

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 7TH, 14TH & 21ST OF MARCH 2017 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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

WARRANT		AMOUNT
52871	FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK	PAYROLL & NOD FEE \$81,550.88
52872	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	DRUMMOND AMBULANCE \$824.87
52873	STEINHATCHEE INC	ROLLER \$27,000.00
52874	360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES \$691.28
52875	A & M FIRE AND SAFETY, INC	EXTINGUISHER SERVICE \$93.50
52876	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	ACETYLENE \$17.91
52877	BARNEY CONRADS CUSTOM ST LLC	REPAIRS & RENT \$567.50
52878	BECKY SMITH	TRAVEL \$88.81
52879	BLACKFOOT CFT	JUNE BILLING \$4,082.24
52880	BLAINE BRADSHAW	DUI TASK FORCE CERTIFICATES \$100.00
52881	BLANCHE MCLURE	POSTAGE \$57.65
52882	BOB'S QUALITY AUTO	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE \$185.00
52883	BUTTE PRODUCE	SUPPLIES \$385.80
52884	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE \$514.28
52885	CENTURYLINK	MT EMERGENCY BUNDLE SERVICE \$329.13
52886	CENTURYLINK	FCP PHONE \$55.74
52887	COLETTE ADELE FADNESS	TRAVEL \$663.25
52888	COMDATA	FEBRUARY BILLING \$2,413.87
52889	DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACTED SERVICES \$2,780.55
52890	DONALD NOLAN DAVIES	AUDITOR \$7,200.00
52891	DRUMMOND COMMUNITY HALL	RENT \$300.00
52892	FAITH G WILSON	TRAVEL \$8.56

52893	FARON LANCE MEEKS	WITNESS FEE	\$10.00
52894	FICKLER OIL CO. INC.	FUEL	\$2,457.00
52895	GENERAL DISTRIBUTING CO.	CO2, HP, ACETYLENE	\$111.16
52896	GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	TITLE & POSTAGE	\$323.41
52897	HALL GRAVEL WORKS	3/4 NATURAL	\$65.34
52898	HARLOW'S TRUCK CENTER	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$218.72
52899	HEALTHCARE BILLING, INC	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$341.95
52900	HENRY BARSOTTI	FOOD FOR LEPC	\$56.31
52901	HIGH TECH LINEN	RUG CLEANING	\$149.22
52902	HOGAN'S RANCH & BUILDERS	SUPPLIES	\$159.15
52903	HUFFMAN GROCERY	PRISONER MEALS & SUPPLIES	\$987.41
52904	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES	\$34.96
52905	IBS, INC	SUPPLIES	\$316.60
52906	INLAND TRUCK PARTS		\$27.86
52907	INTEGRA INFORMATION TECH	MICROFILM SCANNING	\$1,648.04
52908	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	\$58.98
52909	JOHNSON CONTROLS	COURTHOUSE BOILERS	\$33,026.40
52910	KARMEN HAGER	WITNESS FEE	\$10.00
52911	KARYN JOHNSTON, RN	CONFERENCE & SUPPLIES	\$283.56
52912	KIMBERLY BEALL	SPELLING BEE	\$175.00
52913	LONGFELLOW FUNERAL HOME	VETERAN'S BENEFIT	\$300.00
52914	MACO	INMATE MED BUDGET PROTECTOR	\$60.48
52915	MAPS INC	ONGOING 911 MAPPING & SUPPORT	\$2,028.75
52916	MARK TEAGUE	INSTRUMENT CLUSTER	\$330.00
52917	MCGOWAN WATER COND, INC	COMMERCIAL SOFTENER	\$24.00
52918	MED-TECH RESOURCE	SUPPLIES	\$159.76
52919	MONTANA 1 GLASS	ROCKCHIP REPAIR	\$60.00
52920	MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH	SUPPLIES	\$162.94
52921	MONTANA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACAD	TRAINING	\$250.00
52922	MOUNTAIN SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$303.56
52923	MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	AGENT LEAVE PAYOUT - LUCAS	\$7,050.86
52924	MTLEIRA	DUES	\$75.00
52925	NASRO	SRO COURSE	\$495.00
52926	NICK DIESEL KESLER	MAINTENANCE	\$400.00
52927	NICO ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS INC	PANIC BUTTON	\$102.00
52928	NORTHWEST PARTS & EQUIPMENT	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$3,267.14
52929	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	FEBRUARY STATEMENTS	\$5,768.96
52930	PACIFIC STEEL & RECYCLING	HR FLAT 20'	\$29.82
52931	PALMER ELECTRICAL	LIGHT FIXTURE REPAIR	\$230.39
52932	PATRICIA BAUER	TRAVEL	\$248.24
52933	PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	ADS	\$96.00
52934	PHILIPSBURG SR CITZ CENTER	PRISONER MEALS	\$288.00
52935	PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF	WATER/SEWER	\$440.00
52936	PINTLER PETROLEUM	FUEL & SUPPLIES	\$2,773.00
52937	POORE, ROTH & ROBINSON	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$99.00
52938	POSTMASTER	STAMPS	\$196.00
52939	PRIMROSE OIL COMPANY, INC	OIL SUPPLEMENT	\$856.66
52940	REPUBLIC SERVICES #889	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$5,099.91
52941	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$3,947.80
52942	RIVERSIDE MARKET	SUPPLIES	\$80.01
52943	SATELLITE PHONE STORE	DRMD AMBULANCE PHONE	\$93.02
52944	SCOTT ADLER	TRAVEL	\$109.14
52945	STATE BAR OF MONTANA	DUES	\$395.00
52946	SUMMIT EXERCISES & TRAINING, LLC	HAZMAT PROJECT CONSULTING	\$4,500.00
52947	SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$150.00
52948	TERRY JO VIETOR	SUPPLIES	\$223.82
52949	THIRD SIGNAL, LLC	TEXT-TO-911	\$3,500.00
52950	TNT TRUCK PARTS	CLUTCH KIT	\$823.50
52951	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT, INC	GAUGE	\$52.23
52952	US POSTAL SERVICE	PRE-STAMPED ENVELOPES	\$565.75
52953	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$168.19
52954	WESTERN STATES EQUIPMENT	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$1,537.46
52955	WESTTEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$650.00
52956	WOODLAND CREATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$94.49
		CLAIMS FUND TOTAL	\$218,457.77

<u>WARRANT</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
18892	SALLY ANN STEARNS	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
18893	AFL-CIO	\$390.20
18894	AFLAC INS	\$328.92
18895	CHRISTMAS CLUB	\$2,075.00
18896	COLONIAL	\$18.75
18897	FIT	\$9,408.59
18897	Medicare	\$3,558.74
18897	P.E.R.S.	\$15,703.94
18897	PERS RETIREE	\$339.14

18897	SHERIFF RETIRE	\$4,122.33
18897	Social Security	\$15,216.84
18897	TRS	\$17.60
18898	IUOE 400	\$399.45
18899	MACO DENTAL	\$2,272.00
18899	MACO VISION	\$558.00
18899	MACOHCT	\$43,891.00
18899	UNUMLIFE	\$868.05
18900	PEBSC	\$3,750.00
18901	SIT	\$5,033.00
18902	UNION - PENSION	\$497.72
	TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES	\$108,449.27

<u>WARRANT/NOD</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
	ADLER, SCOTT C	COUNTY COMMISSIONER	\$2,043.68
	ANDERSON, MELINDA K	RELIEF	\$281.04
	BARSOTTI, JR, HENRY A	DES	\$254.49
	BAUER, MARJORIE	AREA V	\$150.42
	BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V	\$548.17
	BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	\$3,755.59
	BONNEY, BARTON C	COMMISSIONER	\$1,952.90
	BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN	\$2,252.78
	BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER	\$3,805.01
	BRADSHAW, BLAINE C	COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$7,867.44
	BUTLER, JODI L	SOLID WASTE	\$2,443.20
	CARMAN, CYNTHIA L	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY	\$1,461.65
	CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N	DISPATCH	\$1,906.75
	CONRADS, ORWOLL B	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$1,107.89
	DAY, JAN P	CLERK	\$1,332.38
	DAY, NELS R	DES COORDINATOR	\$1,127.54
	DUNKERSON, WAYNE S	SHERIFF	\$4,217.67
	FADNESS, COLETTE A	AREA V AIDE	\$351.71
	FRATZKE, DEBBIE	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	\$1,844.79
	GRAHAM, RONALD L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,592.00
	GRAHAM, SARAH E	DEPUTY CLERK & RECORDER	\$3,143.34
	GREANY, KYLE L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,015.00
	GROSVOLD, LACIE J	CLERK	\$1,073.73
	HARDING, JEAN M	DISPATCHER	\$2,090.85
	HARDING, VICKI B	TREASURER	\$4,085.65
	HENNAGER, DEANNA L	DISPATCHER	\$2,360.26
	HOEHNE, JOHN W	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,237.18
	HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$2,643.09
	HOUSE, ROBBI	TREASURER'S OFFICE	\$2,443.20
	HULTMAN, TY R	DEPUTY	\$3,269.63
	JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,054.40
	KAHOE, MICHAEL	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	\$3,980.80
	KANE, KATHERINE	DISPATCHER	\$2,982.96
	KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE	\$2,694.40
	KENDALL, JOY J	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$148.71
	KINGREY, ELWYN	JUNK VEHICLE	\$285.26
	KOLBECK, GLEN G	RELIEF	\$238.89
	LATRAY, DANETTE L	TREASURER DEPUTY	\$3,143.34
	LEHNEN, VICTORIA A	DISPATCHER	\$2,285.54
	MCDONNELL, FRED N	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$560.65
	MCLURE, BLANCHE A	CLERK & RECORDER	\$4,085.65
	OLSEN, RICK C	DEPUTY	\$3,362.49
	OWENS, NANCY	RELIEF	\$501.48
	PALMER, KAREN P	COUNTY AGENT SEC	\$2,150.40
	PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY	\$2,096.64
	PAWLAK, KIMBERLY	FLOATING CLERK	\$1,225.52
	PETERS, DEBORAH A	DISPATCHER RELIEF	\$762.78
	PETERS, STEVEN D	DEPUTY	\$3,299.70
	RUSSELL, JAMES R	DEPUTY	\$3,495.96
	SHORT, GERVIN	UNDERSHERIFF	\$3,647.57
	SLAUGHTER, BILL L	COMMISSIONER	\$1,932.73
	SMITH, REBECCA	PHEP COORDINATOR	\$1,214.12
18892	STEARNS, SALLY ANN	RELIEF CUSTODIAN	\$575.78
	TALLON, MARGARET	COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIALIST	\$104.00
	TEAGUE, MARK A	ROAD SUPERVISOR	\$4,607.60
	VIETOR, TERRY J	CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE	\$1,152.00
	WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,485.88
	WEST, WILLIAM H	DAM TENDER	\$163.08
	WILSON, FAITH GRACE	AREA V AIDE	\$283.35
	59 EMPLOYEES	TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	\$127,180.71

GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

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

Jason Wingo and Carmen Wingo with The Electric Connections (T.E.C.) of Philipsburg met with the Board to select lighting fixtures for the main entrances and main floor lobby area of the courthouse. The Board agreed to keep the new fixtures authentic to the style of the building's original fixtures. The Board inspected the new lighting fixtures in the District Courtroom and interior dome area of the courthouse.

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

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.72 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 15 cfs, according to the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 9.5 inches below full pool. The Board reviewed the report dated March 1, 2017, from Dave Amman with DNRC. Commissioner Adler moved to increase the outflow to 20 cfs and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Treasurer Vicki Harding met with the Board and submitted financial reports for December 2016, including a cash analysis, STIP investment of \$8,806,078.94, CD investments of \$529,765.72, a checking account register, pledged securities held at Granite Mountain Bank of \$440,000.00 and pledged securities held at Glacier Bank in the amount of \$500,000.00. She also submitted reports for January 2017, including a cash analysis, STIP investments of \$7,695,898.92, CD investments of \$529,765.72, a checking account register, pledged securities held at Granite Mountain Bank in the amount of \$440,000.00, and pledged securities held at Glacier Bank in the amount of \$500,000.00. Treasurer Harding noted that STIP (Short Term Investment Pool) investments provide liquidity for funds.

County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw met with the Board regarding the fire suppression pond at the Rising Sun Subdivision. The Board directed Blaine Bradshaw to file a civil complaint against Rising Sun Estates, LLC (Rising Sun Estates Major Subdivision) and developer Jack McLeod due to lack of a working fire suppression pond which had been formally agreed to by the subdivider, but directed the County Attorney not to have a summons issued until directed by the Board. Commissioner Adler moved to take the action and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Election Administrator Blanche McLure met with the Board to request appointment of the post-election audit committee for the special election scheduled for May 25, 2017, to replace U.S. Representative Ryan Zinke, who recently resigned to become Secretary of the Interior. The post-election audit committee members appointed were Barton Bonney, Kim Pawlak and Ann Veis. The committee is scheduled to meet on June 1, 2017. The Board scheduled the official canvass for the special election for the June 6, 2017, regular session at 9:00 a.m.

The Board reviewed the information and maps from the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) regarding the annual certification of roadway mileage. The Board certified off-system roads outside of cities at 722.063 miles, the secondary/urban system at 32.781 miles, for a total of 754.844 miles. The certification form and maps were returned to MDT.

The Board considered the request of First American Title Company of Philipsburg for permission to utilize Granite County's addressing information. Clerk and Recorder Blanche McLure met with the Board to explain that Mapping and Planning Services (MaPS) Inc. requires permission from the Board to install the addressing information on First American Title Company's computer system, which would reduce the company's calls to

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MaPS, thereby reducing charges by MaPS. Commissioner Adler moved to allow First American Title Company permission to utilize Granite County's addressing information provided by MaPS, specifically excluding all criminal justice information, and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board conducted the biannual inspection of bonds as required by Section 7-4-2213, MCA. The Board noted that all bond requirements are covered by the county's current insurance policies through the Montana Association of Counties.

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON with Granite County Hospital District, met with the Board and presented a financial report dated 3-7-2017 with a checking account balance of \$196,425, projected cash available of \$108,641, projected deposits of \$285,641, accounts payable of \$89,000, with projected cash reserves of \$196,641 (17 days of operation). She reported that the facility is planning to go live with electronic medical records in early June 2017. She reported that there is progress on the purchase of CT scanning equipment and a new addition to Granite County Medical Center to house it, including grants and community financial support. The shortage of certified nursing aides (CNA's) was discussed and Maria Stoppler noted that CNA pay was recently raised to be in line with surrounding communities. She also presented an administrator's report dated 2-28-2017, a utilization statistics overview, and a statement of cash flows. She noted that Judy Friede has decided not to run for re-election to the district board.

The Board approved the written proposal from Sunrise "11" Design, Ken Fillbach, to provide labor and material to sand, prime, caulk and paint 13 exterior courthouse (District Courtroom) window sills for \$910.00. The action was taken on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. The motion carried.

Jim Dinsmore and Karen Petersen, Granite Conservation District; Joe Radonich, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), Helena; Doug Crachy, Powell County Commissioner; Seth Wilson, consultant to Blackfoot Challenge; William Kleinhans, Granite Headwaters Watershed Group; and John Kendall, Drummond Solid Waste Container Site Operator met with the Board regarding carcass composting. Cindy Carman, Waste Management Program Manager, introduced the discussion regarding the carcass composting operation at the Drummond solid waste container site and she presented information regarding the rising expense of the composting operation. She noted that the composting operation is growing and expenses are mounting; the Ruby Valley composting site is considering a per head fee; and that domestic animals and wild animals must be composted separately. She reviewed the history of the carcass composting operation in Granite County, which began in 2008. Solid waste site operator John Kendall reported that generally the composting operation has gone smoothly, with a few bumps; animals need to be taken care of the day they come in; most animals come in on Wednesday afternoon from the regular carcass pick-up service; occasional animals arrive at any time; the busy season is February to May; and compost bins must be worked continuously. Karen Petersen reported that the Granite Headwaters Watershed Group area boundary is along Flint Creek and Rock Creek, south of the interstate; in the beginning carcasses were shipped to the Blackfoot, but no carcasses came this way. Commissioner Doug Crachy stated that the Powell County solid waste operator has never mentioned that the carcasses deposited at the transfer sites have been a problem. Seth Wilson indicated that wolves and bears have been tracked to carcass disposal pits on individual ranches, which creates spillover conflicts with living livestock. Jim Dinsmore noted that MDT has been a valuable partner and hauls wood chips to the site. Seth Wilson reported that he has calculated costs per carcass disposal of about \$66.00, but the cost goes down to \$22.00 per carcass with cooperative efforts. Cindy Carman inquired about what the various partners may be able to contribute to the carcass operation. John Kendall estimated that he needs about 10 loads of wood chips per year and that both the solid waste and carcass composting operations have gotten busier over the years. Joe Radonich noted that animals are brought in from the Philipsburg and Drummond sections of the state highways and MDT has a key to the site to drop animals off when the

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site is closed. John Kendall reported that he had 12 roadkill carcasses in one week. Discussion was held on the new fences proposed for the interstate and Joe Radonich indicated that the fences are designed to reduce roadkill. Commissioner Adler stated that it is not the Board's desire to get rid of the carcass composting, but to request some help with the expenses. Karen Petersen indicated that the Livestock Loss Board provides some funding for the regular carcass pick-up service. Seth Wilson noted that a senate bill will be heard this week, some funds likely will be released this month, there is possible federal funding, and he encourages the Conservation District to apply for additional funding for this project. Jim Dinsmore stated that he feels the composting is a public service with many cooperative partners. Commissioner Slaughter reiterated that it is a valuable public service and the cooperation of all the partners is very much appreciated. Commissioner Bonney requested that John Kendall carefully record his hours for the carcass composting, so actual costs of the program can be accurately calculated. Jim Dinsmore emphasized that it is a valued public service and it is not designed to make a profit. John Kendall indicated that, to his knowledge, all domestic animals come from within the county and he does not object to road kill being dropped off during closed hours. Seth Wilson stated that the Livestock Loss Board is receiving increasing support and he feels that with a public/private partnership the service should be sustainable. Commissioner Adler suggested that a joint meeting be held once a year to keep up with the program. John Kendall noted that the compost can be used for domestic purposes, but not used on edible plants, according to state regulations. Joe Radonich indicated that MDT allows roadkill compost to be used within a 30-mile radius of the composting operation and he inquired if there is a separate cost accounting to operate the composting site. Cindy Carman responded that those detailed costs are not currently available, but will be available in the future. Seth Wilson indicated that the Blackfoot area could learn from Granite County's valuable experience. Jim Dinsmore stated that if numbers reach an unreasonable level, it will have to be looked at again. Some discussion was held on cows that are pastured in Granite County during the summer, but are not locally owned. Karen Petersen noted that the regular carcass pick-up service deliberately does not track ownership of the animals in order to encourage use of the program.

During public comment, Vince Reece met with the Board as a member of the Granite County Airport Board to generally update the County Commission with information on the federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) which funds improvements for general aviation airports. He noted that grant applications are due in April and he feels that help is available through the AIP program to upgrade Riddick Field at Philipsburg. He is aware of several airports in the area that have received funding. Also, grants are available for local school students to experience aviation, and for airframe and power plant mechanic education. Support from the Civil Air Patrol may also be available. He indicated that since he was appointed to the airport board last September, only one meeting has been held and there are many safety issues which can be taken care of inexpensively. He recommended that fuel be available at the airport and if selling fuel was not successful the equipment could easily be sold. He stated that he believes that the airport can be improved at the existing length; it is used annually as a fire camp; turboprop planes are reluctant to land there due to debris on the runway because of deteriorating asphalt. He stressed that he feels funds are available and he is willing to work on projects. All of these various issues would be discussed at an upcoming Airport Board meeting, and the Airport Board would report back to the County Commissioners with recommendations. The Board was fine with Vince Reece calling a publicly noticed Airport Board meeting and to conduct business, including the election of officers. Vince Reece stated that he believes that many members of the airport board are truly interested in furthering aviation in the county. Commissioner Adler stated that the Commissioners are very supportive of the airport board's efforts. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that if the airport board is unwilling to work cooperatively, that members could be replaced and regular meetings must be held and minutes kept. The Board agreed that Vince Reece should proceed to research funding opportunities.

Also during public comment, Scott Boggio with Washington National Insurance met with the Board regarding available family supplemental health insurance.

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County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw met with the Board and agreed to draft a letter of response to Myrna Geiss regarding her letter about the Bear Gulch Road.

The session adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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March 14, 2017

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

The Board selected Commissioner Adler as Acting Chairperson for the session in Commissioner Bonney's absence.

The Board met with members of the Granite County Safety Committee for the regular quarterly meeting. Minutes for that meeting are kept separately.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Mark Teague met with the Board and gave his report. Snow plowing on the Bear Gulch Road was discussed. The request of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) to place "No Parking" signs at the junction of Skalkaho Highway and Rock Creek Road, with the county to provide for enforcement, was discussed. Discussion was held on the general lack of parking on Rock Creek for fishing access and that there should be a more public process prior to a decision on FWP's request. A telephone conference call was held with Rory Zarling with FWP regarding the request. He stated that people are parking at the intersection of the two roads without consideration for safety. He noted that there is a fishing access parking and a boat launch on Rock Creek Road not far from the intersection, and that signs would direct people to that available parking. He reported that the same process is being planned for the Kyle Bohrnsen Bridge area. Rory Zarling indicated that an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the county would be reasonable in the future. The Board agreed to discuss this FWP request with interested parties at a future meeting. On another subject, the proposed fishing access at Bearmouth was discussed and Rory Zarling indicated that he is planning a meeting of interested parties. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.76 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 20 cfs, according to the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 9 inches below full pool. The Board agreed to increase the outflow to 25 cfs on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board met with Heather Rue and Patrick Little with The Ranch at Rock Creek regarding the lack of child care in the county. Also attending were Kim Polich and Shantel Broadhead with Butte 4-C's, Sally Stearns and Lacie DeMers. General discussion was held on how to establish child care services in the county and potential locations. Representatives

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of The Ranch at Rock Creek expressed interest in supporting the project to get it up and running by this summer.

Jeremy Mickey with P3M (Princeton Planning and Project Management PLLC) and Granite County Public Health Emergency Planning Coordinator Becky Smith met with the Board. Jeremy Mickey presented a proposal to provide six multi-gas detectors (Ventis MX4 Confined Space Kits by Industrial Scientific), calibration, training and maintenance in the amount of \$8,700.00, plus initial configuration and calibration for \$600.00, and detector training for \$1,800.00. Becky Smith noted that none of the emergency responders in the county have multi-gas detectors, which came to light at the haz-mat table top exercise held last December. Jeremy Mickey reviewed the proposal and indicated that a detector would be provided for each of the six county fire stations. Becky Smith noted that a regional haz-mat team equipped with the detectors would need to be called in from outside the county, which consumes valuable time in an emergency. Jeremy Mickey explained that this is the system which the regional haz-mat team recommends for local responders. The Board expressed support for the proposal and suggested that Jeremy Mickey get individual approval from each fire district and fire service area in the county, as those districts make their own decisions on purchases. DES/Safety Coordinator Rick Day attended.

The Board considered draft Resolution 2017-4 "A Granite County Resolution Requesting a Mail Ballot Election for the 2017 Federal Special Election to Fill the Office of the United States Representative for Montana, Contingent upon Passage of Senate Bill 305." Commissioner Adler moved for adoption of Resolution 2017-4 and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. The Board noted that time is of the essence on the adoption of this resolution to conform to election regulations, so a second reading would not be practicable or possible. There was no public comment. The motion to adopt this Resolution carried.

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

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

The session adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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March 21, 2017

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

Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended a portion of the session.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Mark Teague met with the Board and gave his weekly report. Obtaining crushed gravel and the Poison Patch Road, which is not a county maintained road, were discussed.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.80 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 25 cfs, according to the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 8.40

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inches below full pool. The Board agreed to increase the outflow to 30 cfs on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Former Granite County Extension Agent Dan Lucas and Karen Palmer, Administrative Assistant for Granite County Extension, met with the Board and presented the written resignation of John Carman as Granite County Weed Department Foreman effective March 31, 2017, which the Board accepted. Dan Lucas informed the Board that he has a current weed spray applicator's license, provided that he is within 100 miles, which can be used until a new weed department foreman can get a weed spray applicator's license. The Board agreed that the weed program foreman position will be posted in-house and the position of weed program assistant will be advertised. Dan Lucas noted that the new spray equipment still needs to be mounted on a weed department truck at the factory near Seattle. On another subject, Dan Lucas reported that there is a strong pool of 15 candidates for the vacant position of Granite County Extension Agent. Dan Lucas invited a Commissioner or Commissioners to serve on the selection committee.

Jason Wingo with The Electrical Connections of Philipsburg met with the Board and reported that the custom LED light fixtures for the first and third floors of the courthouse have been ordered and the historically accurate light fixtures for the main lobby, which must be specially constructed, are on order.

Cindy Carman, Waste Management Program Manager, met with the Board and submitted her monthly report. Items included a Drummond site report, Philipsburg site report, composting operation review results, a draft Drummond Transfer Station Supervisor position description and Freon removal/metal recycling update. The Board revised the draft position description and it will now be reviewed by the county attorney. She noted that the metal recycling has netted \$3,100.00 over the past year, which includes refrigerators with the Freon removed. The lock out/tag out procedure for both transfer sites will be reviewed with Brodie Loushin of Payne West Insurance Loss Control. Cindy Carman presented her written resignation as Solid Waste Program Manager effective April 30, 2017, which the Board accepted.

The Board noted receipt of a letter from Ellen Leahy, Director and Health Officer for the Missoula City-County Health Department stating that the contract to provide public health nursing services to Granite County will not be renewed effective June 30, 2017. The Board discussed ways to continue to provide public health nursing services in the county.

Pintler District Forest Ranger Charlene Bucha met with the Board to give a general update. She reported that she will no longer be the District Ranger effective the end of next week, although she will continue with the agency in a different capacity and be stationed in Philipsburg. She noted that Rick Collins will replace Patty Bates on the FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) program, which is awaiting the Federal Highway Administration's notification to proceed with the project. Discussion was held on the FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) grant offer of up to \$1,268,181 and the requirement of approximately \$182,000 in matching funds for a Georgetown Lake road (Forest Service Road No. 8686) rehabilitation project. The road at the Lost Sapphire Ranch was discussed and it was agreed that maintenance of that road is in the hands of the homeowners at this point. Ranger Bucha indicated that a project, such as the Lost Sapphire Road, can be scheduled with the Job Corps if funds are available for the project, primarily for gravel; the road is on the Forest Service maintenance list to improve drainage; and the homeowners did not obtain a snow plow permit from the Forest Service, as had been previously discussed with them. Discussion was held on road maintenance in the forest and whether it is better for the district to have a road crew and equipment or whether the work should be contracted. Ranger Bucha indicated that there is work yet to be done this summer on the Black Pine Mine Reclamation Project and she noted that the project depository is on private land.

The Board met with County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw regarding the FWP (Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks) request for "No Parking" signs at the intersection of Skalkaho Highway and Rock Creek Road. The Board agreed to revisit the matter with Sheriff Scott Dunkerson and FWP.

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The Board met with County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw regarding the proposed FWP (Fish, Wildlife and Parks) new fishing access and boat launch at Bearmouth. The Board conferred with Granite County Floodplain Administrator Linda Bouck regarding any floodplain issues with the proposed access site. The Board reiterated its opposition to the project and echoed Sheriff Scott Dunkerson’s concern with the ability to provide law enforcement at the proposed site, especially at night, as a public safety issue. Also, the Board expressed concerns about FWP’s ability to provide for future maintenance responsibilities. The Board noted that there is a private business, the Bearmouth Chalet, in the immediate vicinity which is willing to accommodate a fishing access. County Attorney Bradshaw agreed to write a letter to FWP reiterating the Board’s opposition to the proposed new fishing access with boat launch and in support of the county sheriff’s opposition.

During public comment, Public Health Nurse Karyn Johnston R.N. met with the Board regarding the non-renewal of the contract with the Missoula City-County Health Department to provide public health nursing services. The contract expires June 30, 2017. She reviewed the required process for transporting and storing vaccines and she indicated that the program is becoming more complicated and time consuming with vaccines, tracking and investigating communicable diseases, the supervision of home visits, and participating in infant and child mortality review. The Board requested County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw to research the legal requirements for the county to provide public health nursing services. Karyn Johnston indicated that the position has been requiring 30 to 40 hours per week, although the contract is for 18 hours per week, and that assistance with the paperwork involved would be helpful. She reviewed that public health services are very different from home health services and each service has specific requirements. She indicated that Powell County and Anaconda-Deer Lodge County both have public health departments, which may be able to provide assistance. The Board requested Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe to contact neighboring counties, and also RNs within Granite County, who may be interested in providing these services. The Board agreed that the position will be advertised.

The session adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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