

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 4TH, 11TH, 18TH AND 25TH OF APRIL 2017 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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

<u>WARRANT</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>	
52957	FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK	PAYROLL & NOD FEE	\$85,887.91
52958	360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$995.44
52959	AG SALES	COMPANION FLANGE	\$17.50
52960	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	ACETYLENE	\$19.87
52961	ANACONDA LEADER	SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT	\$886.05
52962	BARNEY CONRADS CUSTOM ST LLC	MAINTENANCE	\$340.00
52963	BART BONNEY	TRAVEL	\$437.17
52964	BILL SLAUGHTER	TRAVEL	\$351.04
52965	BLACKFOOT CFT	MARCH BILLING	\$4,076.99
52966	BLAINE BRADSHAW	TRAVEL	\$64.20
52967	BLANCHE MCLURE	TRAVEL & POSTAGE	\$106.98
52968	BOB BARKER CO INC	PRISONER SUPPLIES	\$1,164.78
52969	BOB'S QUALITY AUTO	MAINTENANCE	\$841.50
52970	BUILDING CODES BUREAU	OPERATING CERTIFICATE FEE	\$31.00
52971	C J CANNALIATO	INSTALL PRE-AMP	\$356.50

52972	CAROL BOHRNSEN	TRAVEL	\$401.11
52973	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$348.86
52974	CASCADE CO RGNL YTH SERV CNTR	YOUTH DETAINEE	\$3,995.00
52975	CENTURYLINK	MT EMERGENCY BUNDLE SERVICE	\$329.13
52976	CENTURYLINK	FCP PHONE	\$55.74
52977	CINDY CARMAN	CORDLESS PHONE	\$43.97
52978	CLAUDETTE PARKE	TRAINING	\$230.81
52979	COLETTE ADELE FADNESS	TRAVEL	\$807.17
52980	COLJ CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	2017 SPRING CONFERENCE	\$300.00
52981	COMDATA	MARCH BILLING	\$2,936.85
52982	DEBBIE FRATZKE	SPRING CONFERENCE	\$426.48
52983	DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$1,759.08
52984	DONALD NOLAN DAVIES	AUDIT	\$7,030.00
52985	DRUMMOND AMBULANCE ASSOC	LICENSING & SUPPLIES	\$630.73
52986	DRUMMOND COMMUNITY HALL	RENT	\$300.00
52987	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	SUPPLIES	\$1,144.59
52988	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, INCS	SUPPLIES	\$543.20
52989	FAITH G WILSON	TRAVEL	\$431.21
52990	FICKLER OIL CO. INC.	FUEL	\$600.66
52991	FISHER REPAIR	MAINTENANCE	\$67.50
52992	FOLEY'S QUALITY SERVICE	MAINTENANCE	\$390.05
52993	GEMPLERS INC	SHIPPING SAVER	\$59.00
52994	GENERAL DISTRIBUTING CO.	CO2, HP, ACETYLENE	\$123.07
52995	GRANITE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER	DOT EVALUATION	\$117.00
52996	GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE & TITLING	\$343.77
52997	GRANITE DISPOSAL	UTILITIES	\$248.00
52998	GRANITE PHARMACY	SUPPLIES	\$124.86
52999	GREEN EARTH SUPPLY	CONCENTRATED CLEANER	\$458.85
53000	HEALTHCARE BILLING, INC	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	\$468.39
53001	HIGH TECH LINEN	RUGS	\$227.87
53002	HOGAN'S RANCH & BUILDERS	SUPPLIES	\$492.97
53003	HUFFMAN GROCERY	PRISONER SUPPLIES	\$1,706.68
53004	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES	\$35.44
53005	I STATE TRUCK INC	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$141.42
53006	IBS, INC	ASST WHEELS	\$317.04
53007	INTOXIMETERS, INC	24/7 SOBRIETY TESTS	\$7.00
53008	JACKIE BOLSTER	TRAINING	\$50.00
53009	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	BREATHER	\$14.99
53010	JOHNSTONE SUPPLY	FREON EVAC FEE	\$62.50
53011	LORETTA MAZZA	VETERAN'S BENEFIT	\$300.00
53012	MACDC CONVENTION	CONVENTION REGISTRATION	\$228.00
53013	MACO	INMATE MED BUDGET PROTECTOR	\$33.48
53014	MAPS INC	ONGOING 911 MAPPING & SUPPORT	\$2,476.00
53015	MARGARET TALLON	TRAVEL	\$64.20
53016	MARK TEAGUE	SUPPLIES	\$81.06
53017	MARTIN INDUSTRIAL	SUPPLIES	\$56.00
53018	MCGOWAN WATER COND, INC	WATER SOFTENER & SALT	\$59.75
53019	MED-TECH RESOURCE	SUPPLIES	\$58.84
53020	MIKE DOTO	BOILER LICENSE CLASS	\$180.00
53021	MISSOULA MOTOR PARTS	MAINTENANCE	\$307.95
53022	MONIDA HEALTHCARE NETWORK	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	\$43.50
53023	MONTANA BOLT & HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$72.40
53024	MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH	TISSUE & ICE MELT	\$69.62
53025	MT HARD ROCK MINING COUNTIES	FY17 DUES	\$250.00
53026	MONTANA LTAP	MOTOR GRADER TRAINING	\$150.00
53027	MT ASSO OF CLERKS OF DIST COURT	FY18 DUES	\$600.00
53028	MTLEIRA	SPRING CONFERENCE	\$75.00
53029	N RICHARD DAY	TRAVEL	\$98.44
53030	NORTHWEST PARTS & EQUIPMENT	MAINTENANCE	\$878.98
53031	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	OCTOBER STATEMENTS	\$4,726.64
53032	PACIFIC STEEL & RECYCLING - BUTTE	SCH 80, SQTUBE, GUARD CAP	\$424.68
53033	PATRICIA BAUER	TRAVEL	\$202.77
53034	PEERS FOUNDATION	AWARE 3 DUI PREVENTION	\$975.00
53035	PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	ADS	\$168.00
53036	PHILIPSBURG SR CITZ CENTER	PRISONER MEALS	\$654.00
53037	PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF	WATER/SEWER	\$453.50
53038	PINTLER PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$1,968.86
53039	QUILL CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	\$51.66
53040	RAVE WIRELESS, INC	LICENSE FEE	\$3,000.00
53041	RDO EQUIPMENT CO	BOLT & NUT	\$12.32
53042	REPUBLIC SERVICES #889	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$6,572.83
53043	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$5,287.91
53044	REYNOLDS RADIATOR SERVICE	RADIATOR	\$1,250.00
53045	RIVERSIDE MARKET	SUPPLIES	\$554.93
53046	RTW ENTERPRISE	BACKHOE TIRE REPAIR	\$262.50
53047	RU2 SYSTEMS, INC	SPEED TRAILER	\$7,304.00
53048	SATELLITE PHONE STORE	SATELLITE PHONE	\$93.02
53049	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	SUPPLIES	\$165.93

53050	STEPHENS-PECK INC	TITLE BOOK REVISIONS	\$90.00
53051	STEVE JACOBSON	TORQUE WRENCH & HYD JACK	\$354.05
53052	SUMMIT EXERCISES & TRAINING, LLC	TRAVEL & SUPPLIES	\$115.11
53053	SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$150.00
53054	THIRD SIGNAL, LLC	TEXT TO 911 PROJECT	\$3,500.00
53055	TNT TRUCK PARTS	MAINTENANCE	\$246.50
53056	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT, INC	HANDL & SHOCK	\$235.64
53057	TUFF COUNTRY AUTO BODY	REPLACE WINDSHIELD	\$250.00
53058	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$616.64
53059	VISA	SUPPLIES	\$113.05
53060	WESTERN STATES EQUIPMENT	MAINTENANCE	\$223.70
53061	WESTTEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$650.00
53062	WILLOWROCK INC	SURVEY REVIEW	\$125.00
53063	WOODLAND CREATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$141.71
53064	VINCE REECE	VEHICLE & SUPPLIES	\$3,358.69
		CLAIMS FUND TOTAL	\$173,729.78

<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
	ADLER, SCOTT C	COUNTY COMMISSIONER	\$2,043.68
	ANDERSON, MELINDA K	RELIEF	\$93.68
	BARSOTTI, JR, HENRY A	DES	\$194.61
	BAUER, MARJORIE	AREA V	\$165.90
	BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V	\$614.46
	BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	\$3,755.59
	BONNEY, BARTON C	COMMISSIONER	\$1,933.64
	BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN	\$2,546.03
	BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER	\$3,805.01
	BRADSHAW, BLAINE C	COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$7,867.44
	BUTLER, JODI L	SOLID WASTE	\$2,809.68
18904	CARMAN II, JOHN W	VACA/SICK PAYOUT	\$1,610.47
	CARMAN, CYNTHIA L	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY	\$1,756.05
	CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N	DISPATCH	\$1,502.22
	CONRADS, ORWOLL B	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$423.60
	DAY, JAN P	DEPUTY CLERK	\$1,332.38
	DAY, NELS R	DES COORDINATOR	\$1,077.84
	DUNKERSON, WAYNE S	SHERIFF	\$4,217.67
	FADNESS, COLETTE A	AREA V AIDE	\$470.58
	FRATZKE, DEBBIE	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	\$1,844.79
	GRAHAM, RONALD L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$4,130.80
	GRAHAM, SARAH E	DEPUTY CLERK & RECORDER	\$3,143.34
	GREANY, KYLE L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,312.00
	GROSVOLD, LACIE J	CLERK	\$1,286.35
	HAMILTON, MARIANNE	RELIEF CLERK	\$240.15
	HARDING, JEAN M	DISPATCHER	\$2,227.48
	HARDING, VICKI B	TREASURER	\$4,085.65
	HENNAGER, DEANNA L	DISPATCHER	\$2,366.75
	HOEHNE, JOHN W	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,654.24
	HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,229.95
	HOUSE, ROBBIE	TREASURER'S OFFICE	\$2,809.68
	HULTMAN, TY R	DEPUTY	\$3,665.76
	JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,512.56
	KAHOE, MICHAEL	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	\$4,577.92
	KANE, KATHERINE	DISPATCHER	\$2,981.57
	KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE	\$3,111.19
	KENDALL, JOY J	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$51.68
	KINGREY, ELWYN	JUNK VEHICLE	\$419.43
	KOLBECK, GLEN G	RELIEF	\$93.68
	LATRAY, DANETTE L	TREASURER DEPUTY	\$3,143.34
	LEHNEN, VICTORIA A	DISPATCHER	\$2,456.05
	MCDONNELL, FRED N	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$487.20
	MCLURE, BLANCHE A	CLERK & RECORDER	\$4,085.65
	OLSEN, RICK C	DEPUTY	\$3,144.81
	OWENS, NANCY	RELIEF	\$477.60
	PALMER, KAREN P	COUNTY AGENT SEC	\$2,472.96
	PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY	\$3,061.76
	PAWLAK, KIMBERLY	FLOATING CLERK	\$1,619.28
	PETERS, DEBORAH A	DISPATCHER RELIEF	\$955.01
	PETERS, STEVEN D	DEPUTY	\$3,313.42
	RUSSELL, JAMES R	DEPUTY	\$3,354.51
	SHORT, GERVIN	UNDERSHERIFF	\$3,742.27
	SLAUGHTER, BILL L	COMMISSIONER	\$1,932.73
	SMITH, REBECCA	PHEP COORDINATOR	\$1,527.00
18903	STEARNS, SALLY ANN	RELIEF CUSTODIAN	\$468.40
	TALLON, MARGARET	COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIALIST	\$364.00
	TEAGUE, MARK A	ROAD SUPERVISOR	\$4,607.60
	VIETOR, TERRY J	CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE	\$1,152.00

WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,247.60
WEST, WILLIAM H	DAM TENDER	\$132.62
WILSON, FAITH GRACE	AREA V AIDE	\$857.57
61 EMPLOYEES	TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	\$135,568.88

<u>WARRANT</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
18903 SALLY STEARNS	SEE "TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL"	
18904 JOHN CARMAN II	SEE "TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL"	
18905 AFL-CIO		\$390.20
18906 AFLAC INS		\$302.92
18907 CHRISTMAS CLUB		\$2,075.00
18908 COLONIAL		\$18.75
18909 FIT		\$10,454.45
18909 MEDICARE		\$3,799.12
18909 PERS		\$17,036.99
18909 PERS RETIREE		\$346.94
18909 SHERIFF RETIRE		\$4,150.48
18909 SOCIAL SECURITY		\$16,244.96
18909 TRS		\$61.59
18909 UNEMPL. INSUR.		\$1,026.63
18910 IUOE 400		\$484.75
18911 MACO DENTAL		\$2,204.00
18911 MACO VISION		\$528.00
18911 MACOHCT		\$41,226.00
18911 UNUMLIFE		\$868.05
18912 PEBSC		\$3,750.00
18913 SIT		\$5,469.00
18914 UNION - PENSION		\$667.03
18915 WORKERS' COMP		\$14,752.66
	TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES	\$125,857.52

GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

April 4, 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 report. Items included that a new digital speed sign has been ordered and is expected to arrive soon, as is a data collection component for the existing digital speed sign. Discussion was held on a possible demonstration of the Vanway linear crusher and the Board declined the demonstration due to the estimated cost of over \$20,000.00. Rental of a skid steer with a hammer was discussed to break up large rocks in roadways, rather than attempt to remove them. The re-seeding of the disturbed area at the Travelers Home Flood Mitigation Project construction site was discussed and Mark Teague will coordinate with former Extension Agent Dan Lucas on how to distribute the seed for maximum germination.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.77 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 30 cfs, according to the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 8.76 inches below full pool. The Board agreed to increase the outflow to 35 cfs on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw met with the Board to consider a Grant of Right-Of-Way from the Bureau of Land Management regarding Winter Trail E aka Summit Cabin Road. Attorney Bradshaw reviewed portions of the proposed grant with which he has issues and he noted that he believes that BLM Winter Trail E is the very same road as the Summit Cabin Road. Phil Boettcher and Ralph Smith commented that the 4,000 feet of the road described in the proposed grant connects to a public road and that the changes proposed by Attorney Bradshaw are workable. The Board agreed to have Attorney Bradshaw propose the revisions as discussed to the BLM. Phil Boettcher inquired whether he could perform some maintenance, fill pot holes and improve drainage, on the road. The Board indicated that when no private maintenance equipment is available, that it is possible to rent the county

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road crew and equipment to accomplish the work. Phil Boettcher requested that a big rock in the Bear Gulch Road be removed as it is a hazard. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

The Board noted receipt of the written resignation dated 3-29-2017 of Maria Hollatz from the Granite County Weed Department as a weed crew member. The Board accepted the resignation.

Donald N. Davies CPA of Clinton met with the Board to present the 2015-2016 audit report. He reviewed the schedule of federal awards and noted that in the future the county may be below the \$750,000.00 threshold requiring a federal audit. Discussion was held on the possibility of the County Treasurer writing off old uncollectable personal property taxes. Donald Davies reported that the audit opinion is unmodified, which is the highest level of favorable opinion that an auditor is allowed to give, and that there are no findings in the report. He also noted that the Sheriff's Retirement System liability changed significantly due to a different method of actuarial study on that entire retirement system. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* attended.

Vince Reece, recently elected chair of the Granite County Airport Board, met with the Board to review the draft minutes of the March 29, 2017, airport board meeting. He reported on progress made on items in the minutes, including work on finalizing the group's by-laws. He presented confirmation on an order for windsocks for each end of the Riddick Field runway and the Board agreed that they should be installed according to regulations. He noted that the Philipsburg Forest Service has a weather service which can be utilized by pilots flying in to Riddick Field at Philipsburg using an i-Phone or an i-Pad. Riddick Field runway and ramp resurfacing was discussed as being first on the airport board's list of priorities. Vince Reece reviewed a proposal from S&K Geotechnical of Billings to do some core sampling at Riddick Field to determine the stability of the base of the runway and ramp, as recommended by Robert Peccia & Associates engineering firm of Helena; a cost will be available within a few days. Vince Reece indicated that the asphalt overlay will likely need to be replaced rather than repaired and he noted that federal funds may not be available unless nine aircraft are based at the field. He also indicated that state aeronautical funds are available in limited amounts and there is a possibility of low interest loans to accomplish future work. He noted that Riddick Field is on the NPIAS (National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems) register, but the lack of based aircraft disqualifies it from federal funding. Vince Reece noted that some hangars at Riddick Field are in need of repair and he will contact those hangar owners to request that the hangars be brought up to standard. The glide ratio into the field from the north was discussed and Vince Reece agreed to do some additional research. Plans to obtain a courtesy car for the Philipsburg airport were discussed and Vince Reece presented a letter of support from an air charter service in Stevensville. The airport board plans to donate the vehicle and pilots using it would keep it fueled, according to Vince Reece, and maintenance would be provided through the airport budget; he requested that it be included on the county's insurance policy and the Board agreed. On another subject, the Board agreed that portable toilets should be ordered for the Philipsburg airport. Vince Reece requested better signage to the Drummond Airport and he requested that the Drummond field should be mowed on a regular basis. The Board suggested that he contact Road and Bridge Superintendent Mark Teague about the mowing. The Board agreed to reimburse expenses for Rozanne Reece's services as airport board secretary. The Board complimented the airport board on its recent re-organization and the progress it is making.

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON of the Granite County Hospital District, met with the Board and presented her financial report dated 4-4-2017, including projected cash available of \$18,660, projected deposits of \$204,403, projected cash requirements through 4-15-2017 of \$157,000 for projected cash reserves of \$47,403 (approximately 4 days of operation). Also included were an administrator's report dated 3-28-2017, a utilization statistics overview, a balance sheet as of 2-28-2017, and a statement of cash flows. Electronic medical records are scheduled to go live the first week of June. Discussion was held on the non-renewal of the agreement with the Missoula City-County Health Department for public health nursing services and Maria Stoppler reported that a Critical Access Hospital is not able to handle vaccines and other aspects of public health nursing services. The lack of child care services in the county was discussed.

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Commissioner Adler excused himself from the session at noon.

Dave Stinar with AirMedCare Reach Air Transport, formerly Summit Air Transport, met with the Board to explain the company's Network Municipal Site membership proposal. He explained that Reach is based out of Helena and that four Montana counties participate in the network municipal membership program. Helicopters are based in both Helena and Bozeman, a fixed wing aircraft is based in Helena, plus support aircraft in Wyoming. He explained that the company has had 4 calls over the past 12 months in Granite County and that it is likely not the first call for air transport, which in this area would be Life Flight. He noted that Powell County has signed municipal agreements with both his company and with Life Flight. He reviewed that one additional benefit is that county residents can purchase individual memberships at a reduced rate if the county is a member. He indicated that there is legislation pending in the Montana legislature which may affect memberships in the future, specifically whether or not membership is considered insurance, balance billing and hold harmless, although none of the proposed legislation has been enacted at this time. Dave Stinar noted that if legislation changes the membership regulations, a prorated refund would be issued to the county. He reviewed the current payment structures for private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid and individuals, and that there are nine air ambulance providers in Montana and only two are "in network" for insurance purposes. He noted that the program would cover all residents of Granite County on aircraft provided by AirMedCare on transports from Granite County, although transports from other counties can be added for an additional charge. Membership discount rates are \$35.00 per household if the county is a member, and the rate is \$65 per household if county is not a member, which covers transport from locations outside of Granite County. He noted that Bozeman Deaconess Hospital purchased a full membership for every employee and he indicated that Madison County covers residents of Madison County who are in Madison or Gallatin Counties. He noted that one flight can be covered by the annual cost of \$13,615.00 for the county, which is population based, and the company operates 260 bases in 34 states. Dave Stinar continued that the company does not take people to collections, contrary to public perception, only under unusual circumstances when an insured individual takes the insurance money intended for the company and does not give it to the company. He indicated that the mission of the company is to do what's right, rather than watching the bottom line, and that the company is owned by KKR, which owns several other large companies, so it will be here in the future. If called for a life or limb emergency, they fly regardless of the clients ability to pay. He indicated that if an aircraft is dispatched and a person is not flown, there is no charge. Dave Stinar answered questions from those attending, which were Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper and Councilman Earl Clute, Frank Prince and Monica Prince with the Drummond Ambulance, and Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper. Mayor Leeper indicated her opinion that a municipal membership would be a good use of public funds. The Board noted that a proposal has also been requested from Life Flight and it is expected in about four weeks.

During public comment, Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper and Councilman Earl Clute met with the Board regarding the disposal of an abandoned mobile home in Drummond. Mayor Leeper agreed to contact County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw regarding the legal aspects of disposal. The Board agreed to put the matter on a future agenda.

Hall School Board Trustee Sandra Brown and students Jesse Hildreth and Jaise Stokes met with the Board with a written request for a 15 mph speed limit at the Hall Elementary School, which is currently posted at 25 mph. The Board responded that it will request County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw contact the Montana Department of Transportation in support of the request, to include rumble strips. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

The Board noted that it will be hosting the Montana Association of Counties district meeting and lunch on June 5, 2017, at the Granite County Museum and Cultural Center in Philipsburg.

The session adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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April 11, 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.

All members of the Board participated as members of the interview committee for a new Granite County Extension Agent to replace Dan Lucas, who had resigned to become MSU Extension Western Region Department Head. The committee interviewed Jennifer Strause and Ben Hauptman in the District Courtroom of the courthouse. One additional interview was continued until 9:00 a.m. on April 12, 2017.

Commissioner Adler excused himself from the session at noon.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Mark Teague met with the Board and gave his weekly report. Items discussed included insurance coverage on rental equipment for special projects.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.74 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 35 cfs, according to the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 9.12 inches below full pool. The Board made no change in the outflow on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Bonney. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the proposed Road Project Agreement between Granite County and the Forest Service for Georgetown Lake Road 8686 (Lake Shore Drive) reconstruction. One purpose of the agreement is to secure the \$40,000.00 in matching funds budgeted for the project by the Tri-County RAC (Resource Advisory Committee). County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw discussed the proposed agreement with the Board. The Board postponed a decision.

During public comment, Mark Hudgens and Leah Hudgens met with the Board regarding specific expectations of Mark Hudgens as airport manager. The Board stressed that the airport board by-laws are important to be finalized and adopted; and that the airport board appears to be functioning well. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and indicated that since Mark Hudgens is not a paid airport manager that he can remain on the airport board without a conflict of interest. Mark Hudgens expressed his desire to obtain some private funding investment in Riddick Field at Philipsburg as a way to get the runway resurfaced.

The Board reviewed the proposed amendment to the by-laws for the Montana Association of Counties Workers Compensation Trust. The proposed amendment to Article IX "Termination Of Membership" paragraph 1.(b) is the addition of a sentence that the Trustees may require a resigning member to explain the member's reason for resigning. Commissioner Bonney moved to approve the amendment and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Courthouse custodian Janeen Bonney met with the Board for general discussion. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Janeen Bonney noted that the courthouse boiler project has been completed by Johnson Controls and the boilers are working well; and she suggested a maintenance contract after the one-year warranty expires. The new courthouse lighting project was discussed; it is in progress, but is not completed. Janeen Bonney suggested that the courthouse carpets be cleaned in June or July and the Board requested that she get a couple of estimates from professional cleaning companies. She indicated that a five-week boiler license class begins on April 18th in Butte, which she plans

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to take and she stated that she will then schedule the boiler operator’s license exam immediately following the conclusion of the class. The Board stressed that obtaining the required boiler operator’s license is the top priority.

Chairperson Bonney closed the session to discuss a personnel matter. Once back in open session, the Commission unanimously voted to terminate the employee’s employment with Granite County. A letter was to be promptly sent to notify the employee.

The Board reviewed an updated version of the position description for the Granite County Public Health Nurse. The Board agreed to postpone a decision until a copy of a similar position description is received from the Missoula City-County Health Department.

The session adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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April 12, 2017

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in special 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.

All members of the Board participated as members of the interview committee to select a new Granite County Extension Agent to replace Dan Lucas, who had resigned to become the MSU Extension Western Region Department Head. An interview was conducted with Gary Selby in the District Courtroom of the courthouse.

The session adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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April 18, 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 with The Electrical Connections (T.E.C.) of Philipsburg met with the Board to present change orders of the Courthouse Lighting Project. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and courthouse custodian Janeen Bonney attended. Jason Wingo reviewed that some changes have been made in the project as it progressed and that he would send proposed change order language to Attorney Bradshaw to be included in a formal, written change order agreement. Attorney Bradshaw will then prepare written change orders for the Board’s consideration. As part of the change orders, Jason Wingo presented a proposal from Ken Fillbach with Sunrise “11” Design to paint the interior dome area in the courthouse for \$7,920.00, as a subcontractor with The Electrical Connections. Commissioner Slaughter moved to approve this change order provided that T.E.C.’s insurance covers the additional

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amount and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. On another subject, Jason Wingo noted that ground breaking will occur soon on the new Philipsburg ambulance building construction near the Philipsburg Fire Department. He suggested that the ground be surveyed before the ground breaking and the Board agreed. He noted that the fire department has some funds to lend on local projects, such as the new ambulance building, and Attorney Bradshaw agreed to work with Philipsburg Town Attorney Robert Medof on the matter.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Mark Teague met with the Board to give his weekly report. Subjects discussed included use of the county's asphalt millings by the Town of Drummond, tree removal from the right-of-way on a short stretch of Rock Creek Road, and increased use of the roller on roads in the Philipsburg area. He presented a list of surplus road department equipment for the Board's action. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and the Board requested that he investigate the potential purchase of property adjoining the Hall Road Department Shop.

The Board noted receipt of Mark Teague's written resignation as the Road and Bridge Superintendent effective April 28, 2017. The Board accepted the resignation.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.72, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 35 cfs, according to the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 9.36 inches below full pool. The Board made no change in the outflow on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the proposed Road Project Agreement between Granite County and the Forest Service for Georgetown Lake Road 8686 (Lake Shore Drive) Reconstruction. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. The Board discussed the overall Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP), of which this agreement is a part. The Board agreed to discuss the proposed agreement with the Forest Service prior to making a decision and potentially conducting a public meeting on the project in the future.

The Board reviewed the proposed Grant of Right-Of-Way from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regarding Winter Trail E aka Summit Cabin Road. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and reviewed the proposed grant with the Board. Commissioner Slaughter moved to approve the Grant of Right-Of-Way and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

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

Chairperson Barton Bonney recessed the regular session at 10:30 a.m.

All members of the Board attended a Granite County Board of Health meeting. Minutes of that meeting are kept separately.

Chairperson Barton Bonney reconvened the regular session at 11:00 a.m.

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

Dave Stinar with AirMedCare Network (Reach Air Medical Services) air ambulance service met with the Board to discuss the benefits of the Municipal Site Membership. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. He reviewed that the membership would apply to Granite County residents and the membership is approximately \$13,600.00 annually. He noted that people without insurance are billed at 20% of Medicare rates. He emphasized that his company would not be Granite County's first call, but it would be Life Flight Network. Dave Stinar informed the Board that his company does not take people to collections. He noted that the company has 2.6 million members nationwide. The company has Meagher, Madison, Broadwater and Powell counties through the municipal membership program. He indicated that the company is owned by KKR which has billions of dollars in

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assets and owns 800 hospitals. He discussed balance billing, Medicaid's schedule, insurance payments, and self-pay clients. He noted that the municipal membership helps the company financially, as it gets paid for only 1 of every 2 flights. He noted that is memberships are no longer allowed in Montana due to legislative action, a refund would be made on the unused portion of the county's membership. He encouraged the Board to definitely go with Life Flight Network, as it is the primary provider of air ambulance service for Granite County, even if the Board does not select membership with his company. He reviewed that his company has had four calls from Granite County within the last year. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw met with the Board to discuss disposal of an abandoned mobile home in Drummond. Attorney Bradshaw indicated that the Town of Drummond intends to issue a notice of violation to the owner to remove it within 30 days and Commissioner Slaughter indicated that the Town of Drummond will cover the disposal expenses according to Mayor Gail Leeper. The Board discussed the process of dismantling a mobile home, which may be very complicated to sort into the various components. The Board agreed to discuss the matter further with Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper at a later date.

The Board reviewed a proposal from DIS Technologies of Billings for a security camera installation at the Granite County Jail. The proposal included installation of six cameras, wiring and associated computer equipment. Commissioner Slaughter moved to approve the proposal for a maximum of \$6,529.00 to be paid from the county building budget. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the one application received for the advertised Solid Waste Program Manager/Planning Board Secretary/Relief Transfer Site Attendant position. Cindy Carman, Waste Management Program Manager, participated in the discussion by speaker telephone. The Board agreed to postpone a decision on the position. Discussion was held on possibly combining the Solid Waste Program Manager position with the Road and Bridge Superintendent position, with a part-time secretarial position to assist the combined position.

The Board noted the receipt of the written resignation of Eugene Weathers as relief solid waste site attendant and relief courthouse custodian. The Board accepted the resignation.

Dustin Muhly, Jenne Pugh and Barbara Cahill, members of the Philipsburg Library Board, and Philipsburg Town Attorney Robert Medof met with the Board to discuss a proposed Philipsburg Joint Library District. Members of the group explained that they would like to enlarge the library district to include the boundaries of the Granite High School District to expand the library's tax base beyond the Town of Philipsburg. Future plans would be to move the Town Hall into the existing library area and move the library into the old fire hall space at the town hall building; and to include four public restrooms and a community space. Dustin Muhly indicated that library usage has changed significantly from physical books to computerized books, which can now be loaned from the library, and public computers are available. Preliminary plans are drawn and community usage has greatly increased in the past couple of years, according to Dustin Muhly. The group estimated that 60% of the library usage currently comes from outside the Town of Philipsburg. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and reviewed the Montana statutes regarding the ways in which a multi-jurisdictional library district can be formed. Commissioner Slaughter suggested that the library board hold some public meetings to get the public involved and to establish a funding level. The library is open until 7:00 p.m. two days per week and a librarian is available about 30 hours per week during library hours, according to Dustin Muhly. Jenne Pugh indicated that not everyone has a computer and some jobs must be applied for online, and the library can set policy to limit public use on library computers. Jenne Pugh reviewed the resources available at the library, including book lending from multiple libraries, GED instruction, and fishing licenses. Commissioner Slaughter expressed the importance of getting public involvement to determine which library services the public is interested in. Dustin Muhly indicated that he has contacted Philipsburg School Superintendent Mike Cutler and received the school's cooperation with the library board.

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During public comment, Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper contacted the Board by speaker telephone to discuss the disposal of an abandoned mobile home in Drummond. She indicated that she will review the town's ordinance regarding the required notice that it be removed. The Board discussed the apparent complications of dismantling a mobile home into various components prior to disposal. Discussion was held on the town's use of stockpiled county asphalt millings. Mayor Leeper indicated that 30 yards of millings is needed, which would be a lift of approximately 5 inches on a town street. The Board gave verbal permission for the Town of Drummond to use 30 yards of the county's asphalt millings and to use the county's roller for the project.

In an administrative action, the Board designated the Granite County earmarked alcohol tax money for the 2017-2018 fiscal year at 100% to the Western Montana Tri-County Addiction Services for prevention and outpatient services.

Marty Robson met with the Board to request the purchase of a tax deed lot in Philipsburg apparently owned by Granite County, described as the North ½ of Lot 13, Block 2, Rosalind Addition to the Town of Philipsburg. The Board discussed County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw's memo stating that the sale must be put out to public auction if the value is reasonably above the statutory value of \$2,500.00. Marty Robson offered to pay up to \$2,500.00 for the property. The Board established that the reasonable value of the property is \$2,490.00 and the Board agreed that Marty Robson obtain title insurance at his expense and that the property be sold to him for the amount of \$2,490.00. The actions were on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and agreed to draw up the required documents for the property transaction.

The Board reviewed the draft position description for the Granite County Public Health Nurse. The position description was approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Colette Fadness met with the Board to propose that she create a home health service to be operated from the Public Health Office in Drummond to provide the home services and involve surrounding counties and Philipsburg. She indicated that she is a certified nurse's aide and is a current home health aide under the existing home services program. She indicated that she would be interested in renting the county's public health office in Drummond. The Board provided a copy of the current contract with the Missoula City-County Health Department for public health nursing services to her for her information. The Board did not make any other decisions at this time regarding the County's Public Health Nurse position.

Granite County Airport Board Chairman Vince Reece met with the Board to give an airport board progress report. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Vince Reece reported that a courtesy car, a 1995 Jeep Commander, is now available at Riddick Field at Philipsburg. He explained that a lock box has been set up at the airport with a combination that only pilots would have available. Attorney Bradshaw stressed that clear policies and procedures needed to be in place in regard to this locked box and courtesy car. Vince Reese responded that the Airport Board was using standard policies used by other small airports. Attorney Bradshaw reiterated he believed this courtesy car issue to be a large exposure to liability for the County. Vince Reese further advised that sign-in sheet has been established which requires that an aircraft must be on the field and pilots must sign in and note the time out and time back in of the courtesy vehicle. Attorney Bradshaw did not feel that adequate procedures were in place yet as he advised that insurance information be provided by pilots using the courtesy car and that the locked box arrangement be modified to assure delinquents would not gain access. Attorney Bradshaw's concerns were noted by the Board. Next, Vince Reese also suggested that a combination lock be placed on the drive-through gate at the airport. Lastly, position of airport manager position was discussed and County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw suggested that this position be discussed and clarified by the Granite County Airport Board at its next meeting to make sure everyone was on the same page.

The session adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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April 25, 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. He discussed removing some trees on Rock Creek Road near Larry Clark's property and he noted that he had Larry Clark's permission. The Board held discussion with Ron Graham (Philipsburg Road Department) and Kyle Greany (Hall Road Department) to fill in following Mark Teague's departure at the end of this week. The Board requested that Ron Graham and Kyle Greany stay in touch with the Board regarding upcoming projects and equipment needs. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Discussion was held on limiting the Town of Drummond's use of the county's asphalt millings to the amount agreed upon of 30 cubic yards.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.78, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 35 cfs, according to the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 8.64 inches below full pool. The Board agreed to increase the outflow to 40 cfs on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Waste Management Manager Cindy Carman met with the Board by speaker telephone and reviewed the written report she had submitted to the Board. She reviewed items on her report on the Drummond Container Site, which had spring cleanup completed April 12th and that Madison County and Ruby Valley visited the compost site on April 7th. The Philipsburg site report included items on the purchase of a compressor, which Commissioner Adler agreed to obtain for the solid waste district. Discussion was held on possibly combining the Waste Management Manager position with the Road and Bridge Superintendent position. Cindy Carman reviewed the draft revised district policies and procedures with the Board. The Board agreed that they should be reviewed by the county attorney before being finalized. Summer transfer site hours were discussed, with 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday preferred. Cindy Carman agreed to work by telephone with transfer station supervisors John Kendall, Drummond, and Jodi Butler, Philipsburg, on updating their computers on a weekly basis.

The Board considered the draft revised position description for the Drummond Solid Waste Transfer Station Supervisor with Waste Management Manager Cindy Carman by speaker telephone. Commissioner Slaughter moved to approve the revised position description and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board considered the request by the state Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) for "No Parking" signs and enforcement on Rock Creek Road at the junction with Montana Secondary Highway 38 (Skalkaho Highway). The Board conferred with Sheriff Scott Dunkerson regarding the FWP request and he indicated that he is not in favor of his department taking on additional enforcement duties. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and advised that this appears to be the FWP pushing their and other state agency's regulatory and enforcement duties onto the County. Commissioner Slaughter moved to decline the request on the sheriff's recommendation and to advise the FWP not to install the "No Parking" signs on the county road. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Attorney Bradshaw agreed to notify Rory Zarling with FWP of the decision.

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The Board reviewed position descriptions for the county Road and Bridge Superintendent and the Solid Waste District Program Manager. The Board made no revisions to either position description. The Board agreed to advertise the position of Road and Bridge Superintendent and to re-advertise the position of Solid Waste District Program Manager to enlarge the applicant pool on the motion of Commissioner Bonney and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board conducted the quarterly inspection of the Granite County Jail with Sheriff Scott Dunkerson.

The Board considered Project Change Orders on the Courthouse Interior Lighting Project presented by Jason Wingo of The Electrical Connections (T.E.C.) of Philipsburg. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Jason Wingo explained that it will be difficult to wire the existing lobby wall sconces on the main floor due to limited space in which to work and additional wiring configuration. The Board questioned the "time and materials" itemizations on the change order he presented. Jason Wingo indicated that his charge is \$55/hour. He reviewed that the proposed labeling will include labels on all breaker boxes and all wall outlets in the building. The Board requested that he put "do not exceed" dollar amounts on each line item listed on the change order. He estimated that painting the ocular windows in the interior dome area would cost about \$200.00 each. Jason Wingo estimated that the additional labor for the entire change order will be under \$5,000.00 and the Board and Jason Wingo agreed that he will obtain prior approval from the Board if that amount is exceeded. Jason Wingo indicated that he will soon submit the information to Laura Howe of NCAT (National Center for Appropriate Technology) for her to apply for rebates from NorthWestern Energy for the lighting project. The Board requested that the county retain the existing historic wall sconce light fixtures (12 in total; 8 in main floor lobby area and 4 in upper lobby area near District Court) and Jason Wingo agreed. The Board noted a credit of \$3,580.00 on the finalized change order since the dropped ceiling in the County Commission was not removed and troffer lights were installed in the existing dropped ceiling. A written Change Order with these stated changes was agreed to and signed by the parties.

The Board reviewed the proposed Buy Sell Agreement, as drafted by County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, with Martin W. Robson for the purchase of the N1/2 of Lot 13, Block 2, Rosalind Addition to the Town of Philipsburg for \$2,490.00. Attorney Bradshaw attended. Commissioner Slaughter moved to approve and sign the agreement as written and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

During public comment, Karen Petersen met with the Board to request a signature to certify that the Granite County Soil Conservation District has expended all available mill money allocated to the district. Chairperson Bonney signed the certificate.

Also during public comment, Jennifer Hensiek, Missoula District Ranger with the Lolo Forest, contacted the Board by speaker telephone with information that blading on the Rock Creek Road will begin next week, including pulling ditches and heavier maintenance than is typically done. It will be done by the Bitterroot road crew; residents have been made aware that some brief delays may occur; she will notify the Board of a firm schedule when available and the Board agreed to forward it to the sheriff's office. Ranger Hensiek noted that the Recreation Management Strategy for Rock Creek is being worked on at this time and the district is looking at removing a couple of restrooms in the Rock Creek area to consolidate the workload; some camping areas have four campsites and eight toilets. Ranger Hensiek invited the local newspaper editor and the Board to a May 23rd meeting of a volunteer group at the Morgan Case Cabin. Commissioner Slaughter noted that generally there is a severe lack of parking places along Rock Creek for people to park to fish on Rock Creek, which is a nationally recognized fishing stream and attracts many people.

The Board noted the receipt of a letter from AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees), Deputies and Dispatch Unit, requesting that the collective bargaining agreement be opened for negotiations. The Board found language in the collective bargaining agreement that it does not expire until June 30, 2018; that the request missed the stated deadline of March 30th to request that the agreement be opened for negotiations; and that employees covered under the agreement receive the same cost of living allowances as other county employees. The Board denied the request, for the reasons

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outlined, on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. The motion carried. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw agreed to respond to the union.

The Board reviewed draft large wall maps of the county as compiled by Mapping and Planning Specialists (MaPS), the county's addressing contractor. The Board agreed to conduct further review at a later time.

Katherine Basirico, Anaconda-Deer Lodge County (ADLC) Public Health Director, met with the Board to discuss providing public health services to Granite County. The Board noted that the current agreement with the Missoula City-County Health Department will not be renewed when it expires on June 30, 2017, which was that department's decision. Discussion was held on which services could be provided through a potential ADLC agreement, including WIC, Asthma Program, storage and transportation of vaccine, the vaccinations for children program, services for prisoners at the jail for adequate follow up, FICMMR (Fetal, Infants and Children Mortality Medical Review), monthly reports, tracking transient school age children, potential use of Blue Cross/Blue Shield vaccination bus, and Area V Agency on Aging services. She informed the Board that the ADLC commission recently adopted an ordinance for the Local Advisory Committee (LAC) for mental health. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Chairperson Bonney recessed the regular session at 4:00 p.m.

All members of the Board attended the regular quarterly meeting of the Granite County Board of Health. Minutes of that meeting are kept separately.

Chairperson Bonney reconvened the regular session at 4:55 p.m.

The session adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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