

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD & 30TH OF MAY 2017 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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

WARRANT		AMOUNT
53065	PEERS FOUNDATION	AWARE 3 DUI PREVENTION \$975.00
53066	POSTMASTER	POSTAGE-SPECIAL FEDERAL ELECTION \$392.00
53067	FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK	PAYROLL & NOD FEE \$80,669.03
53068	360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES \$888.41
53069	A & M FIRE AND SAFETY, INC	EXTINGUISHERS & FIRST AID \$837.05
53070	AFFCO	SUPPLIES \$101.42
53071	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	ACETYLENE \$19.55
53072	ARCASEARCH	DIGITIZE MINUTES \$194.50
53073	BECKY SMITH	TRAVEL \$107.00
53074	BILL SLAUGHTER	TRAVEL \$42.80
53075	BLACKFOOT CFT	APRIL BILLING \$4,077.25
53076	BOB BARKER CO INC	PRISONER SANDALS \$7.92
53077	BOB'S QUALITY AUTO	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE \$451.00
53078	BUILDING CODES BUREAU	BOILER INSPECTION & OPERATING FEE \$132.00
53079	BUTTE PRODUCE	SUPPLIES \$374.32
53080	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE \$661.29
53081	CENTURYLINK	MT EMERGENCY BUNDLE SERVICE \$329.13
53082	CENTURYLINK	FCP PHONE \$55.83
53083	COLETTE ADELE FADNESS	TRAVEL \$645.90
53084	COMDATA	APRIL BILLING \$3,046.70
53085	CROP PRODUCTION SERVICES	CHEMICAL SUPPLIES \$16,794.52

53086	CULLIGAN	SUPPLIES	\$43.75
53087	DAVID SWANSON	TRAVEL	\$123.00
53088	DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY	AMBULANCE BUILDING PERMIT	\$1,229.00
53089	DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$3,446.72
53090	DRUMMOND AMBULANCE ASSOC	SUPPLIES	\$1,745.17
53091	DRUMMOND COMMUNITY HALL	RENT	\$300.00
53092	DUNNE COMMUNICATIONS	RADIO	\$421.50
53093	FAITH G WILSON	TRAVEL	\$428.00
53094	FASTENAL	SUPPLIES	\$89.55
53095	FISHER REPAIR	MAINTENANCE	\$47.50
53096	GEMPLERS INC	GOGGLES, GLOVES, APRONS	\$167.99
53097	GLEN KOLBECK	TRAVEL	\$123.00
53098	GRANITE AMMUNITION	AMMUNITION	\$380.00
53099	GRANITE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER	DOT EVALUATION	\$294.00
53100	GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$219.19
53101	GRANITE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$60.61
53102	GRANITE RECYCLING	RECYCLE PAPER & ALUMINUM	\$673.00
53103	GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$1,515.25
53104	HEALTHCARE BILLING, INC	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$130.67
53105	HELLGATE TOOL REPAIR	DIAGNOSTIC	\$15.00
53106	HENRY BARSOTTI	MEETING REFRESHMENTS	\$52.10
53107	HIGH TECH LINEN	RUGS	\$149.22
53108	HOGAN'S RANCH & BUILDERS	SUPPLIES	\$52.45
53109	HUFFMAN GROCERY	PRISONER MEALS & SUPPLIES	\$1,207.85
53110	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES	\$8.97
53111	I STATE TRUCK INC	BATTERY	\$317.39
53112	INLAND TRUCK PARTS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$2,288.00
53113	JANEEN BONNEY	TRAVEL	\$231.12
53114	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	\$618.93
53115	JOHNSON CONTROLS	COURTHOUSE BOILERS	\$1,057.60
53116	KARYN JOHNSTON, RN	CONFERENCES	\$680.62
53117	KNIFE RIVER	ASPHALT	\$1,438.91
53118	LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS, INC	SUPPLIES	\$123.00
53119	MACO	INMATE MED BUDGET PROTECTOR	\$129.60
53120	MAKENZIE ADLER	TRAVEL	\$123.00
53121	MAPS INC	ONGOING 911 MAPPING & SUPPORT	\$1,363.75
53122	MARGARET TALLON	TRAVEL	\$64.20
53123	MCGOWAN WATER COND, INC	HOT-N-COLD RENTAL	\$38.90
53124	METROPOLITAN COMPOUNDS	PATCH-IT KIT	\$648.20
53125	MICHAEL KAHOE	TRAVEL & SUPPLIES	\$134.84
53126	MICHELE PUIGGARI	REFERENCE CHECKS	\$90.00
53127	MISSOULA MOTOR PARTS	REPAIRS & SUPPLIES	\$90.29
53128	MONIDA HEALTHCARE NETWORK	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	\$103.39
53129	MONTANA AERONAUTICS	WINDSOCKS	\$92.46
53130	MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	LAND USE ROUNDTABLE	\$25.00
53131	MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH	SUPPLIES	\$140.82
53132	MT COALITION OF FOREST COUNTIES	FY17 DUES	\$1,459.68
53133	MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS	COST SHARE	\$3,175.00
53134	MONTANA WEED CONTROL ASSOC	WEED CLASS	\$75.00
53135	MT CO ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION	MCAA REGISTRATION	\$205.00
53136	N RICHARD DAY	TRAVEL	\$266.43
53137	NICO ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS INC	SERVICE CALL	\$430.10
53138	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO	EMULSION TOTES	\$5,477.40
53139	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	APRIL STATEMENTS	\$4,256.57
53140	PACIFIC STEEL & RECYCLING-BUTTE	20' CF ROUND	\$30.32
53141	PACIFIC STEEL - MISSOULA	WELD-ON HINGE	\$110.00
53142	PATRICIA BAUER	TRAVEL	\$124.66
53143	PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	ADS	\$576.00
53144	PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF	WATER/SEWER	\$441.50
53145	PINTLER PETROLEUM	FUEL & SUPPLIES	\$2,136.29
53146	POSTMASTER	BOX FEE	\$116.00
53147	POSTMASTER	BOX FEE	\$70.00
53148	QUILL CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	\$89.83
53149	RELENTLESS DBA DESERT SNOW	TRAINING	\$599.00
53150	REYNOLDS RADIATOR SERVICE	AAIR COOLER - COMPLETE CHARGE	\$800.00
53151	RIVERSIDE MARKET	SUPPLIES	\$211.54
53152	SATELLITE PHONE STORE	SATELLITE PHONE	\$93.02
53153	SCOTT ADLER	TRAVEL	\$101.65
53154	SOUTHWEST MT AGING SERVICES	2ND HALF MATCH	\$309.00
53155	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	SUPPLIES	\$202.95
53156	SUNRISE 11" DESIGN"	PAINT WINDOW SILLS	\$910.00
53157	TEC THE ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS	PAINT DOME	\$4,000.00
53158	TERRY JO VIETOR	SUPPLIES	\$309.93
53159	TITAN MACHINERY	HOSE, O-RING, ELBO	\$123.05
53160	TNT TRUCK PARTS	SPRINGS, ROD, PAD	\$1,217.00
53161	TRI-COUNTY SANITARIAN	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$12,072.26
53162	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	DOCUPRO IMAGE INTEGRATION	\$4,217.00
53163	VERIZON WIRELESS	UTILITIES	\$392.67

53164	WESTERN STATES EQUIPMENT	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$331.35
53165	WESTTEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC	MONTHLY SERVICE & MAINTENANCE	\$650.00
53166	WILLOWROCK INC	REVIEW SURVEYS	\$275.00
53167	WOODLAND CREATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$136.18
53168	XYBIX SYSTEMS INC	FLAT PANEL BRACKET	\$159.97
		CLAIMS FUND TOTAL	\$179,677.48

<u>WARRANT</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
18916	MARIANNE HAMILTON	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
18917	CYNTHIA CARMAN	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
18918	MARIA HOLLATZ	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
18919	MARK TEAGUE	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
18920	EUGENE WEATHERS	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
18921	AFL-CIO	\$390.20
18922	AFLAC INS	\$302.92
18923	CHRISTMAS CLUB	\$2,075.00
18924	COLONIAL	\$18.75
18925	FIT	\$9,903.50
18925	MEDICARE	\$3,654.66
18925	PERS	\$16,080.63
18925	PERS RETIREE	\$339.75
18925	SHERIFF RETIRE	\$4,120.00
18925	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$15,626.96
18925	TRS	\$39.59
18926	IUOE 400	\$484.75
18927	MACO DENTAL	\$2,204.00
18927	MACO VISION	\$528.00
18927	MACOHCT	\$41,226.00
18927	UNUMLIFE	\$868.05
18928	PEBSC	\$3,750.00
18929	SIT	\$5,224.00
18930	UNION - PENSION	\$566.19
	TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES	\$107,402.95

<u>WARRANT/NOD</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	ADLER, SCOTT C	COUNTY COMMISSIONER
	ANDERSON, MELINDA K	RELIEF
	BARSOTTI, JR, HENRY A	DES
	BAUER, MARJORIE	AREA V
	BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V
	BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT
	BONNEY, BARTON C	COMMISSIONER
	BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN
	BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER
	BRADSHAW, BLAINE C	COUNTY ATTORNEY
	BUTLER, JODI L	SOLID WASTE
	CARMAN, CYNTHIA L	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY
18917	CARMAN, CYNTHIA L	VACA/SICK PAYOUT
	CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N	DISPATCH
	CONRADS, ORWOLL B	ROAD MAINTENANCE
	DAY, JAN P	DEPUTY CLERK
	DAY, NELS R	DES COORDINATOR
	DUNKERSON, WAYNE S	SHERIFF
	FADNESS, COLETTE A	AREA V AIDE
	FRATZKE, DEBBIE	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
	GRAHAM, RONALD L	ROAD MAINTENANCE
	GRAHAM, SARAH E	DEPUTY CLERK & RECORDER
	GREANY, KYLE L	ROAD MAINTENANCE
	GROSVOLD, LACIE J	CLERK
18916	HAMILTON, MARIANNE	RELIEF CLERK
	HARDING, JEAN M	DISPATCHER
	HARDING, VICKI B	TREASURER
	HENNAGER, DEANNA L	DISPATCHER
	HOEHNE, JOHN W	ROAD MAINTENANCE
	HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE
18918	HOLLATZ, MARIA K	VACA/SICK PAYOUT
	HOUSE, ROBBI	TREASURER'S OFFICE
	HULTMAN, TY R	DEPUTY
	JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE
	KAHOE, MICHAEL	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
	KANE, KATHERINE	DISPATCHER
	KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE
	KENDALL, JOY J	SOLID WASTE RELIEF

KINGREY, ELWYN	JUNK VEHICLE	\$368.28
KOLBECK, GLEN G	RELIEF	\$105.39
LATRAY, DANETTE L	TREASURER DEPUTY	\$3,143.34
LEHNEN, VICTORIA A	DISPATCHER	\$2,459.04
MCDONNELL, FRED N	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$609.00
MCLURE, BLANCHE A	CLERK & RECORDER	\$4,085.65
OLSEN, RICK C	DEPUTY	\$3,280.86
OWENS, NANCY	RELIEF	\$382.08
PALMER, KAREN P	COUNTY AGENT SEC	\$2,150.40
PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY	\$2,662.40
PAWLAK, KIMBERLY	FLOATING CLERK	\$1,237.82
PETERS, DEBORAH A	DISPATCHER RELIEF	\$335.84
PETERS, STEVEN D	DEPUTY	\$3,340.93
RUSSELL, JAMES R	DEPUTY	\$3,524.28
SHORT, GERVIN	UNDERSHERIFF	\$3,647.57
SLAUGHTER, BILL L	COMMISSIONER	\$1,956.27
SMITH, REBECCA	PHEP COORDINATOR	\$1,221.60
TALLON, MARGARET	COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIALIST	\$234.00
TEAGUE, MARK A	ROAD SUPERVISOR	\$4,607.60
18919 TEAGUE, MARK A	VACA/SICK PAYOUT	\$3,354.69
VIETOR, TERRY J	CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE	\$1,152.00
WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$2,824.00
18920 WEATHERS, EUGENE W	VACA/SICK PAYOUT	\$631.17
WEST, WILLIAM H	DAM TENDER	\$132.62
WILSON, FAITH GRACE	AREA V AIDE	\$802.40
61 EMPLOYEES	TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	\$130,275.82

GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

May 2, 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.

Treasurer Vicki Harding met with the Board and presented financial reports for the months of February and March 2017. February 2017 including a cash analysis, a checking account register, STIP investments of \$7,284,678.53, pledged securities in the amount of \$500,000.00 held at Glacier Bank and pledged securities in the amount of \$440,000.00 held at Granite Mountain bank; March 2017 including a cash analysis, a checking account register, CD investments of \$529,775.45, STIP investments of \$6,824,440.66, pledged securities in the amount of \$500,000 held at Glacier Bank and pledged securities in the amount of \$440,000 held at Granite Mountain Bank.

Georgetown lake level was reported at 6,428.71 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 40 cfs, according to the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 9.48 inches below full pool. The Board made no adjustment in the outflow on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Granite County Election Administrator Blanche McLure met with the Board to request that the Post-Election Audit Committee for the May 25, 2017, special federal election be canceled because the ballots will be counted by hand, therefore an audit committee is not required. The Board agreed to the request on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2017-5 "A Granite County Resolution Combining Polling Places For County Precinct Nos. 9 and 10 Only For The Special Federal Election On May 25, 2017." There was no public comment.

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON Granite County Hospital District met with the Board to present the monthly financial update. The update included a financial report with projected cash reserves of \$134,833 (11 days of operation), an administrators report dated April 25, 2017, a patient census report, a utilization statistics overview, financial balance sheet dated March 31, 2017, and a statement of cash flows. She detailed the recent results of the April 3, 2017, unannounced survey report. She reported that the Helmsley Charitable Trust grant

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was received for a 32 slice CT scan and an anonymous foundation grant was received for the building to house the CT scan equipment, and another grant application will be submitted soon to the MJ Murdock Charitable Trust for additional CT scan expenses.

Philipsburg Mayor Brett Hamilton, Town Attorney Robert Medof and Jean McKinney met with the Board. Mayor Hamilton submitted a letter from John Johnson regarding animal control and requesting cooperation between the county and the towns. Jean McKinney explained that she follows up on all of the dog complaints and she inquired if there was an animal control officer in the county. Mayor Hamilton inquired if there was a county ordinance about vicious dogs; he would like to have an ordinance which would work for both in the county and in the town. Mayor Hamilton explained that the town has not been enforcing the town's ordinance. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw indicated that there is a vicious dog ordinance and also a state statute regarding vicious dogs. Jean McKinney explained that she has been operating a dog rescue operation for several years. Commissioner Slaughter suggested that both ordinances should be consistent and that the matter should be studied; possibly to include an animal control officer which could potentially be jointly funded by both towns (Drummond and Philipsburg) and the county; including potentially issuing county dog licenses; and involve the sheriff, who is the county humane officer by statute. Jean McKinney indicated that she has been involved on a part-time basis and has purchased her own microchip reader. Mayor Hamilton requested that the county work with the town towards a solution. He related that dog tags in Philipsburg had gone way down even at \$5 each and now the town council membership has changed. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that the topic will require additional study about whether the people of the county want additional fees and regulations. Chairperson Bonney indicated that he observes dogs chasing wildlife frequently at Georgetown Lake. Planning Director Linda Bouck indicated that in Anaconda that Pintler Pets receives a local government subsidy in order to operate; she also indicated that dog tags would be extremely difficult to enforce in the county. Commissioner Adler emphasized that Drummond should be included. The Board noted that it could be discussed at the joint meeting with the Town of Drummond scheduled for tomorrow. On another subject, Mayor Hamilton reported that the legislature has increased the gas tax, which will benefit the town, and the town received a \$35,000 grant for the trail near the town park south of town and a park board has been created. He reviewed what has been paid by the town for weed spaying and they are not satisfied with the results. Attorney Bradshaw indicated that it is a misdemeanor under state statute for landowners to not spray weeds which is generally not enforced in the state but it could be enforced. Mayor Hamilton would like to get the noxious weeds in town under control, particularly around the town's infrastructure; he requested the county's cooperation with weed control. Commissioner Slaughter suggested better communication between the town and the county Weed Department. On another subject, Mayor Hamilton noted that there is a lot of real estate activity in town; Philip McDonald is planning a 31 lot subdivision on approximately 10 acres in town. Planning Director Linda Bouck indicated that it would go through the Planning Board and then to the Town Council for final approval. Mayor Hamilton and town attorney Medof indicated that buyers should practice their own due diligence. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that the town should absolutely rely on Planning Director Linda Bouck throughout the process. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended. She also commented as a citizen about the lack of services in the Town of Philipsburg that dog owners receive for having a dog license fee.

As an administrative matter, the Board requested that Planning Director Linda Bouck investigate where the Black Pine Road, a county road, may have been moved during reclamation work at the Black Pine Mine and report back to the Board.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2017-6 "A Resolution Amending Granite County Resolution 2016-21 And Setting Granite County's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Including Salaries Of All Granite County Elected Officials, And Wage Increases For Granite County Employees For The Said Fiscal Year." There was no public comment.

Martin Robson met with the Board regarding a Quit Claim Deed from Granite County for the N1/2 of Lot 13, Block 2, Rosalind Addition to the Town of Philipsburg. He had agreed to pay \$2,490.00 for the property, according to the Buy Sell Agreement dated April 25, 2017. Martin Robson presented a personal check to the Board in the amount of \$2,490.00, which was deposited with the Granite County Treasurer. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and presented the Quit Claim Deed for Chairperson Bonney's signature.

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Commissioner Slaughter moved that the quit claim deed be signed and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. It should be noted that this property was sold without need for public auction as the law allows an exemption from the public auction requirement for certain low valued property. The County obtained three market analyses on this property, and the value of the property made it exempt from the public auction requirements in state statute.

The Board deferred a decision on the revised Solid Waste District Policies and Procedures Manual.

Cameron Rasor and Amanda Weaver, Range Management Specialists with the Pintler Ranger District of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, met with the Board regarding the proposed Road Project Agreement between Granite County and the Forest Service for Georgetown Lake Road 8686 (Lake Shore Drive) reconstruction. Cameron Rasor reviewed that the proposed agreement will preserve the \$40,000.00 allocated in RAC (Tri-County Resource Advisory Committee) funds as a match for the FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) grant which the county has received for reconstruction of the road. It is expected to be available in 2019. Discussion was held on how the contractor would be hired for the project and whether soft match (county in-kind work) is acceptable on the project. The Board also discussed how additional match funds will be obtained. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and agreed to research the matter of easements and how they would be transferred to the county. The Board postponed a decision on the road project agreement. The proposed Schedule A Road Maintenance Plan was reviewed. The Board agreed to provide a water truck for the Forest Service motor grader if moisture is needed on a road late in the season. It was noted that Granite County's responsibilities in the agreement are not changed from the previous year. Discussion was held on special use permits held by the Georgetown Lake Volunteer Fire Department for water fill sites and a fire hall at Georgetown Lake. Commissioner Slaughter moved for approval of the 2017 Road Maintenance Plan and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. On another subject, Cameron Rasor informed the Board that property owners on Viking Lane in the Lost Sapphire Ranch are again approaching the Forest Service regarding the road. Cameron Rasor reviewed the Forest Service easements involved. Also on another subject, Commissioner Slaughter informed Cameron Rasor and Amanda Weaver of the poor condition of the Black Pine Reclamation Project and the apparent relocation/moving of the county road without permission.

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

As an administrative matter, the Board agreed that the regular meeting the first week of July 2017 will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2017, as Tuesday, July 4, 2017, is the Independence Day holiday.

The Board considered the Area V Agency on Aging FY2017 Contract Revision for a budget amendment to contract number A516-003-C. The contract revision was agreed to on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Bonney. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Don Leatham and Dominic Pomponio with Life Flight Network met with the Board to discuss the membership program and the effects of the recent actions by the Montana legislature. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Sheriff Scott Dunkerson attended. Dominic Pomponio gave a history of the company and the services it provides. He noted that the company had been previously approached by Powell County and has a membership agreement with Powell County for residents of that county. He indicated that the company is interested in providing a membership agreement to Granite County, but he requested additional time for the provisions of HB73, passed by the Montana legislature and signed by the governor, to be deciphered by the company's legal department. Discussion was held on when the service may or may not be medically necessary. He reviewed that the agreement, if and when agreed to, would provide that a county resident would be flown at no charge under a limited membership through the county. Individual memberships would then be sold by the company to county residents for coverage anywhere in the network (providers in all northwest states). Also, Life Flight can transfer patients by fixed wing aircraft, as well as by helicopter. Discussion was held on reasons of why the legislation was passed. The Board requested that the company representatives return for the Board's consideration of covering

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first responders, even though a county membership may not be possible. Dominic Pomponio and his company's lawyers would be reviewing the recent legislation passed and would get back to the Board with options.

Commissioner Adler excused himself from the session at 3:15 p.m.

Engineer Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering of Helena met with the Board by telephone conference call regarding the amount of funding withheld by state DES (Disaster and Emergency Services) for the Travelers Home Flood Mitigation Project. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Jeremiah Theys advised the Board that it was never a condition of the grant award that funds could be withheld; also, that the project is essentially 99.9% complete and the county has not requested additional funds from FEMA for required additional work; and that withholding 60% of the funds is unfair considering the amount of work remaining to be done, which is only revegetation and weed control. The Board requested that Attorney Bradshaw write a letter to the state DES Director to request that additional funds be released. On another subject, a letter from the FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) regarding the spillway at the Flint Creek Dam was reviewed and the new focused spillway assessments requirement was discussed. Also, the South Main Street Bridge across the Clark Fork River near Drummond was discussed. Jeremiah Theys agreed to prepare a scope of work and a task order for that project for the Board's consideration.

The session adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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May 3, 2017

The Board met in special session with the Town of Drummond at 6:10 p.m. at the Drummond School and Community Library in Drummond. Commissioners Barton Bonney and Bill Slaughter attended. Commissioner Scott Adler was absent this day. Others attending from Granite County were County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. Attending from the Town of Drummond were Mayor Gail Leeper, Town Attorney Jana McGill and Councilor Cary McLure. Also attending were Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper and Jean McKinney with K9RSQ of Maxville.

Mayor Leeper called the meeting to order, followed by the pledge of allegiance. No introductions were necessary as all present knew each other.

Economic development was discussed and Mayor Leeper indicated that the next scheduled meeting is May 9 at 2:00 p.m. at the Drummond Town Hall. She noted that people from throughout the county are encouraged to attend and that Joe Willauer of Headwaters RC&D may be requested to provide some further facilitation for the group. Commissioner Slaughter informed the group that a courtesy car for pilots is now available at the Riddick Field Airport at Philipsburg.

Commissioner Bonney gave a Granite County update, including that Kent Barnes with the Montana Department of Transportation Bridge Bureau has indicated that \$35,000 is likely available for assistance with the South Main Street Bridge Project (bridge over the Clark Fork River at Drummond). The county is in the process of proceeding with engineering on the project with plans to complete the bridge project (overlay) this summer. Councilor McLure requested that the project not interfere with events at the Drummond Rodeo Grounds and that the annual rodeo is scheduled for July 8 and 9. Discussion was held on the proposed Fish, Wildlife and Parks fishing access and boat ramp planned on the Clark

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Fork River at the Bearmouth exit from Interstate 90. Commissioner Slaughter noted that the Commissioners and the sheriff have opposed the project due to its location and that the owner of the Bearmouth Chalet has offered to allow those services to be provided there. Also, adjoining landowners, particularly the Weavers, have opposed the Bearmouth fishing access project, which would include restrooms and a dumpster. There was concern voiced that FWP may go ahead with the project because the state owns the land there. Mayor Leeper indicated that Drummond has a boat launch site at the town park which has been very successful, but it is in an open location and is carefully watched.

Mayor Leeper gave a Town of Drummond update, including plans to paint the water tower inside and out, and to do work on the irrigation bridge on South Main Street. It is hoped that all the street and bridge work on South Main Street can be well coordinated. Chad Koon, engineer with the firm of Kadermas, Lee and Jackson of Helena, is the town's engineer on that bridge and street improvements project. Mayor Leeper also reported the Montana Limestone Project is moving forward and is in the process of completing environmental paperwork with DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality). Commissioner Slaughter indicated that there is a cleanup project planned on a contaminated lake north of Walkerville which will include a serpentine ditch utilizing large amounts of limestone. Mayor Leeper expressed appreciation for the use of the county millings and roller for a recent street improvement. She also noted that the town is applying for a grant for sidewalks and a walking path to coincide with the Kiwanis Park.

Philipsburg Mayor Brett Hamilton was unable to attend to give a Philipsburg update.

As public comment, Jean McKinney read from a letter from Philipsburg Town Councilor John Johnson to Philipsburg Mayor Brett Hamilton suggesting a working agreement with the towns and county officials to provide necessary facilities for canine rescue and lost dogs. Jean McKinney reported that she has been providing the service since 2011 on a voluntary basis, with some donations, but cannot continue to do so without some financial assistance. She stated that her purpose is strictly for the animals and she has personally invested in equipment, including a chip reader to identify dog ownership, and has the expenses of mileage and dog food. Mayor Leeper indicated that Drummond has a dog ordinance, but it is not enforced. Jean McKinney noted that she does not respond to personal calls, only to calls from the sheriff's office. Mayor Leeper suggested that some funds could be added to the town's agreement for law enforcement services since budget time is coming up. Jean McKinney stressed that she does not want to be an enforcer, but would provide emergency temporary foster care for dogs and she noted that she has been very successful in finding dog owners, usually within 24 hours. Commissioner Slaughter suggested that it could be an agenda item for the county to consider animal rescue and shelter in the upcoming sheriff's budget to avoid deputies having to respond to calls regarding dogs. Town Attorney McGill stated that an addendum could be made to the current law enforcement agreement with Drummond to include animal emergency rescue and shelter, but specifically not enforcement of ordinances. County Attorney Bradshaw indicated that it could be handled through the existing law enforcement agreements with Drummond and Philipsburg or through a new agreement directly with the county. Jean McKinney noted that the service is becoming financially overwhelming and also that she does not want to be in the position of having dogs dumped at her door.

The next joint meeting was scheduled at for Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at Georgetown Lake at the Georgetown Lake Volunteer Fire Hall on Fire Lane

Participants thanked Mayor Leeper for providing refreshments courtesy of the Drummond Culinary Class which had recently participated in a national competition in South Carolina.

The join meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

May 9, 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 Foreman Ron Graham met with the Board and gave his report. Kyle Greany was not available as he was attending a motor grader seminar. Discussion was held on the road maintenance agreement with the Forest Service and on road maintenance at Georgetown Lake. Asphalt millings may be available from the Montana Department of Transportation on Highway One for use in the Georgetown Lake area. Tree removal to widen Rock Creek Road near Larry Clark's property was discussed. Ron Graham will get a written proposal from a logger working in the area and written permission from Larry Clark. A gravel crusher may be in the area, possibly in July.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.81 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 40 cfs, according to the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 8.28 inches below full pool. The Board expressed concern about sending water over the spillway due to potential erosion. Commissioner Adler moved to allow Commissioner Bonney to adjust the outflow daily due to any extraordinary events. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw met with the Board and reported that Anaconda-Deer Lodge County had passed an ordinance to participate in a mental health Local Advisory Committee (LAC). He presented a draft a resolution, No. 2017-8, "A Granite County Resolution Establishing A Mental Health Local Advisory Board AKA The Pintler Mental Health Local Advisory Board (PMH-LAC) In Participation With Anaconda-Deer Lodge County," for the Board's consideration. The structure of the committee was discussed and an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Anaconda-Deer Lodge County will be considered. The Board agreed that the resolution will be put on a future Board agenda.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2017-5 "A Granite County Resolution Combining Polling Places For County Precinct Nos. 9 and 10 Only For The Special Federal Election On May 25, 2017." Commissioner Slaughter moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2017-6 "A Resolution Amending Granite County Resolution 2016-21 And Setting Granite County's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Including Salaries Of All Granite County Elected Officials, And Wage Increases For Granite County Employees For The Said Fiscal Year." County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw explained that the 14 cent raise, through an inadvertent error, had not been included in the base wages for elected officials in the original Resolution. Commissioner Adler moved to adopt the Resolution and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2017-7 "A Granite County Resolution Acknowledging Summit Cabin Road Is A Public Road Within Granite County And Setting Policy Regarding This Public Road." County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that the county acknowledges that the Summit Cabin Road is a public road which will be open year around. A map, to be provided by Planning Director Linda Bouck, will be attached designating the road from the Cave Gulch Road to the Deep Creek Road. There was no public comment.

The Board considered the Road Project Agreement between Granite County and the U.S. Forest Service for Georgetown Lake Road 8686 (Lake Shore Drive) reconstruction. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. The second reading was postponed pending additional language regarding the county's matching funds, which Attorney Bradshaw will add to the agreement.

The Board considered the U.S. Forest Service Special Use Permit for 2.76 acres for Riddick Field Airport for operation and maintenance of the paved runway. County Attorney

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Blaine Bradshaw attended and reviewed some items in the permit which may not be to the county's benefit and that the permit gives the Forest Service broad powers, but is non-negotiable as far as the Forest Service is concerned. Commissioner Slaughter moved to accept the permit and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Commissioner Adler excused himself from the session at 11:30 a.m.

Planning Director Linda Bouck met with the Board to report on the potential unauthorized physical alteration/movement of Black Pine Road, a county road during the Black Pine Mine Reclamation Project. She reviewed the 2014 document "Conceptual Repository Design Technical Memorandum for Black Pine Mine prepared for Montana Department of Environmental Quality Federal Superfund Section prepared by Herrera Environmental Consultants Inc. in association with Trihydro Corporation" which indicates that the road will be moved, although it appears that Granite County never approved of this. She reviewed some provisions of the Memorandum which may not have been followed, including that there would be no standing water and that a winter cap was supposed to be in place, including a tarp material. She noted that the Board commented in 2009 to U.S. Department of Justice and MT DEQ by letter noticing to them that there is a county road in the area. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw reviewed that he is also doing some work for the Granite County Conservation District on the matter.

Tom Winter, with Interim Health Care of Western Montana of Missoula, met with the Board to request a letter of support to the state Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) to provide home health services in Granite County. He explained the general concept of home health as a benefit under Medicare and the state Certificate of Need (CON) process with DPHHS. He indicated that county Public Health Nurse Karyn Johnston has offered a letter of support. He reviewed that current plans call for contract workers to be based in Granite County and that some governmental funds are available to support the business. The CON would be for Ravalli, Mineral and Granite Counties. Interim Health Care is a franchise, originally based in the mid-west. Tom Winter anticipates that the CON will be issued in time, at least for Granite and Mineral Counties, and DPHHS estimates that there is an annual need of between 58 and 72 people who could utilize the service. The Board emphasized the necessity of hiring local people at a living wage.

During public comment, Bob Steffan and Ken Hood met with the Board regarding establishing toilet facilities near the junction of Rock Creek Road and the Marshall Creek Road. They would like to install a chemical toilet on county right-of-way near the big sign in that area to prevent people from using the outdoors as restroom facilities. Bob Steffan indicated that Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) purchased a parcel of land 19 years ago from Jim Gillies to install an improved boat ramp, but it has never been built. The men are requesting that a temporary chemical toilet be installed in May and June, which are busy months for that area of Rock Creek. Commissioner Slaughter suggested that they contact FWP as he is not in favor of encouraging people to park on the county road right-of-way.

Granite County Airport Board members Vince Reece and Mark Hudgens met with the Board. Vince Reece had questions on the airport ordinances (resolution) adopted in December 2016, which he noted were recommended by a meeting of the Granite County Airport Board that he believed did not have a quorum. He inquired if it was possible to rescind the rules and regulations. Commissioner Slaughter reviewed the process when the resolution was adopted by the county. Mark Hudgens indicated that he and Vince Reece had reviewed the rules for consideration by the airport board, but he recalled that there was not a quorum at the airport board meeting in which they were recommended. Vince Reece indicated that members of the airport board are not now in favor of the regulations and it is on the airport board agenda for a meeting scheduled for May 15, 2017. He reviewed that most of the rules are covered by federal and state regulations and many relate to a lease agreement, but no leases are in place. Commissioner Slaughter reviewed the rules one by one and indicated that the regulations can be revised by the Board of Commissioners through the proper process. Vince Reece inquired when the regulations are going to be enforced and

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by whom; he would like to be reasonable about enforcement and time allowed for compliance; he has sent a copy of the regulations to all hangar owners at Riddick Field; and it will be a topic at the upcoming airport board meeting. Mark Hudgens indicated that County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw is planning to attend next week's airport board meeting. Vince Reece read a written statement regarding the airport board meetings and operation of the airport board. He stated that he does not want to have any one-on-one meetings with any airport board members. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that it is not the Board's intention to hinder the operation and the value of the airport board. Mark Hudgens indicated that the rules can have lenience at the discretion of the airport manager. Vince Reece indicated that he has tried to be reasonable in the enforcement of the regulations. Commissioner Slaughter stated that the rules were adopted in order to move the airport ahead. Mark Hudgens inquired whether the Board's position has changed regarding resurfacing the runway at Riddick Field. The Board indicated that an evaluation of the current surface and base should be done. Mark Hudgens indicated that by his visual inspection that there is no failure of the base. Vince Reece indicated that he has spoken to an engineering firm which recommended that a pavement section through core drilling be obtained in order to ascertain the condition of the runway and base. The Board requested that the subject be brought up at an airport board meeting to come up with a recommendation. Mark Hudgens requested that he have available the draft minutes of meetings and the Board indicated that airport subjects must be specifically on the agenda to give appropriate public notice. Mark Hudgens requested that a trash can he has donated be stenciled as airport property. Also attending was Leah Wilde. It should be noted that draft minutes are not released and given out until they have been approved by the Board of County Commissioners, per a recent Montana Attorney General Opinion.

The session adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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May 16, 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 Department Report: Commissioner Bonney reported that roads have been bladed and some asphalt patching has been done in the Georgetown Lake area.

Kenny Bell, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division of the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, contacted the Board by speaker telephone as public comment regarding the establishment of a mental health Local Advisory Council (LAC) in conjunction with Anaconda-Deer Lodge County. He advised the Board that he is in favor of the establishment of a joint LAC.

Georgetown Lake level was reported 6,428.97 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 43.5 cfs, according to the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 6.36 inches below full pool and the lake is up approximately 2.04 inches in the last seven days. The Board noted that ice off occurred on May 10, 2017. The Board agreed to make no adjustment in the outflow on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Bob Roberts and Casey Hackathorn with Trout Unlimited met with the Board to present information on the Rock Creek Natural Resource Planning and Assessment Project,

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which is being done in partnership with the Granite County Conservation District. The plan is to take a larger look at the entire Rock Creek drainage than just water quality, including other natural resource issues, including agriculture; to work with issues that are of mutual benefit to land owners and the fishery, and to improve diversion structures by including fish screens. Commissioner Adler commented unfavorably about the Harvey Creek Fish Barrier Project and the installations included in that project. The Board emphasized that the projects should include public access and parking, which is limited on Rock Creek. Bob Roberts noted that the NRDP (Natural Resource Damage Program) is rewriting its plan next year and that is the time to include the objective of public access and parking in conjunction with DEQ for a Watershed Restoration Plan for Rock Creek. An informational letter is going out to the residents of Rock Creek, which will be followed by a public meeting. Discussion was held on the upcoming Fred Burr Creek Cleanup Project. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

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

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2017-7 "A Granite County Resolution Acknowledging Summit Cabin Road Is A Public Road Within Granite County And Setting Policy Regarding This Public Road." Commissioner Slaughter moved for adoption of Resolution 2017-7 and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2017-8 "A Granite County Resolution Establishing A Mental Health Local Advisory Board AKA The Pintler Mental Health Local Advisory Board (PMH-LAC) In Participation With Anaconda-Deer Lodge County." Kenny Bell had expressed earlier in the day that he is in favor of the resolution.

The Board reviewed and evaluated the applications for the Granite County Road and Bridge Superintendent position and the Solid Waste Program Manager/Planning Board Secretary/Relief Transfer Station Attendant position. Both positions had been advertised in the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper and on the county's website. Commissioner Slaughter moved to accept the waiver request made by one applicant regarding the high school diploma or GED requirement due to his experience and computer knowledge. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Board agreed to conduct interviews with the qualified candidates at the regular session scheduled for May 23, 2017.

Commissioner Adler excused himself from the session at noon.

Vince Reece and Mark Hudgens, members of the Granite County Airport Board, met with the Board to report on that board's meeting held yesterday. Vince Reece presented a copy of the draft minutes of the meeting. Vince Reece reviewed meeting highlights, including proposed amendments to Resolution No. 2016-14, a runway boring proposal/seeking pavement section, security at Riddick Field, weather reporting station grant, Drummond Airport and preview of board priorities and mission statement. Mark Hudgens noted that in his experience at several airports that aircraft liability insurance has always been required. Vince Reece reviewed that there is no state or federal law requiring aircraft insurance. He also noted that the County's general liability insurance for the Philipsburg and Drummond Airports is the same premium as the previous year. Mark Hudgens noted that the public comment at the meeting was against any rules and regulations at Riddick Field as government overreach. Discussion was held on some potential amendments. Vince Reece indicated that a person at the meeting is considering building an aircraft and inquired what time limit would be set on that situation. Commissioner Slaughter indicated his stance that there must be some rules and regulations, even though it is a small rural airport. Mark Hudgens indicated that the purpose of requiring an airworthiness certificate was meant to discourage hangar use without active aviation purposes. The Board noted that some revision of the rules and regulations may be in order. Vince Reece reported that the airport board's feeling is that the runway boring/testing needs to be done to move forward and he is anticipating receiving another estimate, in addition to the one he has received. The pursuit of grant funding was discussed, in conjunction with private investment and a long range plan. Vince Reece noted that recent federal action has increased potential funding for small airports. Riddick Field security was discussed, as was a weather station grant. The current fiscal year's airport budget was reviewed, including a capital improvement fund of

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\$123,000.00. Commissioner Slaughter moved to accept the airport board minutes for 5-15-2017 and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Becky Smith, Granite County Public Health Emergency Program (PHEP) Coordinator, met with the Board for the annual renewal of the PHEP grant agreement with the state Department of Public Health and Human Services for the 2017-2018 fiscal year in the amount of \$26,074.00. Chairperson Bonney signed the agreement.

During public comment, Cassie O’Leary with Action Inc. of Butte met with the Board to explain the Summer Youth Work Program and the Young Adult Work Experience Program, which is available all year. She noted that the program pays the salary, provides job coaching and works with the participants, and the programs are available to qualified Granite County residents.

The Board considered the proposed Road Project Agreement between Granite County and the U.S. Forest Service for Georgetown Lake Road 8686 (Lake Shore Drive) Reconstruction (FS Agreement No. 17-RO-11010200-007). Commissioner Bonney stated that this agreement ties up the \$40,000.00 in budgeted RAC (Tri-County Resource Advisory Committee) funds for use on this project. Commissioner Bonney moved to approve the agreement and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. The Board noted that Commissioner Adler had previously expressed his opposition to the agreement.

The Board considered the potential unauthorized physical alteration/movement of Black Pine Road, a county road. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Planning Director Linda Bouck attended. Attorney Bradshaw presented a draft letter to Thad Adkins, legal counsel with Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), which is in charge of the Black Pine Mine Cleanup Project; Federal Superfund Section. Commissioner Slaughter moved that the letter be sent from the county attorney’s office to DEQ demanding corrective action, as drafted, and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the draft task order for engineering services by Great West Engineering of Helena for rehabilitation of the South Main Street Bridge over the Clark Fork River at Drummond. The Board agreed that the task order should include communication and coordination with the Town of Drummond’s engineer regarding the town’s planned overlay of South Main Street from the bridge to Broad Street. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw agreed to notify engineer Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering of the requested additional language.

The session adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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May 23, 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. Commissioner Slaughter requested a moment of silence in memory of Broadwater County Sheriff’s Deputy Mason Moore who was killed recently in the line of duty.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.11 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 50.3 cfs at the weir pond, according to the dam tender’s report. The lake is approximately 4.68 inches below full pool. The Board made no change in the outflow on the

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motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

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

The Board considered the county contribution to the County's employee health insurance coverage with the Montana Association of Counties Health Care Trust. Clerk and Recorder Blanche McLure met with the Board and explained the allowable permissive levy and the share of entitlement. Commissioner Adler moved to continue to pay the full employee premium for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2017-8 "A Granite County Resolution Establishing A Mental Health Local Advisory Council Board AKA The Pintler Mental Health Local Advisory Council (PMH-LAC) In Participation With Anaconda-Deer Lodge County." Commissioner Adler questioned the unequal participation of three members from Granite County and four members from Anaconda-Deer Lodge County. Discussion was held that this is proposed to be a local program and it may be difficult to get people to participate. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw explained that the next step would be for Granite County to mutually negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Anaconda-Deer Lodge County. Commissioner Slaughter moved for adoption of Resolution 2017-8 and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Commissioner Adler abstained from the vote.

The Board considered the request for a letter of support for Interim HealthCare to establish a home health agency in Granite County. The Board agreed to send the letter of support to the state Department of Public Health and Human Services with a copy to Interim HealthCare in Missoula.

The Board held a telephone conference call with Nik Griffith and Sarah Nicolai with DOWL Engineering in Helena to participate in an interview as a stakeholder in the Gold Creek Safety Rest Area. Sarah Nicolai explained the two options being studied: To make a truck parking only safety rest area or to completely close the site and remove the on and off ramps. Commissioner Adler suggested that a safety rest area for truck parking and a vault toilet should be available. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that rest areas are too far apart in general and he reviewed the high usage of the highway between Missoula and Helena; also, the people using the highway are paying fuel taxes to pay for the costs of rest areas which are very important to highway safety. Commissioner Adler noted that the old weigh station site west of Drummond is heavily used and it is a mess because it is not maintained. The Board voiced strong opposition to the complete closure of the Gold Creek site and favored investment of funds in infrastructure rather than in staffing. The Board agreed to send a letter expressing the Board's opposition to the complete closure of the rest area. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

The Board considered an invoice from the Natural Resource Damage Program (NRDP) in the amount of \$13,078.00 for the county's share of the Harvey Creek Fish Barrier Project. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and the Board discussed the invoice with him. Commissioner Slaughter moved to pay the invoice only upon approval from project engineer Great West Engineering and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Commissioner Adler voted against the motion.

Disaster and Emergency Services (DES)/Safety Coordinator Rick Day met with the Board to provide a general update. He requested, on Sheriff Scott Dunkerson's behalf, a moment of silence in memory of Broadwater County Sheriff's Deputy Mason Moore who was killed recently in the line of duty. The moment of silence was then done as requested. Rick Day reported that the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Training Grant is completed, reimbursement has been requested in the amount of \$13,500.00 from the state Disaster and Emergency Services and that the county's soft match was accepted. He reported that separate safety inspections of all county facilities are scheduled or have been completed. He also reported on the Flint Creek Project Seminar/Table Top

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Exercise held on May 20, 2017, with 15 participants. He indicated that the Flint Creek Project Functional Exercise is scheduled for December 2, 2017. Rick Day reviewed the draft amendment to the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), Evacuation segment, with the Board. He reviewed that it is a simplified plan which is more functional and will be easier to manage by the Incident Command; it also clarifies the sheriff's authority in an emergency situation. The draft amendment of the EOP revision was reviewed page by page with the Board by Rick Day. The Board approved the amended EOP on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

As public comment, Jim Dinsmore, Chairman of the Granite County Conservation District, met with the Board regarding the correspondence from the Board and from the Conservation District on the Black Pine Mine Reclamation Project, which in the Board's opinion has been very poorly executed. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw reported that he had a message from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) legal counsel, Thad Adkins, that he will make an appointment to meet with the Board in mid-June. Attorney Bradshaw indicated that the teeth of the Board's position are in litigation and the media. Commissioner Slaughter outlined the problems with the reclamation project, including that the project was poorly done, it did not follow its own specifications, the county road was moved without specific permission from the county and the Board did not get a tour of the site as promised. Attorney Bradshaw agreed to request that the DEQ inspect the site prior to meeting with the Board. The Board complimented Jim Dinsmore on the excellent letter from the Conservation District sent to the DEQ outlining the various problems with this reclamation project.

The Board considered the Task Order No. 5 for Engineering Services by Great West Engineering of Helena for the South Main Street Bridge Rehabilitation (bridge over the Clark Fork River at Drummond). The Board emphasized that this scope is only to repair the bridge and specifically does not include any other road work. Commissioner Bonney moved to approve the Task Order No. 5 and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

During public comment, R. W. McCamy and John Clema with Finley Basin Mining met with the Board to report that they are in negotiations with the Forest Service on a permit and pay about \$40,000.00 annually to the Bureau of Land Management to keep the mining claims active. They explained that conditions that have been put on the bond are unreasonable and they believe in the project and hope that the regulations will change. Commissioner Slaughter noted that the federal director of the Department of Agriculture is holding a meeting in Montana. The men expressed appreciation for the Board's past support.

Board members, assisted by county Extension Agent Ben Hauptman, conducted interviews for the Granite County Road and Bridge Superintendent position, which had been advertised in the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper and on the county's website. Interviews were conducted with five applicants: Paul Alt, C. L. Rasmussen, Adam Johnson, John McCullough and Chad Stokes. The Board reviewed a request by a second applicant to waive the requirement of a high school diploma. Commissioner Slaughter moved to grant the requested waiver and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Following deliberation, the Board narrowed the field of applicants to two; Paul Alt and Chad Stokes, for a second and final interview.

A decision on an offer of employment for the position of Granite County Road and Bridge Superintendent was deferred pending the results of the written responses to second interview questions from applicants Paul Alt and Chad Stokes. They will receive further consideration when the written information is received.

The session adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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May 30, 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.

The Board reviewed second interview written responses from applicants Paul Alt and Chad Stokes for the Granite County Road and Bridge Superintendent position. County Extension Agent Ben Hauptman assisted the Board. The Board evaluated the written responses and discussion was held. The Board agreed to offer the exempt permanent position to Paul Alt at an annual salary of \$55,291.20, to include the standard six month probationary period and pending a successful background check, on the motion of Commissioner Bonney and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.16 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 49.6 cfs at the weir, according to the dam tender's report, and 45 cfs outflow through the pipeline. The lake is approximately 4.08 inches below full pool. The Board agreed to reduce the outflow to 40 cfs.

The Board reviewed the revised Granite County Solid Waste District Policies and Procedures Manual. The Board deferred adoption of the policies and procedure manual until a Solid Waste Program Manager is hired.

Michael Brown, co-owner and managing member with Commonwealth Resources LLC, met with the Board and gave a report on the new ownership and plans for the mining operation at Garnet. He indicated that Commonwealth Resources, which includes the O'Keefe family of Butte, has bought out Aaron Charlton, who no longer has an interest in the mining operation or a presence on the hill. The group is working with the Bureau of Land Management and the state Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding the operation. The Board indicated that it is pro-business and committed to the safety of the people. Michael Brown stated that mining is not likely to occur this season, but possibly some exploratory drilling will be done. The Board expressed concern regarding the safety of the summer tourist traffic on the road to visit Garnet ghost town. Michael Brown indicated that there are ongoing talks about having the ore currently stored at Beartown sent to a mill. Discussion was held on Luke Charlton's continued property ownership in the Garnet area. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Review of applications for the Solid Waste Program Manager Position was deferred by the Board.

Philipsburg Library Board members Jenne Pugh, Dustin Muhly and Barbara Cahill, met with the Board and gave an update on plans for formation of a library district. They reported that the board has been meeting regularly and has set a timeline for activities; a date of September 13, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. for a public meeting at the Philipsburg Library has been set; they anticipate a joint resolution between the Commission and the Philipsburg Town Council; there is no upcoming election with which they could piggy-back, so it will likely be a mail ballot election, with this as the only issue, in January 2018; they will negotiate with the Town Council on possible contribution; the group will submit a written update to the Board periodically; they are working on a budget; the Drummond library has been helpful since it has done this; libraries are becoming more of a resource center with technology equipment and assistance; online books are now available at library. County

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Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and agreed to do additional research on how funding can be obtained. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

Richard Skaggs met with the Board with public comment and requested that the Mullan Trail be graded, even once a year, because it is historic and people like to drive it to Bearmouth. The Board agreed to consider it when a road superintendent is in place.

The Board reviewed the proposal from Great West Engineering of Helena for new Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) focused spillway compliance requirements for the Flint Creek dam in the amount of \$7,500.00. Commissioner Slaughter moved to accept the proposal and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed proposals from Morrison Maierle Engineering of Missoula and Great West Engineering of Helena for the project timeline and contract date for the DNRC (Department of Natural Resources and Conservation) Renewable Resources Grant (RRGL) for the Flint Creek Dam Resource Enhancement Project. Commissioner Bonney moved to accept the proposal of Great West Engineering of Helena as the county's on call engineer and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Michelle Harrington with Tri-County Addiction Services met with the Board to request approval of Granite County's DUI Task Force Plan for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Commissioner Slaughter moved to adopt the plan and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Planning Director Linda Bouck met with the Board regarding the final plat submittal for the Luthje Minor Subdivision. Helen Waldbillig McCarthy represented the developer. Linda Bouck reviewed the history of the subdivision, noted that all conditions have been met and recommended approval. Commissioner Adler moved for final plat approval of the Luthje Minor Subdivision and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Members of the Board signed the original subdivision plat.

The Board discussed the complete lack of progress on construction of the fence at the Valley Cemetery at New Chicago and agreed to request that County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw write a letter to DGBS Fencing, Bryan Seekell, to give a deadline of two weeks to complete the job.

Dave Pillatzke and Rody Holman, agents with Payne West Insurance of Helena, and Shannon Shanholtzer, with the Montana Association of Counties (MACo) Property and Casualty Trust, met with the Board for the annual insurance renewal for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Discussion was held on insurance coverage on rented equipment. The following items were reviewed and discussed: The loss ratio for the entire pool; a premium increase of 12.62%; the benefits of pooled coverage, including subdivision liability insurance; not being able to return to the pool for at least two years the county elects to drop out; the bond liability premium continues until 2023 even if the county should drop out; premium increases or reductions were reviewed for the liability loss fund, property loss fund, liability premium (bond), BRIT reinsurance premium, cyber liability premium, property excess premium and administrative costs; premium increase is below the average; property and liability claims from 2011 were reviewed; use of drones is excluded; cannot drive county vehicles for hire; additional endorsement for crisis management workplace violence and stalking threat; endorsement for water craft; builders risk endorsement; endorsement for funds transfer – false pretenses coverage; “mobileye” test pilot project in some vehicles; cybersecurity resources on MACo website; total vehicle loss form will be completed by MACo; equipment and vehicle values now automatically added to the schedule through the program. Workers compensation coverage was reviewed with a modification factor of 0.85 (an estimated savings of approximately 30%); annual MACo On Track Safety Program evaluation; amendment

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to by-laws requiring prior to any resignation that the member meet with trustees. Jail safety is being emphasized by MACo. Rick Day, county DES/Safety Coordinator attended.

A. J. Michnevich met with the Board to request to place a sign on Lower Rock Creek Road. He brought the sign, which reads, "Please Slow Down, Enjoy the Wildlife and the Views, Relax You're Already Here, Thank You, Rock Creek Residents" for the Board's review. The Board unanimously agreed that the sign should not be placed within the road right-of-way but should be placed on private property. A. J. Michnevich noted that the mountain sheep are having lambs and that the salmon fly hatch is underway; he requested the use of the additional digital speed sign this time of year due to danger to the lambs resulting from the additional traffic. Discussion was held on A. J. Michnevich's request for chip sealing in the future, which the Board indicated would increase the speed of vehicles on the road.

During public comment, Trever Throop, owner of a hangar at Riddick Field, met with the Board and inquired about future plans for the airport. The Board indicated that there is an active airport board, which has a wish list, including improvement of the runway. He voiced his objection to the airport regulation which requires that an aircraft be in a hangar the majority of the time. He noted that some county mowing equipment has been in his hangar for many years.

The Board deferred the review of the applications for Relief Transfer Station Attendant.

County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw met with the Board regarding the proposed Johnson Controls Inc. proposed Maintenance Agreement for the two new Lochinvar boilers in the courthouse. He reported that he is requesting additional information on the difference between the basic plan and the premiere plan.

The session adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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