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final plat. The Board reviewed the attached documents. Commissioner Bonney moved to approve final plat for the Amended Lot 1 of Lookout Addition Subsequent Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

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

The Board held an informal work session.

Fred Bjorklund and Kurt Unger with the Georgetown Lake Volunteer Fire Department met with the Board regarding the Rising Sun Subdivision fire suppression water storage pond. They reported that the pond is frozen nine inches below ground level and the system is not functional. They suggested that the developer needs to be made aware of this. Planning Director Linda Bouck stated that she believes that the developer does not have to answer to the County, but that it is up to the subdivision's home owner's association to correct problem or the developer, as long as he owns 50% or more of land. She stressed that one developer should not be singled out but that all subdivisions with non-working dry hydrants should be included. The Board requested that Linda Bouck look into the matter further with County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw. Also, the Board requested her to investigate if the developer does not comply, whether a lien can be placed against his lots. Also, the Board requested that the fire department let them know what snow plowing needs to be done, in order to be able to access hydrants.

Jason Wingo, with The Electric Connections (T.E.C.) of Philipsburg, met with the Board regarding the courthouse interior lighting project. Jason Wingo stated that he will start the project in the Treasurer's Office; he reviewed that the project cost is \$82,675 and 50% is to be paid at start of the project; he will submit a claim this week for a check to be issued next week; he will then get light fixtures ordered; he estimated at least two weeks for fixtures to be delivered; and he will work on holidays, weekends and/or nights so business in the building will not be interrupted.

Courthouse Custodian Janeen Bonney met with the Board to report that the two new courthouse boilers have been delivered, pumps will be delivered in February, 2017 and Johnson Controls plans to do the installation in March. She reported that classes for a boiler operator's license will not be available until March and that Jan Waldbillig's boiler operator's license expires April first. Jan Waldbillig is willing to renew her license and Janeen Bonney can work under that license until she can take the classes and obtain her license. Also, one application for the advertised part-time fill-in custodian has been received and an interview will be scheduled for February 7, 2017.

The session adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 7TH, 21ST & 28TH OF FEBRUARY 2017 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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

<u>WARRANT</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
52733 FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK	PAYROLL & NOD FEE	\$84,543.06
52734 360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	JANUARY STATEMENTS	\$2,186.61
52735 A & M FIRE AND SAFETY, INC	EARPLUGS & BRITE "GLOVES"	\$68.00
52736 ADLER TOWING	TOW/TIRE FIX	\$186.50
52737 ALAN BOOMER	WEED SPRAY REIMBURSE	\$4,693.10
52738 ALL AMERICAN PUBLISHING	ADVERTISING	\$254.00

52739	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	ACETYLENE	\$18.87
52740	AMPHO	AMPHO DUES	\$156.50
52741	ANACONDA LEADER	CLAIM FORMS	\$83.25
52742	BARNEY CONRADS CUSTOM ST LLC	RENT & REPAIR	\$697.50
52743	BART BONNEY	ROAD INSPECTIONS	\$66.88
52744	BIG SKY TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	ETHER VALVE	\$20.00
52745	BLACKFOOT CFT	JUNE BILLING	\$4,077.57
52746	BLANCHE MCLURE	CONFERENCE & POSTAGE	\$260.62
52747	BRUCE WIGHT	WEED SPRAY REIMBURSE	\$7,225.92
52748	CALLAGHAN LAW	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$140.00
52749	CAROL BOHRNSEN	SUPPLIES & TRAVEL	\$200.46
52750	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$944.03
52751	CENTURYLINK	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$329.13
52752	COLBERT'S ELECTRIC	REPLACE BALLAST & LAMPS	\$179.69
52753	COLETTE ADELE FADNESS	TRAVEL & CLEANING	\$432.21
52754	COMDATA	JANUARY BILLING	\$2,679.47
52755	DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$1,668.00
52756	DONALD NOLAN DAVIES	AUDITOR	\$2,520.00
52757	EAGLE PRINTING	ELECTION ENVELOPES	\$1,445.83
52758	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	BALLOT STOCK	\$654.11
52759	FARON LANCE MEEKS	WITNESS FEES	\$37.82
52760	FASTENAL	SUPPLIES	\$284.45
52761	FICKLER OIL CO. INC.	FUEL	\$1,473.99
52762	FISHER REPAIR	MAINTENANCE	\$77.40
52763	FOLEY'S QUALITY SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$135.30
52764	GALL'S LLC	UNIFORMS	\$207.20
52765	GENERAL DISTRIBUTING CO.	SUPPLIES	\$198.87
52766	GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$201.46
52767	GRANITE DISPOSAL	DUMPSTERS	\$200.00
52768	GRANITE GRAPHICS	BUSINESS CARDS	\$59.50
52769	GRANITE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDICATION	\$33.00
52770	GRANITE RECYCLING	PAPER & METAL	\$1,389.00
52771	HALL GRAVEL WORKS	SAND	\$2,767.44
52772	HIGH TECH LINEN	CLEAN ENTRY RUG	\$35.31
52773	HOGAN'S RANCH & BUILDERS	SUPPLIES	\$108.94
52774	I STATE TRUCK INC	CHAMBER, SPRING BRAKE	\$39.99
52775	IDENTISYS INC	COLOR RIBBON	\$211.61
52776	INTEGRA INFORMATION TECH	ONSITE HARDWARE AGREEMENT	\$1,108.00
52777	JENSEN RANCH COMPANY	WEED SPRAY REIMBURSE	\$2,309.11
52778	JOHN KENDALL	LIGHT BULB	\$6.98
52779	JOHNSON CONTROLS	COURTHOUSE BOILERS	\$71,676.00
52780	KAREN PALMER	MT 4-H INSTITUTE 2017	\$41.00
52781	KARMEN HAGER	WITNESS FEES	\$37.82
52782	KARYN JOHNSTON, RN	DATA LOGGERS	\$351.00
52783	KIMBERLY REYNOLDS	TRAVEL	\$6.96
52784	MACO	INMATE MED BUDGET PROTECTOR	\$66.96
52785	MAPS INC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$2,922.75
52786	MCGOWAN WATER COND, INC	SALT & SOFTENER	\$45.85
52787	MED-TECH RESOURCE	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$120.55
52788	MSLA CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPT	VACCINES	\$7,599.72
52789	MISSOULA MOTOR PARTS	TOOLKIT,ANTIFREEZE,VOLTREDUCER	\$147.85
52790	MNOA	NARCOTICS CONFERENCE	\$150.00
52791	MONIDA HEALTHCARE NETWORK	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$20.17
52792	MONTANA BOLT & HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$5.00
52793	MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH	ICE MELT & TOWELS	\$65.82
52794	MONTANA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACAD	TRAINING	\$1,500.00
52795	NORCO, INC	HI-VIZ LIME JACKET	\$28.99
52796	NORTHWEST PARTS & EQUIPMENT	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$1,967.52
52797	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	JANUARY STATEMENTS	\$6,561.31
52798	PATRICIA BAUER	TRAVEL	\$282.48
52799	PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	JANUARY BILLING	\$298.00
52800	PINTLER PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$4,564.46
52801	PROVIDENCE HEALTH & SERVICES	PRE-EMPLOY TEST	\$90.00
52802	REPUBLIC SERVICES #889	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$5,871.48
52803	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$3,542.91
52804	SATELLITE PHONE STORE	DRMD AMB PHONE	\$93.02
52805	SCOTT ADLER	TRAVEL	\$123.05
52806	SHI	SOFTWARE	\$471.52
52807	SUNSET FUNERAL HOME	VETERAN'S BENEFIT	\$300.00
52808	SUPPLYWORKS	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$165.68
52809	SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	REGULAR CLEANING	\$150.00
52810	TEC THE ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS	COURTHOUSE LIGHTING PROJECT	\$41,337.50
52811	TILLO GRAPHICS	PATROL CAR DECALS	\$80.00
52812	TNT TRUCK PARTS	CLUTCHBRAKE, FITTING, SLEEVE	\$59.00
52813	TOWERWORKS, INC	PHOENIX BK DPH	\$191.85
52814	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT, INC	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$230.08
52815	TRI-COUNTY SANITARIAN	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$12,063.82
52816	TUNING FORK RANCH	WEED SPRAY REIMBURSE	\$5,772.78

52817	TY HULTMAN	CONFERENCE	\$447.32
52818	V ASHLEY LEHNER	TRAINING	\$99.51
52819	VERIZON WIRELESS	JANUARY BILLING	\$311.34
52820	WESTERN MT MENTAL HEALTH CNTR	COUNTY SHARE	\$1,274.00
52821	WESTERN POLICE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$99.80
52822	WESTERN STATES EQUIPMENT	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$3,240.30
52823	WESTTEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$650.00
52824	WILLOWROCK INC	SURVEY REVIEW	\$75.00
52825	WOODLAND CREATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$1,022.37
52826	ALL AMERICAN TROPHY INC	SPELLING BEE TROPHIES	\$25.50
52827	BART BONNEY	TRAVEL	\$571.16
52828	BILL SLAUGHTER	TRAVEL	\$315.51
52829	BOB WOMACK	WEED SPRAY REIMBURSE	\$304.98
52830	CENTURYLINK	FCP PHONE	\$55.74
52831	CHUCK HOUTZ	PLOW SNOW	\$1,612.50
52832	COLETTE ADELE FADNESS	DELIVER MEALS	\$256.80
52833	DIS TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES & LICENSES	\$1,866.77
52834	DRUMMOND AMBULANCE ASSOC	TRAINING & SUPPLIES	\$1,467.17
52835	DRUMMOND COMMUNITY HALL	RENT	\$300.00
52836	DUNNE COMMUNICATIONS	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$9,989.00
52837	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROD, INC	SUPPLIES	\$115.60
52838	ENERGY PARTNERS LLC	PROPANE	\$425.97
52839	ESTOP BUSINESS LICENSING	LICENSE	\$890.00
52840	FLINT CREEK LODGE #11	RENT	\$2,550.00
52841	FRED WEAVER RANCH	WEED SPRAY REIMBURSE	\$107.40
52842	GENE TRIPP	WEED SPRAY REIMBURSE	\$306.71
52843	GRANITE SPORTLAND	ATV & PULL ROPE	\$782.50
52844	HARVEY CREEK RANCH	WEED SPRAY REIMBURSE	\$740.00
52845	HIGH TECH LINEN	CLEAN RUGS	\$149.22
52846	HUFFMAN GROCERY	PRISONER MEALS & SUPPLIES	\$1,186.44
52847	JANEEN BONNEY	SUPPLIES	\$59.81
52848	JIM DAVIS	WEED SPRAY REIMBURSE	\$842.32
52849	K & C FOODS	SUPPLIES	\$207.35
52850	K L S HYDRAULICS	CYLINDER REPAIR	\$371.61
52851	MED-TECH RESOURCE	SUPPLIES	\$42.83
52852	MICHAEL KAHOE	TRAVEL & SUPPLIES	\$34.95
52853	MICHELE PUIGGARI	REFERENCE CHECK	\$60.00
52854	MONIDA HEALTHCARE NETWORK	BILLING SERVICE	\$113.72
52855	MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH	SUPPLIES	\$117.58
52856	MT CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES	SIGNS	\$571.02
52857	MONTANA PETERBILT	SWITCH & RELAY	\$109.42
52858	MORRISON MAIERLE	FCP TECH SUPPORT	\$162.00
52859	MSU EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS	4-H BOOKS	\$226.10
52860	PAT'S HALL STORE & CAFE	MEETING REFRESHMENTS	\$56.00
52861	PHILIPSBURG SR CITZ CENTER	SUPPLIES	\$4,140.29
52862	PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF	WATER/SEWER	\$451.00
52863	QUILL CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	\$129.22
52864	RIVERSIDE MARKET	SUPPLIES	\$259.95
52865	SHEILA MANLEY	SUPPLIES	\$71.00
52866	TERRY JO VIETOR	SUPPLIES	\$133.80
52867	TRITECH FORENSICS	COLLECTION KIT	\$103.84
52868	US POSTAL SERVICE	STAMPED ENVELOPES	\$1,413.25
52869	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$81.04
52870	WESTTEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$650.00
		CLAIMS FUND TOTAL	\$337,266.29

<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
18882	AFL-CIO	\$390.20
18883	AFLAC INS	\$328.92
18884	CHRISTMAS CLUB	\$2,075.00
18885	COLONIAL	\$18.75
18886	FIT	\$9,775.09
18886	MEDICARE	\$3,666.28
18886	P.E.R.S.	\$16,435.19
18886	PERS RETIREE	\$310.93
18886	SHERIFF RETIRE	\$4,053.02
18886	SRS RETIREE	\$11.93
18886	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$15,676.48
18886	TRS	\$13.20
18887	IUOE 400	\$399.45
18888	MACO DENTAL	\$2,102.00
18888	MACO VISION	\$498.00
18888	MACOHCT	\$37,635.00
18888	UNUMLIFE	\$868.05
18889	PEBSC	\$3,750.00
18890	SIT	\$5,261.00

TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES \$103,776.35

<u>NOD</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ADLER, SCOTT C	COUNTY COMMISSIONER	\$2,082.20
ANDERSON, MELINDA K	RELIEF	\$163.94
BARSOTTI, JR, HENRY A	DES	\$269.46
BAUER, MARJORIE	AREA V	\$54.42
BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V	\$639.25
BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	\$3,755.59
BONNEY, BARTON C	COMMISSIONER	\$1,972.16
BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN	\$2,472.72
BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER	\$3,805.01
BRADSHAW, BLAINE C	COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$7,867.44
BUTLER, JODI L	SOLID WASTE	\$2,565.36
CAIN, RONALD J	RELIEF DEPUTY	\$117.91
CARMAN, CYNTHIA L	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY	\$1,610.99
CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N	DISPATCH	\$1,355.89
CONRADS, ORWOLL B	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$935.10
DAY, JAN P	CLERK	\$1,332.38
DAY, NELS R	DES COORDINATOR	\$1,177.24
DUNKERSON, WAYNE S	SHERIFF	\$4,184.67
FADNESS, COLETTE A	AREA V AIDE	\$465.47
FRATZKE, DEBBIE	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	\$1,844.79
GRAHAM, RONALD L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$4,220.60
GRAHAM, SARAH E	DEPUTY CLERK & RECORDER	\$3,143.34
GREANY, KYLE L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,168.00
GROSVOLD, LACIE J	CLERK	\$373.24
HARDING, JEAN M	DISPATCHER	\$2,755.13
HARDING, VICKI B	TREASURER	\$4085.65
HENNAGER, DEANNA L	DISPATCHER	\$2,530.25
HOEHNE, JOHN W	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,495.36
HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,097.58
HOUSE, ROBBI	TREASURER'S OFFICE	\$2,687.52
HULTMAN, TY R	DEPUTY	\$3,354.51
JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,359.84
KAHOE, MICHAEL	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	\$4,378.88
KANE, KATHERINE	DISPATCHER	\$3,044.52
KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE	\$2,829.12
KENDALL, JOY J	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$98.71
KINGREY, ELWYN	JUNK VEHICLE	\$402.24
KOLBECK, GLEN G	RELIEF	\$358.09
LATRAY, DANETTE L	TREASURER DEPUTY	\$3,143.34
LEHNEN, VICTORIA A	DISPATCHER	\$2,620.52
MCDONNELL, FRED N	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$532.27
MCLURE, BLANCHE A	CLERK & RECORDER	\$4,085.65
OLSEN, RICK C	DEPUTY	\$3,144.81
OWENS, NANCY	RELIEF	\$143.28
PALMER, KAREN P	COUNTY AGENT SEC	\$2,365.44
PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY	\$2,928.64
PAWLAK, KIMBERLY	FLOATING CLERK	\$1,635.48
PETERS, DEBORAH A	DISPATCHER RELIEF	\$1,544.28
PETERS, STEVEN D	DEPUTY	\$3,176.02
RUSSELL, JAMES R	DEPUTY	\$3,269.63
SHORT, GERVIN	UNDERSHERIFF	\$3,805.40
SLAUGHTER, BILL L	COMMISSIONER	\$1,956.27
SMITH, REBECCA	PHEP COORDINATOR	\$1,200.83
TALLON, MARGARET	COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIALIST	\$78.00
TEAGUE, MARK A	ROAD SUPERVISOR	\$4,607.60
VIETOR, TERRY J	CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE	\$1,152.00
WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,146.11
WEST, WILLIAM H	DAM TENDER	\$176.26
WILSON, FAITH	AREA V AIDE	\$230.09
59 EMPLOYEES	TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	\$130,996.49

GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

February 7, 2017

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

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Commissioners Scott Adler and Bill Slaughter attending. Also attending was Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Mark Teague met with the Board and gave his weekly report, including snow plowing progress and equipment maintenance.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.49 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 12 cfs, according to the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 12 inches below full pool. The Board agreed to make no change in the outflow.

The Board met with County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and considered submitting a letter of comment to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on Granite County's application for a dual use public right-of-way on Winter Trail No. E aka Summit Cabin Road across Sections 7 and 18, T12N, R13W (Deep Creek area) for county road purposes. The dual use would allow use by snowmobiles and wheeled vehicles during the winter. Attorney Bradshaw drafted a letter in support of the county's application to be sent to the BLM.

The Board reviewed initial county claims for January 2017. Commissioner Adler specifically recused himself from consideration of claim #1456 for Adler Towing, which Commissioners Bonney and Slaughter voted to approve on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Bonney. The Board noted that Scott Adler is on a rotating schedule with the Sheriff's Office for providing towing services. All remaining claims were approved on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Additional claims for January 2017 will be considered by the Board later in the month.

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

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON of Granite County Hospital District, was not able to attend but submitted her written reports to the Board, including a financial report dated 2-7-2017 with projected cash available of \$150,820, projected deposits through 2-15-2017 of \$232,320, projected cash requirements through 2-15-2017 of \$38,000, with projected cash reserves of \$194,320 (17 days of operation). Also included was a utilization statistics overview, a statement of cash flows, and an administrator's report dated 1-24-2017. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

Commissioner Adler excused himself from the session at 11:15 a.m.

An interview committee consisting of Commissioners Bonney and Slaughter and courthouse custodian Janeen Bonney conducted an interview with Sally Stearns of Philipsburg for the advertised position of part-time fill-in courthouse custodian. The interview committee agreed to recommend to the Board that Sally Stearns be offered the position.

On the recommendation of the interview committee, Commissioner Bonney moved to offer the position of part-time fill-in custodian to Sally Stearns. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The session recessed at 2:00 p.m.

The session was reconvened by Chairperson Bonney at 6:00 p.m. at the Hall Store and Café in Hall for a joint session with the Town of Drummond. Granite County officials and personnel attending were Commission Chairperson Barton Bonney, and Commissioners Scott Adler and Bill Slaughter, County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. Town of Drummond officials attending were Mayor Gail Leeper, town councilor Cary McLure and Town Attorney Jana McGill. Members of the public signing in were John Spaeth, Chris Rye, Beth Cooper, Mike Hill, Joe Zrebiec, Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper, Ken Fillbach, Sharon Fillbach, Susan Hale, Jeremy Mickey, Cindy Carman, Roger Fix, Russ Morrison John Buxbaum, Mary Jones, Nancy Hill, James Hill and approximately 15 others who did not sign in, including Mark Jones, Jim Waldbillig and Tom Mullen. Self-introductions were made by all present.

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Matt Jeschke and Russ Franklin, with Kennecott Exploration aka Rio Tinto, made a power point presentation about the company's mining exploration project in the Smart Creek area. Matt Jeschke reviewed the stages of exploration and explained that the company is looking for copper. Ted Antonioli, a geologist, gave a history of his mining family's involvement in the Smart Creek area, which they first investigated ten years ago. He estimated that \$200,000 was spent in geophysical and drilling before Kennecott was invited to come into the project. He explained that, generally, mining projects begin with broad exploration of wide areas and that the Smart Creek area has had mining exploration for many decades; and that exploration projects are now bonded to ensure responsible reclamation. Russ Franklin reviewed a map of the area which has been staked for exploration and explained that the staked areas are usually much larger than the area where actual exploration will occur. He reviewed the tools in the exploration process, gave a history of the decades of mining exploration in the Smart Creek area and he explained the trenching and reclamation process. He stated that trenching is permitted for 30 feet wide, but likely will be half of that for this project, and that trenches are generally near a road or track. He noted that trenching is much less expensive than drilling in the exploration process. Both Matt Jeschke and Russ Franklin gave their contact information to the group, left business cards and encouraged citizens to call them with any comments or questions. Sharon Fillbach commented that there are scars in the area from previous exploration and it is near a designated scenic highway. Matt Jeschke explained that the mining industry has changed exploration and reclamation methods over the years and that in addition to being bonded, the company wants to be a good neighbor and will utilize modern methods of reclamation. He noted that Kennecott has one other prospect in Granite County, which the company refers to as Copper Cliffs, which is on the Granite County/Missoula County line near Potomac. Commissioner Adler noted that the Copper Cliffs project has resulted in a better road in the Cramer Creek area. Ted Antonioli commented that local contractors are employed to do the basic exploration work. Russ Franklin stated that the type of mining to be used, if a mine is developed, is dependent on the type of mineral deposit. In response to public questions, Russ Franklin noted that at this stage of exploration sampling is done from the trench material and transported in 4 to 5 pound bags by pickup truck from the site; a bond is posted with the Forest Service, but the company prefers to remedy any situation before a bond is used; and there is minimal chance of water contamination since one trench is reclaimed before another trench is started. He added that they intend to come back frequently for public meetings and to answer questions.

Mayor Gail Leeper gave an update on an economic development group that is being formed with members from throughout the county. A meeting is planned for February 17, 2017, at the Town Hall in Philipsburg with Headwaters RC&D. She reported that the Drummond School Culinary Team won first place today at a competition in Helena and the team will now go to South Carolina to compete at a national competition.

Commissioner Slaughter gave a county update, including that an architecturally correct new roof has been completed on the county jail building and a contract has been signed to install new LED interior lighting fixtures in the courthouse, with historically appropriate lighting fixtures in the main lobby and the Commission Office. Part of the lighting project expense will be reimbursed through energy credits from NorthWestern Energy, according to contractor Jason Wingo with The Electrical Connections (T.E.C.) of Philipsburg. Commissioner Slaughter noted that the Commission feels a responsibility to preserve the historic integrity of the jail and courthouse buildings.

As a Town of Drummond update, Mayor Gail Leeper introduced engineer Brad Koon, who reported on preliminary work for new asphalt on South Main Street from the railroad tracks to the bridge, to include new asphalt and a walking path. He indicated that there is the potential for an MDT (Montana Department of Transportation) grant and that the early project estimate is \$360,000, including the bridge across the creek. Chuck Johnson commented that it would be nice if the walking path could be incorporated with access to the Kiwanis project of the Riverside Park. Commissioner Slaughter commented that it is the county's plan to try to save the bridge over the Clark Fork River, further south on the same street, with asphalt resurfacing, as the structure itself is in good condition. Mayor Leeper noted that there is approximately \$260,000 in delinquent taxes county-wide and that the elderly and low income people can apply for a tax reduction. She also noted that the county treasurer's office will accept partial payments on delinquent taxes to pay the oldest delinquencies first. She indicated that the public may not be aware of those options. Chuck

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Johnson commented that the Drummond Kiwanis Club has not received a tax notice for the property where the proposed Riverside Park is planned. Mayor Leeper noted that a grant offer has been made to the town for the Better Than Logs Project, but a decision is pending whether to accept the grant offer.

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

The next joint meeting with the Town of Drummond was scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at the Drummond School and Community Library at 6:00 p.m.

The session adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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February 10, 2017

The Board of Commissioners met at 4:00 p.m. in emergency special session in the Commission Office of the Granite County Courthouse with Chairperson Barton Bonney and Commissioner Bill Slaughter attending. Commissioner Scott Adler was absent this day. Also attending was Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe.

The emergency session was called by Chairperson Bonney due to reported ice jams and flooding along the Clark Fork River and its tributaries, creating a particular threat to the Town of Drummond’s sewer lagoon, roads and bridges, and farm and ranch infrastructure. The Board consulted with county Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator Rick Day, Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper and County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw regarding the situation. It was jointly agreed that an emergency should be declared and the Board passed Resolution 2017-3 “A Granite County Resolution Declaring An Emergency Along The Clark Fork River And Its Tributaries Due To Ice Jams And Flooding.” The action was taken on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Bonney. The motion carried.

The session adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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February 14, 2017

No session was scheduled or held due to Commissioners Barton Bonney and Bill Slaughter attending the Montana Association of Counties mid-winter conference in Helena.

February 21, 2017

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

Road and Bridge Superintendent Mark Teague’s report was postponed.

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Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.65 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 12 cfs, according to the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 10.08 inches below full pool. The Board agreed to increase the outflow to 15 cfs on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter with a second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Adler excused himself from the session at 10:30 a.m.

The Board reviewed remaining claims for January 2017. The claims were ordered paid on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Bonney. There was no public comment. The motion carried. The Board had approved some claims for January 2017 earlier in the month.

Commissioners Bonney and Slaughter gave a report on the Montana Association of Counties mid-winter conference they attended last week in Helena. They noted specific state legislation related to crime victims, senior citizen funding and infrastructure funding.

The Board reviewed the draft minutes for January 2017. Commissioner Slaughter moved to approve the January 2017 minutes and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

During the work session, Clerk and Recorder Blanche McLure met with the Board to request support for HB305 "An Act Generally Providing How The Special Election To Fill The 2017 Vacancy In The Office Of United States Representative For Montana May Be Conducted; And Providing An Immediate Effective Date" in the Montana legislature. The Board agreed to send a letter in support of HB305 allowing a mail-in ballot election, as it would be less expensive and more efficient for the county.

Also during the work session, the Board inspected progress on the courthouse interior lighting project by The Electrical Connections (T.E.C.) of Philipsburg. Most major offices in the building have been fitted with LED lighting panels integrated into the suspended ceiling panels. Additional offices and public spaces are yet to be completed.

Also during the work session, Sheriff Scott Dunkerson met informally with the Board to review progress on obtaining a movable digital speed sign for Lower Rock Creek. Sheriff Dunkerson reported that he is in the process of ordering the new sign.

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

Developer Jack McLeod, County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Planning Director Linda Bouck met with the Board regarding the fire suppression water storage at Rising Sun Estates at Georgetown Lake. Also attending were Fred Bjorklund and Kurt Unger with the Georgetown Lake Volunteer Fire Department (GTVFD). Jack McLeod noted that attorney Wade Dahood was unable to attend. Fred Bjorklund presented written current information on the fire suppression storage pond dated February 21, 2017, and he noted that the storage pond is currently frozen, as is the hydrant at the pond. The Board reviewed the original specifications for the hydrant as provided by Jack McLeod, who stated that the hydrant was built to original specifications. Jack McLeod noted that engineer Ryan Casne of Helena, who did the original pond specifications, is available today for a telephone conference call, if desired. Jack McLeod suggested that an insulated cover could be placed over the hydrant to solve the freezing problem. He also reviewed the communications from the original approval of the subdivision and he presented copies of those communications to those present. He noted that the GTVFD had adopted the Lewis and Clark County fire codes, which Fred Bjorklund agreed was correct. Jack McLeod indicated that those fire codes are counter to state law and he reviewed the length of time it takes to fill a fire truck with water of approximately 19 to 21 minutes. He noted that the fire hydrant at Piney Point is 50 feet from the road and Flint Creek and Grassy Point hydrants are currently unusable. Commissioner Slaughter stated that it is the Board's intention to help facilitate Rising Sun Estates making its hydrant usable for the fire department. Jack McLeod indicated that he will add additional insulation and possibly a new hydrant, if one is available, and that he will fill the pond from the existing well. He noted that two sales in this subdivision have been lost due to adverse comments from a nearby resident and it is his intention to get a restraining order against that person. Fred Bjorklund reviewed that the fire pond is near the roadway.

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Commissioner Slaughter again indicated that the Commissioners and Jack McLeod are not adversaries, but are on the same side, and both are working for functional fire protection. Jack McLeod indicated that once some more homes are sold, that the maintenance of the subdivision will be turned over to the home owners' association. He related that engineer Ryan Casne suggested that fire improvement districts be formed at Georgetown Lake and the Board noted that the lake area is currently in the Georgetown Lake Fire Service Area. Commissioner Slaughter noted that improvement districts must be initiated by the public. Commissioner Bonney stated that access is important, not only for fire protection, but also for emergency medical services. Jack McLeod agreed that Ryan Casne will look at the system in the spring and submit a written report on how the situation will be remedied, and that Jack McLeod further stated he would follow Ryan Casne's recommendation to remedy the problem. Fred Bjorklund inquired about recourse next year if things are not corrected. Commissioner Slaughter reviewed that the best thing at this point is to treat Jack McLeod as a neighbor, not an adversary, and that everyone work tougher until there is consistently functional water for fire protection at the subdivision. Fred Bjorklund noted that Georgetown Lake itself is problematic for hydrants because of the gently sloping shoreline. Jack McLeod noted that the subdivisions at Georgetown Lake are of benefit to the county's taxable valuation. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

The session adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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February 28, 2017

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

Road and Bridge Superintendent Mark Teague met with the Board and gave his weekly report. Discussion items included gravel for Rock Creek Road and Moose Lake Road, and that a local contractor may be crushing gravel this summer.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.69 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 15 cfs, according to the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 9.72 inches below full pool. The Board made no change in the outflow.

Commissioner Bonney informed the Board that he plans to be absent from the state from March 8 through March 20, 2017.

Cindy Carman, Waste Management Program Manager, met with the Board and submitted her monthly report. Agenda items included a Drummond site report, Philipsburg site report, composting operation review and transfer station position description finalization. She noted that the photographs she takes of projects are stored on the off-site server. Discussion was held about the drainage problem at the garage building at the Philipsburg container site and Cindy Carman agreed to contact Road and Bridge Superintendent Mark Teague, at the Board's suggestion. Discussion was held on the two compactors at the Philipsburg site and the Board agreed to keep both, with one for a backup. The Board reviewed the revised position description for the Transfer Station Attendant, which had been reviewed and approved by County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw. The position description was approved on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and a second by Commissioner Adler. The motion carried. Discussion was held on NorthWestern Energy's disposal of old power poles and the Board agreed that the solid waste sites are not equipped to dispose of used power poles. The Board requested that Cindy Carman send a letter to NorthWestern Energy regarding the power pole policy. Cindy Carman reported on her

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discussion with Anaconda-Deer Lodge County regarding its method of disposal of waste and metal. She indicated that Granite County appears to be far ahead of them. Cindy Carman reviewed the regulations regarding carcass composting sites and county expenses at the Drummond carcass compost site. A meeting has been scheduled with the Board and the Granite Conservation District and other entities to discuss the situation.

As public comment, John Johnson met with the Board regarding funding for the Philipsburg Senior Citizen's organization. The Board reviewed the Philipsburg senior citizen's county budget, which has been completely expended for the current fiscal year. The Board discussed that the number of meals served by the Drummond and the Philipsburg senior citizen's organizations could be a budget consideration for the new fiscal year.

County Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) and Safety Coordinator Rick Day met with the Board for a mid-year budget review and he noted that there was no provision in the current budget to cover a transition period between coordinators. He requested that the budget be increased for 135 hours, or \$2,020, for DES and 8.5 hours, or \$126, for safety. The Board reviewed the current budgets for DES and safety, and Rick Day indicated that the budget would be totally reassessed for the upcoming 2017-2018 fiscal year. The Board agreed that both budgets should be expended as budgeted and reviewed at the end of the fiscal year to determine the final figures; and a budget amendment considered at that time. Sheriff Scott Dunkerson was unable to attend the Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) Homeland Security grant application, which he supports. Rick Day reviewed the proposed application for six mobile data terminals for sheriff's department vehicles. Commissioner Slaughter stressed that policies are critical on the use of the data terminals, as the terminals can be distracting and cause patrol vehicle accidents. Rick Day noted that there would be no county contribution for the grant, which is estimated at \$52,199.94, with some additional funds required for Verizon modems. Commissioner Slaughter moved to submit the MDT Homeland Security grant application. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Rick Day reviewed the hazardous material spill tabletop exercise from December 3, 2016, participant feedback comments regarding strengths and weaknesses. Commissioner Slaughter cautioned about over-booking requests for volunteer participation and he emphasized the importance of making every meeting valuable to the volunteers. Rick Day noted that the hazardous materials functional exercise has been scheduled for Saturday, March 25, 2017, at the Granite County Medical Center in Philipsburg. Rick Day reviewed the plan for the Flint Creek Project functional exercise scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2017, with a seminar/tabletop exercise planned for Saturday, May 20, 2017, both pending approval by the Portland Regional Office of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Acting Pintler District Ranger Craig Kendall met with the Board to present information on 2016 Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest accomplishments and economic contributions. He informed the Board that this is his last week as acting district ranger and that Charlene Bucha will return to that position. He noted that the information he presented is intended to increase communication and cooperation between the agency and the county; that the agency is in the middle of a hiring freeze; and that the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest has been reducing employees over the years, but the workload seems to increase. Discussion was held on the spread of noxious weeds into the forest by vehicle travel. Craig Kendall emphasized that travel management is becoming a larger issue for the forest, with ATV use a major consideration, and he requested the Board's assistance on travel planning with the agency. He noted that public access to the forest is critical, but the public needs direction on what types of travel can be done in which areas. There is some consideration, according to Craig Kendall, that the Forest Service would give up its law enforcement personnel and contract law enforcement to county sheriffs. Craig Kendall stated that it has been educational to be on this district, which accomplishes a great deal of work on a very limited budget. He indicated that road maintenance continues to be problematic for the miles of roads which the forest has to maintain. The Board questioned the wisdom of this forest having its own road maintenance equipment, and not enough of it, when other forests contract for the work at the optimal time of year. The Board stated that the county would volunteer the use of a water truck to assist the Forest Service's blading operation. Craig Kendall commented that the Beaverhead-Deerlodge is one of the few remaining forests which still has its own road crew. He emphasized that the forest supports around 1,200 jobs in local communities and contributes about \$42 million in annual labor income for wage earners and business sole proprietors, according to the agency's economists. Craig Kendall requested

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the Board's assistance in increasing the Forest Service's budget on a national level as congress continues to focus on forest commodities and not on recreation, which is extremely important to the public. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

During public comment, the Board considered requesting Great West Engineering of Helena to submit a new grant application under HB14 the Montana Community Grant and Loan Program for work on the Main Street South Bridge, Drummond, deck overlay project; applications are due March 15, 2017. The Board agreed to have Great West Engineering submit the grant application specifically for a bridge deck overlay project for the Main Street South Bridge, Drummond, on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. The motion carried. The Board also discussed having Great West apply to the Renewable Resource Grant and Loan (RRGL) Program for the unfunded portion of the current RRGL grant application for the rehab work, including valve and gabion repairs, on the Flint Creek Dam. The current application, which ranked #2 in the ratings, is pending funding from the state legislature. Commissioner Slaughter moved that Great West prepare a new RRGL grant application and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

During public comment, Jim Young met with the Board to inquire why ashes cannot be dumped at the Philipsburg solid waste burn pile area, but must be dumped in the garbage container. Waste Management Program Manager Cindy Carman joined the conversation and agreed to investigate with the state Department of Environmental Quality and report her findings to Jim Young. She noted that there is a complicated process to obtain a permit to burn the burn pile, which must be signed off by the Tri-County Sanitarian, and that ashes are prohibited from being dumped at the burn pile because it cannot be guaranteed that the ashes are cold.

The session adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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