that he is requesting the exception due to the financial loss of losing this current sale and due to his health condition. County Attorney Bradshaw noted that ignorance of the law and financial losses/gains are never proper grounds for any such a hardship variance. Attorney Bradshaw also gave his preliminary legal opinion that the Clerk & Recorder has the final say on recording deeds, in any event. Commissioner Slaughter noted that Bruce Wiederspiel had come to the Commissioners prior to trying to record the deed, so this is some indication of good faith rather than him just attempting to record the deed without explanation. Kent Ellis stated that Bruce Wiederspiel had sold a 40-acre parcel recently. The Board discussed having the Granite County Planning Board review the situation in a public meeting and make a recommendation regarding this matter to the Commission. Commissioner Bonney moved to have the Planning Board review the matter and make a recommendation to the Board. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Bradshaw agreed to notify Mr. Wiederspiel and Linda Bouck, Granite County Planning Director, of this decision.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2018-25 "A Granite County Resolution Increasing The County's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP Fund No. 2967) Budget

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For 2019 Fiscal Year To Account For Additional Grand Funding.” Commissioner Bonney moved to adopt Resolution 2018-25 and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. During discussion, Commissioner Adler noted that the PHEP coordinator position is only grant funded and that the position would disappear if the grant funding should end. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

In an administrative action, the Board discussed getting current minutes posted on the county’s website in a timely manner. The Board agreed to make every effort review and approve the minutes on a weekly basis, and that they would be posted in a timely matter as required by law. It was also determined that the County’s weekly reference to the Board’s agenda and website would also give notice that the full Board minutes are posted on the website.

The Board reviewed the proposal of Francis Construction of Belgrade, in the total amount of \$8,844.00, which includes new gutters and downspouts for the Granite County Jail and the removal and disposal of the old gutters and downspouts. The Board noted that it was the only proposal received after proper competitive, public advertising resulted in no formal bid proposals. Commissioner Bonney moved to accept the proposal and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and had prepared a Professional Services Agreement, consistent with the proposal amount and custom, between Francis Construction and Granite County, which was signed by Commissioner Slaughter.

The Board reviewed draft documents for the Flint Creek Dam Rehabilitation Projects as recommended by Great West Engineering of Helena for contractor Battle Ridge Builders LLC of Belgrade as follow:

- Certificate of Substantial Completion for Stilling Basin Repairs with a date of substantial completion of November 2, 2018.
- Certificate of Substantial Completion for Gate Valve Replacements with a date of substantial completion of November 16, 2018.
- Change Order No. 1 for Gate Valve Replacements in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the county to purchase the blind flanges used to stop the outflow through the valves during the replacement of the valves.
- Contractor’s Application for Payment No. 1 for Gate Valve Replacements in the amount of \$88,011.00.
- Contractor’s Application for Payment No. 2 for Stilling Basin Repairs in the amount of \$60,549.01.

The Board contacted Project Manager Engineer Jonathan Weaver by speaker telephone regarding the documents. He recommended that the Board schedule an inspection of the projects in 11 months which is within the one-year warranty period. Also, he noted that the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation agreement for the grant funding expires at the end of the year, so it is important that the documents be executed prior to the end of the year so the county can receive the previously approved grant funding of \$125,000.00. Commissioner Bonney moved to approve all of the above listed documents and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Chairperson Slaughter then signed all documents requiring a signature.

As an administrative matter, Sheriff Scott Dunkerson met with the Board regarding the difficulty in getting graveyard shift dispatchers. Discussion was held regarding higher pay for night shift dispatchers or paying them a stipend. It was agreed that further discussion will be held prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Glen Cameron, engineer with the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), met with the Board to present the report on the interim speed limit near Maxville. He reported that the speed limit is scheduled to remain at 60 mph, which was the interim speed limit established two years ago. The Board reviewed the report and concurred with the report’s findings. Commissioner Adler moved to write a letter to MDT agreeing with the results of the report. Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

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Correspondence: The Board received two pieces of correspondence from Granite West Engineering of Helena as follow:

- A letter dated 12/10/2018 from Project Manager Jeremiah Theys regarding the Flint Creek Dam and a response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s letter of 9/7/2018 about the second Part 12D Report and Potential Failure Mode Analysis supplemental report.
- An email dated 12/9/2018 from Project Manager Jeremiah Theys requesting an amendment to the engineering contract to respond to requirements of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s requirements for a completion report for the stilling basin and valves replacement projects, including as-built drawings, for a fee of \$3,500.00. Also, the project has a one-year warranty and Jeremiah Theys recommends completing an 11-month walkthrough with the contractor to identify any correction items before the expiration of the warranty period. The fee would be \$2,800.00 for this work.

The Board agreed to put the two items on the Board’s next meeting agenda.

The session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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December 18, 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. Commissioner-Elect Chuck Hinkle attended the morning session. Tim Ravndal with Redoubt News of Townsend attended the courthouse session.

Sheriff/Coroner Scott Dunkerson met with the Board to present his written wage increase proposal dated 12-13-2018 for dispatchers in order to keep dispatchers. The proposed wage increase requested would commence the next fiscal year. He reviewed the wages from other counties and he noted that there will no longer be any expense for union negotiations for deputies and dispatchers. He also indicated that additional 9-1-1 funds may be able to be used for dispatchers. Also, a stipend for dispatcher uniforms may be considered. The Board made no decision and Sheriff Dunkerson agreed to do further research and return on a future Board agenda.

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

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his weekly report. He reported that the crew is sanding ice and repairing equipment. Commissioner Slaughter reported that he had received a couple of compliments about the Road Department from Lower Rock Creek residents and the road sanding done there.

The Board discussed Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt’s salary and noted that he had received a satisfactory employee evaluation, which is confidential. Commissioner Scott Adler moved to table the matter until the first part of January to give people and the Board time to review material and when the new Commissioner, Commissioner-Elect Chuck Hinkle, will be seated. He would like to set it for January 15, 2019. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. Discussion on the motion by the Board: Commissioner Slaughter stated that Paul Alt has accomplished a lot and that he started his position during a flood. Commissioner Slaughter said that he has contacted the Local Government Center for a comparison of road supervisor salaries and he reviewed that many counties have separate road foremen for each Commissioner district, which is expensive. Commissioner Slaughter also said that when Mr. Alt was hired that he was

given probationary salary pay by the County Commission and that pay would be revisited at the one year mark. Discussion on the motion by the public:

- **Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper:** Presented written questions and requested that they be entered into the minutes: 1) Why isn't there a written copy of contract with Bob Weaver on file? 2) Whose insurance is listed for coverage for Bob Weaver work? 3) What is the Road and Bridge/Solid Waste supervisor's job description? 4) What specific counties did you compare the Road and Bridge/Solid waste supervisor's salary with? 5) What is the Road and Bridge/Solid Waste supervisor's qualification for changing the position to Superintendent? Mayor Leeper verbally reviewed the questions.
- **Susie Browning:** She commented that in comparing salaries of road supervisors in other counties, need to know value of county mill or how many people supervisor is supervising or how many miles of road are being maintained. She reviewed minutes from when Paul Alt was hired and when the solid waste position was added; she inquired whether the plan is to make it retroactive. Commissioner Slaughter responded that it would not be retroactive. Susie Browning asked if a comparison had been made with other employees and elected officials; has the budget been reviewed. Commissioner Slaughter responded that elected official salaries are set by the legislature and the county Compensation Board. Also, he commented that a line item transfer in the budget could be made, depending on what the motion involves. He noted that there is budget in the Road Fund and the Bridge Fund. Commissioner Slaughter stated that Paul Alt is a salaried employee, who does not get overtime or comp time. Susie Browning commented that he makes approximately \$82,000.00 in salary plus benefits. Commissioner Slaughter reviewed what the benefits are, including health insurance and PERS retirement. Susie Browning stated that solid waste costs \$20,000 per year in salary and benefits and asked how much of a raise is planned? Commissioner Slaughter indicated that it may be \$14,000.00 for the road position only, depending on the motion. He noted that combining the road and solid waste works well due to the shared similarities in equipment. Susie Browning made a personal comment about Paul Alt and was told that this information was out of line to be brought up in a public meeting.
- **Dan Villa:** He said that he and his neighbors at Georgetown Lake are not getting their roads snowplowed on the week-ends. Commissioner Slaughter responded that the union employees must be called before Paul Alt can go out. Dan Villa asked where is the extra money coming from. Commissioner Slaughter reviewed that the Forest Service contract from last summer, which hired local vendors, added road fund revenue. Dan Villa stated that roads don't get plowed on the week-ends this year at Georgetown Lake, and he has kept track. Commissioner Adler stated that an on-call list was proposed to the road union, but was voted down.
- **Sue Peterson:** How many hours a week does he work? Paul Alt responded that it varies depending on what's going on. How many hours are spent doing solid waste work? Paul Alt said that it depends on the week. Sue Peterson commented that it seems like a large amount of money, especially to a retired school teacher.
- **John Spaeth:** Questioned the salary of the past solid waste supervisor, as he has spoken to her. Commissioner Slaughter responded that the figure he quoted included the salary and total benefits. He reviewed what the previous solid waste manager's duties included. Commissioner Slaughter responded that the current salary, including benefits, for the solid waste clerk in the Treasurer's Office is \$27,912.47.
- **Dick Motta:** He told the Board that they must have a projection of what this proposed raise is going to cost, including benefits. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that it will depend upon how the motion is made. Dick Motta said that the people in this room are entitled to the projection. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw indicated that it could be calculated and put on the county's website. Dick Motta stated that an appropriation would need to come from another fund. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that there is extra cash in the Road Fund at this time from the Forest Service agreement. Dick Motta stated that the people are being overtaxed because of funds remaining in the PILT fund. Commissioner Slaughter noted that the PILT funds come from the federal government through the state, so the state is aware of how much PILT funds the county has. Dick Motta stated that the people here deserve to know what the motion will be. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that the figures discussed today are public information. Dick Motta

asked where the funds were coming from. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw responded that it will be covered in the Resolution.

- **Susie Browning:** She asked a question about the amount of cash remaining in the Road Department budget. Commissioner Slaughter stated the figures from the budget of \$605,250.03. Susie Browning asked that the SRS money be considered, as it is possible that it may not be reauthorized in the future. She apologized for her previous remarks, which were out of line.
- **Dan Villa:** If you are going to give a certain position a 20% raise, how will it affect other employees? Commissioner Slaughter reviewed that when he came into office, there was no road supervisor; then one was hired and he then went to private industry. Dan Villa said that other salaried positions will look at this and make the same request.
- **Tim Ravndal:** He did not intend to comment at first, but wanted to add some thoughts now. He stated that salary comparisons amongst in-state counties are resulting in disputes across the state. He said that cash reserves are to be used for the carryover at the end of the year until the new budget is set; it is essential. Many counties are using union employees and wage analysis becomes problematic for county commissioners. The public has a right to know what is going on. He is not a resident of Granite County. Spotlight must stay on transparency.
- **Sandra-Leah Barbara:** Noted that she has run three businesses. Is budget for road maintenance able to handle a substantial raise? Commissioner Slaughter indicated that funds have come in since the budget was set and that the PILT funds are there for a rainy day. She feels that a raise in the middle of the budget year sets a precedent. She also commented that she does not feel that Rumsey Road is adequately maintained.
- **County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw:** Commented that the sheriff's salary is set by County Commission upon recommendation by County Compensation Board; and that the County Compensation Board is comprised of members of the public and elected officials. Commissioner Slaughter noted that by law deputies make a percentage of the elected official's salary.
- **Elena Gagliano:** When will the information be put on the website? Commissioner Slaughter stated that it would be on the county's website by the end of the week.
- **Susie Browning:** Suggested the Board review minutes from May 2017 as she believes the Board did not state their intent at that time to revisit Mr. Alt's salary as they are doing now.
- **Dick Motta:** Asked if Mr. Alt's hire date was in May of 2017, and Commissioner Slaughter responded that is correct.
- **Tim Allen:** The motion, when made, could be made several ways; whether a raise will be given all this year or part this year and part next year. He requested a copy of on what basis the evaluations are conducted.

The motion carried unanimously. Others signing in were Drummond Town Attorney Jana McGill and J. B. Hendrix.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.56 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 11.28 inches below full pool with 35.9 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 35.9 cfs over the weir. Even though absent from the meeting, Commissioner Bonney sent a timely written note to the Board recommending to reduce the total outflow to 20 cfs since the lake level is so close to one foot below full pool. This recommendation by Commission Bonney had already been approved by motion and vote of the Commission within the past month. Commissioner Adler moved to reduce the outflow to 20 cfs at Commissioner Bonney's suggestion and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

The Board reviewed county claims for November 2018. The claims were approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner-Elect Chuck Hinkle met with the Board and presented a budget request for the Granite County Forest Management Advisory Committee. He presented the written budget request from the committee for \$2,500.00 for the next six months of the fiscal year. He reported that he stepped down from the committee as a voting member and Patti Kanduch was elected

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chairperson. Commissioner Slaughter moved to adopt the budget request and to take it from the current Commission budget. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. Public discussion from Tim Ravndal noted that PILT funds are often used in other counties for forest advisory committees. The motion carried. Elena Gagliano inquired whether the vacancy on the committee would be advertised, and the Board agreed to publicly advertise for a new committee member. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Patrick Little with the Philipsburg Volunteer Ambulance met with the Board and gave an update on the association's activities. He has been teaching an EMT class of 9 people which will graduate the middle of February. He noted that there is a new state exam, which he feels will be beneficial to those taking the class. He noted that he was happy the Board is publicly bidding the completion of the new Philipsburg ambulance garage. He explained that ambulance volunteers do not need to live in town, which is the perception, but qualified drivers can drive the ambulance to the scene if an EMT is available there. Patrick Little (John Martin, Jim Manley owner) explained that his employer, The Ranch at Rock Creek, is allowing him the time to teach the class. The Board agreed to write a letter of appreciation to the ranch manager and the ranch owner.

Bid proposals for the status of and completion of the Philipsburg Ambulance Garage were publicly opened and reviewed by the Board. An advertisement soliciting the proposals was published in the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper on December 6 and 13, 2018, and posted on the county's website. Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe opened the only proposal received from Doug Graybeal Construction and read it aloud as follows: According to Doug Graybeal Construction's written bid, to complete the ambulance garage would cost the amount of \$110,114.00 (not included any exterior sewer or water lines or hook-up); and the estimate provided regarding the value of existing structure as it now stands was stated by Doug Graybeal Construction to be \$181,060.00. Patrick Little, with the Philipsburg Volunteer Ambulance Association, informed the Board that the ambulance budget will not allow for the total cost of the bid to complete the building. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw advised the Board to visit with the contractor to see if the construction can be done in phases as the Philipsburg Ambulance budget allows. Commissioner Adler moved to have Doug Graybeal meet with the Board to see if the construction could be completed in phases. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. Dick Motta reviewed the two items requested in the proposal; one written bid to finish the ambulance garage building and a written estimate valuing the ambulance garage building as it stands today. Motion carried.

The Board held a public hearing at the Georgetown Lake Fire Hall, 100 Fire Lane Anaconda, Montana, on the petition to make portions of Hilltop Lane and Lucky Lane county roads. Notice of the public hearing was published in the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper on December 6 and 13, 2018 and on the county's website. County personnel attending were Commission Chairperson Bill Slaughter and Commissioner Scott Adler, County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, Planning Director Linda Bouck and Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. Commissioner Barton Bonney was absent this day. Members of the public attending were J. J. Johnston and Chris Wyant. Everyone present was given a packet of information containing the County Surveyor's Report received on 11-20-2018, the Memorandum from the Granite County Planning Board dated 12-3-2016, and a copy of the petition. Chairperson Slaughter opened the public hearing at 1:30 p.m. County Attorney Bradshaw explained that this is the second public hearing on the petition, as the Board did not have the County Surveyor's report at the first hearing held on December 20, 2016. Linda Bouck reviewed the Planning Board's recommended denial of the petition since the roads do not meet county road standards, there is no 60-foot wide easement, no current 24-foot driving surface and the roads are not adding new access to public or private land. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that the county previously had a one-ton snow plow truck, but that new equipment is much larger. J. J. Johnston, a member of the Board of Directors of the Georgetown Lake Homeowners' Association, noted that Denton's Tracts was one of the first subdivisions at Georgetown Lake. Commissioner Adler commented that there is no place to put the snow on those narrow roads or for a snowplow to turn around. J. J. Johnston stated that the Georgetown Lake Homeowners' Association, of which is a member of the board of directors, feels that it has been county maintained for years and that should continue; maintenance was stopped in 2016. He continued that he was the Director of Vocational Rehabilitation at the Job Corps when Granite County did resurfacing of gravel roads around the lake and in several subdivisions. He noted that many county roads don't meet standards. He commented that a list is being put together of roads

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which the county had maintained and improved. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that the County erroneously believed Lucky Lane to be a County road which it is not; and that the County now has a written Resolution in place stating the County will not maintain non-county roads unless there is a written maintenance agreement approved by the Board. Linda Bouck noted that the Planning Board recommends a maintenance agreement rather than making it a county road. She also noted that making it a county road does not guarantee maintenance (law allows Board to determine the amount of maintenance that is done to each county road); there are many non-maintained county roads in the county. J. J. Johnston commented that Georgetown Lake residents object to paying road tax and not getting any maintenance. Commissioner Slaughter noted that road taxes are used for all county roads, not roads in specific subdivisions. There was no further discussion or public comment was given. Chairperson Slaughter closed the hearing at 2:00 p.m.

Following the public hearing, at 2:00 p.m. the Board considered a decision on the petition to make portions of Hilltop Lane and Lucky Lane county roads. This portion of the meeting was also held at the Georgetown Lake Fire Hall, 100 Fire Lane, Anaconda, Montana. Commissioner Adler moved to deny the petition on the recommendation of the Planning Board and the County Surveyor's specific concerns. The Board fully considered all public comment given on the matter. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw reviewed the Montana statute relating to the surveyor's report and recommendation. J. J. Johnston inquired about maintenance in the summer. Commissioner Slaughter stated that the county declines to do maintenance on roads which are not county roads as there are private contractors available, but private contractors are not available for dust abatement. The motion carried. Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that the decision now requires a Resolution of the Board. J. J. Johnston commented about county maintenance on Rumsey Road, which he stated is not a county road, and does not meet standards. The Board responded that Rumsey Road is a county road and that most of it does meet road standards. J. J. Johnston inquired about what is going to happen to the lower road at Georgetown Lake and the Board informed him that a FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) grant is in progress and requires county matching funds; also, a different federal grant requiring no county matching funds is being investigated. There being no further public comment, the session was recessed by Chairperson Slaughter at 2:10 p.m. and the Board returned to the Granite County Courthouse.

Chairperson Slaughter reconvened the session at 2:40 p.m. in the Commission Office of the courthouse.

Public Comment: Tim Allen contacted the Board by speaker telephone regarding the status of Viking Lane, which is a Forest Service road. The Board informed him that discussion has been held on upgrading the road through the cooperation of the county, Forest Service and the Viking Lane homeowners, but getting any assistance from the homeowners was difficult.

Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper and town council member Cary McLure met with the Board and requested the continuation of the joint meetings among the Town of Drummond, Town of Philipsburg and the Commission. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that the Board is reluctant to continue the meetings if they are going to be conducted unprofessionally. Cary McLure stated that she believes there is value in the communication among the towns and the county. The Board agreed to have a joint session on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Philipsburg, if Mayor Daniel Reddish is agreeable to host and conduct the meeting.

Tim Ravndal met with the Board and inquired about the status of the petition for a portion of Lower Rock Creek to withdraw from the Granite County Hospital District. The Board informed him that a hearing has been held and a decision is scheduled to be made in January 2019.

Correspondence: The Board reviewed a letter dated 12-17-2018 from Katie Muhly RN, a candidate who had been formally offered the Public Health Nurse position by the Board after being on the Board's posted agenda, requesting either some assistance in obtaining her bachelor's degree in nursing or be guaranteed a raise of \$3.00/hour when her bachelor's degree in nursing is obtained. The Board agreed to a guaranteed raise of \$3.00/hour upon proof that her bachelor's

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degree in nursing has been obtained and notice is provided to the County. The action was taken on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. The motion carried. The Board agreed to revise the offer of employment accordingly. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw stated that it is his opinion that getting a Public Health Nurse hired right away is critical and constitutes a health emergency as the County has been without a public health nurse since Annie Young resigned as of November 9, 2018, and Ms. Muhly was the only applicant for the position; therefore, this decision on the increased wage does not have to be on the Board's agenda.

The Board reviewed final documents for the DNRC Grant Reimbursement for the Flint Creek Dam Renewable Resource Enhancement Project (RPG-18-1671). Commissioner Adler moved to approve the final documents and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Chairperson Slaughter signed a Vendor Invoice in the total grant amount of \$125,000.00 and a Final Report on project prepared by grantee consultant Great West Engineering of Helena.

The Board considered a response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) letter dated 9-7-2018 regarding the second Part 12D Inspection Report on the Flint Creek Dam and the Potential Failure Mode Analysis Supplemental Report. The Board agreed to have Jeremiah Theys, engineer with Great West Engineering of Helena, contact DOWL Engineering of Billings, the firm which completed the second Part 12D Inspection Report, requesting a schedule and cost for the response to the FERC. The plan for contracting with DOWL (or other engineering firm) is that the matter will be placed on an upcoming Board agenda for a decision.

The Board referred to an email dated 12-9-2018 from Jeremiah Theys, Project Manager with Great West Engineering of Helena and considered amendments to Great West Engineering's contract for a report and as-built drawings for the Flint Creek Dam Rehabilitation Project. The cost was quoted at \$3,500.00 for that work and a cost quoted at \$2,800.00 for an 11-month walkthrough with the contractor in advance of the warranty period to identify any correction items. Commissioner Adler moved to agree to both amendments and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Draft minutes for December 4 and 11, 2018 regular meetings were reviewed by the Board. The minutes were approved on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

As an administrative action, the Board approved a "Modification of Grant or Agreement" with the U.S. Forest Service for the Meyers-Little Hogback Road Maintenance and Sediment Reduction to a revised expiration date of March 31, 2021 instead of December 31, 2018. The action was taken on the motion of Commissioner Adler with a second by Commissioner Slaughter. The motion carried.

The session adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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December 25, 2018

No regular Commission meeting was scheduled or held.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder