

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 6TH, 13TH, 20TH & 27TH OF JUNE 2017 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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

<u>WARRANT</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>	
53170	POSTMASTER	POSTAGE - MOBILE HOME TAXES	\$155.40
53171	BARBARA HARTMAN	ELECTION JUDGE	\$114.10
53172	CLAUDETTE PARKE	ELECTION JUDGE	\$50.06
53173	DIANA YOUNG	ELECTION JUDGE	\$114.10
53174	DONNA MCLEAN	ELECTION JUDGE	\$119.45
53175	ESTHER J. MCDONALD	ELECTION JUDGE	\$117.31
53176	HAL SEWARD	ELECTION JUDGE	\$60.24
53177	JOY WETSCH	ELECTION JUDGE	\$121.59
53178	JUDITH DAVIS	ELECTION JUDGE	\$127.48
53179	KIM DAHL	ELECTION JUDGE	\$118.38
53180	LISA CAMPBELL	ELECTION JUDGE	\$122.98
53181	LYNN ANDERSON	ELECTION JUDGE	\$52.32
53182	MARETTA MCGOWAN	ELECTION JUDGE	\$55.01
53183	MARGARET PARKE	ELECTION JUDGE	\$114.10
53184	MARY ELLEN MCGOWAN	ELECTION JUDGE	\$121.59
53185	MARY SCHROEDER	ELECTION JUDGE	\$89.79

53186	NANCY A HEBNES	ELECTION JUDGE	\$44.83
53187	PATRICIA J BUCK	ELECTION JUDGE	\$82.94
53188	ROBBI HOUSE	ELECTION JUDGE	\$118.18
53189	ROGER CAMPBELL	ELECTION JUDGE	\$65.20
53190	SHARON MUNGAS	ELECTION JUDGE	\$57.67
53191	SHELLEY JOHNSON	ELECTION JUDGE	\$122.66
53192	SUE MCCANN	ELECTION JUDGE	\$114.10
53193	SUZANNE BROWNING	ELECTION JUDGE	\$52.98
53194	TERRIE WILSON	ELECTION JUDGE	\$55.53
53195	THE DAILY GRIND	ELECTION JUDGE MEALS	\$181.70
53196	PARKER'S	ELECTION JUDGE MEALS	\$40.47
53197	DRUMMOND COMMUNITY HALL	SPECIAL ELECTION RENT	\$60.00
53198	GRANITE CO MUSEUM	SPECIAL ELECTION RENT	\$200.00
53199	FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK	PAYROLL & NOD FEE	\$86,027.33
53200	VISA	BOILER REEXAM FEE	\$30.00
53201	360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$532.24
53202	A & M FIRE AND SAFETY, INC	SUPPLIES	\$1,442.96
53203	AFFCO	SUPPLIES	\$308.74
53204	AG - WEST	VITONKIT, NOZZLE, TEEJET	\$309.66
53205	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	ACTYLENE	\$19.87
53206	BART BONNEY	TRAVEL	\$97.38
53207	BECKY SMITH	TRAVEL	\$80.25
53208	BLACKFOOT CFT	JUNE BILLING	\$4,077.52
53209	BLAINE BRADSHAW	TRAVEL	\$64.20
53210	BLANCHE MCLURE	POSTAGE	\$93.99
53211	BOB'S QUALITY AUTO	MAINTENANCE	\$85.00
53212	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	MAINTENANCE	\$125.23
53213	CENTURYLINK	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$606.47
53214	CENTURYLINK	UTILITIES	\$55.83
53215	COLETTE ADELE FADNESS	TRAVEL	\$542.49
53216	COMDATA	MAY BILLING	\$3,664.96
53217	CROP PRODUCTION SERVICES	TRANSLINE	\$354.60
53218	CUSTOM RECYCLERS	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$160.20
53219	DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$8,758.00
53220	FAITH G WILSON	TRAVEL	\$385.74
53221	FICKLER OIL CO. INC.	FUEL & SUPPLIES	\$1,554.68
53222	GENERAL DISTRIBUTING CO.	CO2, HP, ACETYLENE	\$242.17
53223	GRANITE AMMUNITION	SUPPLIES	\$320.00
53224	GRANITE CO MUSEUM	RENT	\$150.00
53225	GRANITE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER	CLINIC VISITS	\$143.00
53226	GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$292.04
53227	GRANITE DISPOSAL	UTILITIES	\$600.00
53228	GRANITE PHARMACY	MEDICATION	\$203.45
53229	GRANITE SPORTLAND	SUPPLIES	\$250.84
53230	GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	ASSESSMENT & REVIEW	\$811.00
53231	HARLOW'S TRUCK CENTER	EXTENSION	\$95.16
53232	HEALTHCARE BILLING, INC	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$75.04
53233	HENRY BARSOTTI	SUPPLIES	\$47.97
53234	HIGH TECH LINEN	RUGS	\$144.88
53235	HOGAN'S RANCH & BUILDERS	SUPPLIES	\$353.44
53236	HUFFMAN GROCERY	MEALS & SUPPLIES	\$1,179.27
53237	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES	\$109.11
53238	INTOXIMETERS, INC	24/7 SOBRIETY TESTS	\$43.00
53239	JEAN HARDING	TRAINING	\$363.71
53240	K L S HYDRAULICS	REPAIR	\$143.74
53241	KOIS BROTHERS EQUIP	MAINTENANCE	\$581.78
53242	LANE & ASSOCIATES	CONSORTIUM FEE	\$301.23
53243	MACO	INMATE BUDGET PROTECTOR	\$100.44
53244	MAPS INC	ONGOING ADDRESSING SUPPORT	\$5,775.00
53245	MARGARET TALLON	TRAVEL	\$32.10
53246	MCDONALD EXCAVATION	ROAD MIX	\$2,376.00
53247	MCGOWAN WATER COND, INC	SUPPLIES	\$31.95
53248	MICHAEL KAHOE	MACO DISTRICT MTG LUNCH	\$420.00
53249	MICHELE PUIGGARI	REFERENCE CHECKS	\$150.00
53250	MSLA CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPT	HEALTH NURSE CONTRACT	\$49,274.94
53251	MONTANA ASSOC OF COUNTIES	REVISED AUDIT	\$50.00
53252	MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH	SUPPLIES	\$103.89
53253	MONTANA LTAP	MACRS DUES	\$100.00
53254	MONTANA MAGISTRATES ASSOC	DUES	\$200.00
53255	MONTANA RAIL LINK	GRAVEL & EQUIPMENT STORAGE	\$181.98
53256	MONTANA WOOLGROWERS ASSOC	MOU MONIES	\$336.00
53257	MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	SALARY SHARE	\$746.24
53258	NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL	AWARD RIBBONS	\$77.00
53259	NEAL'S PHOTO SERVICE	PANSIES	\$28.00
53260	NORTHWEST PARTS & EQUIPMENT	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$3,128.18
53261	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	MAY STATEMENTS	\$3,499.20
53262	PATRICIA BAUER	TRAVEL	\$246.64
53263	PAUL ALT	MAINTENANCE	\$138.68

53264	PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	ADS	\$1,186.00
53265	PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF	UTILITIES	\$444.50
53266	PINTLER PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$1,687.61
53267	POSTMASTER	BOX RENTAL	\$348.00
53268	RED'S TOWING, LLC	GRILL GUARD	\$669.00
53269	REPUBLIC SERVICES #889	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$13,145.68
53270	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$10,716.99
53271	RICK DAY	SUPPLIES & TRAVEL	\$75.10
53272	RIVERSIDE MARKET	SUPPLIES	\$47.08
53273	SATELLITE PHONE STORE	DVA SATELLITE PHONE	\$93.02
53274	SCOTT ADLER	TRAVEL	\$139.10
53275	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$431.96
53276	STATE OF OREGON	DRIVER'S RECORD	\$4.50
53277	STEVEN PETERS	TRAINING	\$460.80
53278	SUNSHINE STATION	PRISONER MEAL	\$24.50
53279	SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	REGULAR CLEANING	\$300.00
53280	TEC THE ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS	REPAIRS	\$317.00
53281	TELCO TOWERS, INC	HARVEY PT REPEATER SITE	\$576.00
53282	TERRY JO VIETOR	SUPPLIES	\$183.92
53283	TITAN MACHINERY	RENTAL	\$3,282.20
53284	TNT TRUCK PARTS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$149.50
53285	TRI-COUNTY FAIR BOARD	COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	\$3,000.00
53286	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$393.64
53287	WESTERN MT MENTAL HEALTH CNTR	COUNTY SHARE	\$1,274.00
53288	WESTERN STATES EQUIPMENT	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$1,266.98
53289	WESTTEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC	MONTHLY SERVICE & MAINTENANCE	\$650.00
53290	WILLOWROCK INC	REVIEW	\$250.00
53291	WOODLAND CREATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$525.11
53292	MONIDA HEALTHCARE NETWORK	BILLING SERVICE	\$122.79
53293	SPOK	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	\$5,503.80
		CLAIMS FUND TOTAL	\$232,943.35

WARRANT		AMOUNT
18931	MARIANNE HAMILTON	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
18932	AFL-CIO	\$390.20
18933	AFLAC INS	\$302.92
18934	CHRISTMAS CLUB	\$1,925.00
18935	COLONIAL	\$18.75
18936	FIT	\$10,435.02
18936	MEDICARE	\$3,727.44
18936	P.E.R.S.	\$16,080.37
18936	PERS RETIREE	\$517.93
18936	SHERIFF RETIRE	\$4,217.68
18936	SRS RETIREE	\$14.68
18936	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$15,937.98
18936	TRS	\$43.99
18937	IUOE 400	\$431.80
18938	MACO DENTAL	\$2,002.00
18938	MACO VISION	\$498.00
18938	MACOHCT	\$36,406.00
18938	UNUMLIFE	\$782.85
18939	PEBSC	\$3,625.00
18940	SIT	\$5,436.00
18941	UNION - PENSION	\$626.64
	TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES	\$103,420.25

WARRANT/NOD	JOB TITLE	AMOUNT
ADLER, MAKENZIE T	WEED SPRAYER	\$226.61
ADLER, SCOTT C	COUNTY COMMISSIONER	\$2,120.72
ANDERSON, MELINDA K	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY	\$509.39
BARSOITI, JR, HENRY A	DES	\$374.25
BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V	\$627.44
BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	\$3,755.59
BONNEY, BARTON C	COMMISSIONER	\$1,991.42
BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN	\$2,985.92
BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER	\$3,805.01
BRADSHAW, BLAINE C	COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$7,867.44
BUTLER, JODI L	SOLID WASTE	\$2,687.52
CAIN, RONALD J	RELIEF DEPUTY	\$145.12
CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N	DISPATCH	\$1,941.90
DAY, JAN P	DEPUTY CLERK	\$1,332.38
DAY, NELS R	DES COORDINATOR	\$1,127.54
DUNKERSON, WAYNE S	SHERIFF	\$4,217.67

	FADNESS, COLETTE A	AREA V AIDE	\$289.00
	FRATZKE, DEBBIE	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	\$1,844.79
	GRAHAM, RONALD L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$4,265.50
	GRAHAM, SARAH E	DEPUTY CLERK & RECORDER	\$3,143.34
	GREANY, KYLE L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,501.00
	GROSVOLD, LACIE J	CLERK	\$1,255.02
18931	HAMILTON, MARIANNE	RELIEF CLERK	\$48.03
	HARDING, JEAN M	DISPATCHER	\$2,006.93
	HARDING, VICKI B	TREASURER	\$4,085.65
	HENNAGER, DEANNA L	DISPATCHER	\$2,593.41
	HOEHNE, JOHN W	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,773.40
	HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,221.13
	HOUSE, ROBBI	TREASURER'S OFFICE	\$2,809.69
	HULTMAN, TY R	DEPUTY	\$3,354.51
	JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,627.10
	KAHOE, MICHAEL	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	\$4,577.92
	KANE, KATHERINE	DISPATCHER	\$3,003.55
	KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE	\$2,963.84
	KENDALL, JOY J	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$13.57
	KINGREY, ELWYN	JUNK VEHICLE	\$385.26
	KOLBECK, GLEN G	WEED SPRAYER	\$2,224.90
	LATRAY, DANETTE L	TREASURER DEPUTY	\$3,143.34
	LEHNEN, VICTORIA A	DISPATCHER	\$2,347.12
	MCDONNELL, FRED N	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$305.84
	MCLURE, BLANCHE A	CLERK & RECORDER	\$4,085.65
	OLSEN, RICK C	DEPUTY	\$3,444.13
	OWENS, NANCY	RELIEF	\$286.56
	PALMER, KAREN P	COUNTY AGENT SEC	\$2,472.96
	PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY	\$2,795.52
	PAWLAK, KIMBERLY	FLOATING CLERK	\$1,568.52
	PETERS, DEBORAH A	DISPATCHER RELIEF	\$681.99
	PETERS, STEVEN D	DEPUTY	\$3,512.52
	RUSSELL, JAMES R	DEPUTY	\$3,609.17
	SHORT, GERVIN	UNDERSHERIFF	\$3,647.57
	SLAUGHTER, BILL L	COMMISSIONER	\$1,979.81
	SMITH, REBECCA	PHEP COORDINATOR	\$1,437.67
	SWANSON, DAVID C	WEED FOREMAN	\$2,844.30
	TALLON, MARGARET	COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIALIST	\$260.00
	VIETOR, TERRY J	CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE	\$1,152.00
	WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,432.93
	WEST, WILLIAM H	DAM TENDER	\$179.68
	WILSON, FAITH GRACE	AREA V AIDE	\$755.46
		TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	\$132,646.20

GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

June 5, 2017

The Board of Commissioners met at 10:00 a.m. in special session at the Granite County Museum and Cultural Center in Philipsburg with Chairperson Barton Bonney and Commissioners Scott Adler and Bill Slaughter attending. Also attending were County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.

Granite County hosted the Montana Association of Counties (MACo) district meeting for districts 8, 9 and 12. Commissioners from throughout several western Montana counties attended and MACo officials and staff reviewed the results of the 2017 Montana legislative session and its effect on Montana counties.

The session adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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June 6, 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.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.43, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 48.4 cfs at the weir (the outflow through the power plant is 45 cfs), according to the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 0.84 inches below full pool. By speaker telephone, Kelcy Adamec with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Portland Regional Office reviewed its requirement for emergency notification flow charts for the Flint Creek Dam Emergency Operations Plan. She emphasized that under certain circumstances only FERC and the state would need to be notified. Rick Day, county DES/Safety Coordinator, indicated that in the process of updating the emergency notifications list that it was his aim to simplify the flow charts in order to not cause delay or confusion in activation of the Emergency Operations Plan. Kelcy Adamec indicated her concern that in some scenarios that the activation time is 27 minutes and that the FERC has rules and experience which have been vetted, and the flow chart as proposed may not be entirely defensible; also, FERC has the benefit and experience of what has been done on many other dams. Kelcy Adamec made suggestions for revisions on the flow chart, including that original notification can come from a citizen at the dam to the emergency 9-1-1 dispatch. On another subject, the Board informed Kelcy Adamec that August 23 or 24, 2017, would be acceptable for the FERC annual inspection.

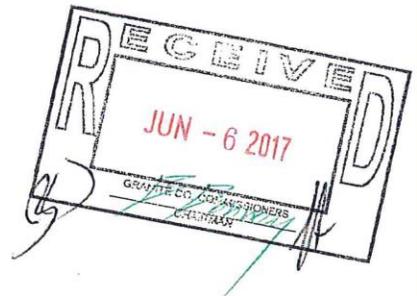
New Granite County Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and gave a brief report.

Election Administrator Blanche McLure met with the Board to canvass votes from the May 25, 2017, special federal election. She explained that the votes had been hand counted, which eliminated the expense of programming the electronic counting machines. The results were declared official as follow:



GRANITE COUNTY ABSTRACT OF VOTES
5/25/2017 MONTANA SPECIAL ELECTION

District	Precinct	UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE UNEXPIRED TERM		
		ROB QUIST Democrat	MARK L WICKS Libertarian	GREG GIANFORTE Republican
HD 77	PRECINCT #1	136	21	183
	PRECINCT #10	82	22	266
	PRECINCT #2	177	28	218
	PRECINCT #9	75	16	171
	SubTotal	470	87	838
Total		470	87	838



GRANITE COUNTY ABSTRACT OF VOTES
5/25/2017 MONTANA SPECIAL ELECTION

District	Precinct	Number of Registered Voters	Votes Cast
HD77	PRECINCT #1	567	341
	PRECINCT #10	622	372
	PRECINCT #2	722	424
	PRECINCT #9	437	262
	Subtotal		2348
Total		2348	1399

In an administrative action, County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and County Clerk and Recorder Blanche McLure explained the issue, and the Board signed an agricultural exemption to the subdivision regulations for Charles Parke.

Forest Service personnel Rangeland Management Specialist Cameron Rasor with the Pintler Ranger District and Jim Yarbrough and Brenda Christensen with the Transportation Division of the Missoula Regional Office met with the Board for general discussion. The FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) grant of up to \$1,268,181 for the Georgetown Lake Road 8686 Reconstruction was discussed and it was noted that the match of 13.42% is based on actual construction cost; an 8% contingency modification has been added, depending on the project, and will vary with costs. Design is scheduled for 2020 and construction possibly in 2021. Scoping may be scheduled earlier in order to more accurately determine costs, probably in 2018; estimate of county match is in the \$196,000 range. The \$40,000 awarded by the Tri-County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will be utilized toward the match. Jim Yarbrough indicated that a more definite cost estimate will be done once geo-technical work is completed. Brenda Christensen noted that it is the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) which is funding the project, although the county will have input. Soft match was discussed and it must be approved in advance by FHA to be certain that any soft match meets specifications. Brenda Christensen indicated that it may be a good idea to have a match agreement among the parties for the RAC funds and have it in place before the end of the federal fiscal year. Jim Yarbrough explained how the original project estimate was made and noted that Steve Heinz is the new Federal Highways contact on the project. On other subjects, Commissioner Slaughter noted that approximately one mile of county road was moved onto Forest Service property during the Black Pine Mine Reclamation Project and he requested that a right-of-way be established for the new road location. Cameron Rasor reviewed a NorthWestern Energy project proposed for the Georgetown Lake area. Also, Cameron Rasor noted that there is a meeting scheduled for June 13, 2017, at the Forest Service Pintler District Office in Philipsburg with Viking Lane residents and he requested that the Commission attend. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Vince Reece, Chairman of the Granite County Airport Board, met with the Board to report on the airport board meeting held on May 31, 2017, at the Drummond School and Community Library. The Board reviewed draft minutes of the meeting. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Vince Reece reported that the airport board recommended some changes to the airport rules and regulations, including liability insurance on all hangars at Riddick Field, and other rules which are not state or federal requirements. Vince Reece indicated that the rules should be user friendly in order to get people to utilize the airport. Commissioner Slaughter moved to adopt the amended rules and regulations as recommended by the airport board and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw agreed to draft a resolution modifying the original rules and regulations resolution. Discussion was held on the airport manager position and the Board recommended that it be an item on the next airport board meeting agenda. A proposal on test boring on the runway at Riddick Field from Terracon, which will include a pavement section, was reviewed.

Rory Zarling with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP), and Glenn Cameron with Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and by speaker telephone Aaron Jasper, caretaker of a property on Rock Creek owned by Lou Reece, met with the Board. Discussion was held on Rory Zarling's request for the Board's reconsideration of "No Parking" sign near the intersection of Skalkaho Highway and Rock Creek Road to avoid the hazard of vehicles parking on the shoulder of the roads. Rory Zarling presented a printed aerial view and photographs of the fishing access in the area. He indicated that the land owner and the caretaker are both fishermen who are not compensated for the use of the land for the parking area. Rory Zarling reviewed that the intersection is essentially a blind corner and it is not a safe place for people to launch boats from the Skalkaho Highway and there is

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a boat launch area nearby just off the Rock Creek Road. Glen Cameron indicated that MDT is unwilling to put in a physical barrier, jersey rail or guardrail, because it does not meet the standard requirements; however, MDT would install the "No Parking" signs on the Skalkaho Highway (Highway 38) which would likely cause congested parking on the Rock Creek Road. Rory Zarling indicated that FWP would install an interpretive sign and a "No Parking" sign on Rock Creek Road, with the county's permission. Discussion was held that it would be county sheriff's office or highway patrol responsibility to enforce the "No Parking" signs; on the value of a participating land owner; and the distance to the next boat launch. Rory Zarling noted that a similar program has been done in Powell and Missoula Counties and the FWP wants people to have access to the water. Aaron Jasper stated that they are trying to help the situation by offering a safe place to park for ten vehicles and he sees it as a win-win situation; also, if there are no signs there is no option for enforcement. Commissioner Slaughter requested that a commitment be made from the Montana Highway Patrol. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw suggested that the Board could adopt a resolution which would make any infractions a civil penalty, as opposed to a misdemeanor with a fine, and that he would research this issue. The Board agreed to confer with Sheriff Scott Dunkerson regarding the proposal and the new information presented today. Further discussion was held on the contribution that the land owner is making. On another subject, Rory Zarling indicated that negotiations have been held with the owner of the Bearmouth Chalet regarding a trial basis of a boat launch at that business rather than the one FWP proposed just down the Clark Fork River at the Bearmouth interchange on Interstate 90.

The meeting with Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON of Granite County Hospital District, was deferred at her request.

Commissioner Bonney excused himself from the session at noon. The Board selected Commissioner Adler as temporary chairperson for the remainder of the session.

The Board, with the assistance of Granite County Extension Agent Ben Hauptman, conducted an interview with Ann Young RN for the position of Granite County Public Health Nurse. The interview committee agreed to recommend her for the position.

The Board agreed to make an offer of employment to Ann Young RN for the position of Granite County Public Health Nurse, with a salary to be negotiated, on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Applications for relief solid waste transfer station attendants were reviewed by the Board and none were selected for an interview.

During public comment, Treasurer Vicki Harding, Clerk and Recorder Blanche McLure and Planning Director Linda Bouck met with the Board to discuss the possibility of combining the duties of the Solid Waste Program Manager/Planning Board Secretary/Relief Transfer Station Attendant with other county offices.

Matt Pearce with Mapping and Planning Services met with the Board to discuss the draft large wall maps and draft addressing atlases which he had provided. The Board listed points of interest to be included on the wall maps and ordered several to be laminated. The Board also ordered updated atlases to be printed.

The session adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

June 13, 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 met with members of the Granite County Safety Committee for the regular quarterly meeting. Minutes of that meeting are kept separately.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.77 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 52.2 cfs at the weir, with 45 cfs going through the power plant. The lake is approximately 3.24 inches above full pool; water is going over the spillway today and the Board agreed to put 10 cfs down the creek on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Bonney. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Kim Johnson with Pintlar Territories Real Estate met with the Board and presented information on a building and property which is for sale. The property adjoins the county shop buildings in Hall and is described as Tracts 1, 2 and 3, Roll 32, Page 981, NW1/4 Sec. 35, T.10N, R.13W. She estimated a fair value of \$85,000.00. The Board agreed to make an offer of \$85,000.00 for the property with a quick closing date of 7-18-2017. Commissioner Adler moved to make the offer in order to protect the county's existing property and to provide for future expansion. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Acting Pintler District Ranger Eric Tomasik met with the Board for general discussion. He updated the Board on two current timber sales and noted that the Maywood Ridge Timber Sale is in process. Seasonal employees are on board and new boat launch fees at Piney Boat Launch at Georgetown Lake will be effective July 1, 2017. The situation with Viking Lane was discussed and Acting Ranger Tomasik indicated that the Forest Service is willing to issue a permit for residents to do their own road maintenance. Discussion was held on the Forest Service's lack of road maintenance equipment and many miles of roads to maintain. Acting Ranger Tomasik indicated that the road maintenance program is run at the forest level, not at the district level, and he agreed to contact the forest supervisor and the forest engineer's office about the matter. He estimated that he will be in the acting ranger position at least until mid-September or through fire season. Commissioner Slaughter noted that a county road had been moved during the Black Pine Mine Reclamation Project, which may involve Forest Service land, and the county strongly objects to the movement of the road without permission. Commissioner Slaughter noted that the state Department of Environmental Quality director and deputy director have been to the site and are on notice. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

The Board met with new Granite County Public Health Nurse Ann Young RN to discuss the salary for the position. The Board reviewed the provisions of the current agreement between Granite County and the Missoula City-County Health Department which totals \$49,194.79, which will not be renewed after the June 30, 2017, expiration. Discussion was held on the expectations of the Area V Agency on Aging program and on a salary of \$46,800.00 for the one-half time position to include county benefits, which would total less than the current contract with the Missoula City/County Health Department expiring June 30, 2017. Ann Young stated that she anticipates providing more service than those outlined in the agreement with the Missoula City-County Health Department. Commissioner Slaughter moved that the salary of the Granite County Public Health Nurse be set at \$46,800.00 for the one-half time position to include county benefits and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Slaughter excused himself from the session at noon.

The Board attended a meeting at the Pintler Ranger District Office of the Forest Service in Philipsburg regarding Viking Lane in the Lost Sapphire Ranch. Attending, in addition to the Board, were Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe, Acting District Ranger Eric Tomasik, Rangeland Management Specialist Cameron Rasor, and Viking Lane area residents Jerry Bailey, Brad Sturdevant, Kip Turley, Roger Beyer, Bobbie Beyer, Sherman Ball and Ken Pfeiffer, and Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper. Acting Ranger Tomasik indicated that the culverts in the road are marked and that the Forest Service will issue a maintenance permit to residents to do work on the road. Commissioner Adler reminded the group that the county has had a preliminary engineering estimate done by Great West Engineering of Helena which ranged from \$65,000.00 to \$165,000.00, depending on the amount and type of construction. Discussion was held on the expectations of the residents and Kip Turley agreed to get a bid from local contractor Lawrence Nelson to bring the road up to county standards. Jerry Bailey stated that residents will incur liability if they contribute money to the improvement of the road and Acting Ranger Tomasik stated that the Forest Service disagrees with that as it has many partnerships across the forest. Jerry Bailey indicated that the DNRC, as owner of the East Fork Dam, and the Flint Creek Water Users should be partners and be required by the Forest Service to repair any damage to the road due to frequent use by heavy vehicles. Cameron Rasor said that he has drafted a road use permit for the homeowners to consider and that it would make it legal for them to work on the road with the only requirement being proof of liability insurance when the work is being done. Jerry Bailey suggested that it be approached in phases, by doing culverts and ditching first. Cameron Rasor responded that it is on the schedule for maintenance and the Forest Service will provide culverts. Jerry Bailey inquired if the Forest Service would sell the easement to the homeowners and Acting Ranger Tomasik responded that it is not likely because the Forest Service has interest in keeping the road for forest access. Cameron Rasor noted that the Job Corps may be able to assist with the work, but it must be put on its list of upcoming projects. It was agreed that the Forest Service will work with the DNRC on its future plan, provide culverts for the project, investigate future liability for the homeowners and speak with the Job Corps about getting the road on its list of projects; and the homeowners will obtain a written proposal from Lawrence Nelson to bring the road up to county standards.

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

The Board reviewed the draft revised position description for Planning Director/Floodplain Administrator dated June 2017. The position description was approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Bonney. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board reconsidered the request by the state Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) for "No Parking" signs on the county road near the intersection of Skalkaho Highway and Rock Creek Road. A telephone conference call was held with Rory Zarling, FWP, attending by telephone. Glen Cameron with Montana Department of Transportation, County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Planning Director Linda Bouck attended. Discussion was held on Attorney Bradshaw's memo that there is no MCA authorizing the county to enforce "No Parking" signs. Rory Zarling reported that Missoula County has done it by resolution in a couple of areas. Discussion was held on whether violators would be prosecuted. Glen Cameron reported that he had spoken with Captain Gary Becker of the Montana Highway Patrol and discussed that parking areas can be appropriately identified and signed, and "No Parking" signs installed; generally most people will obey the signs; for the few people that do not obey the signs, the FWP could come up with flyers which can be put on the windshields of vehicles; the highway patrol could respond depending on availability and dispatch a wrecker, which would leave people stranded. Attorney Bradshaw indicated that perhaps some softer language could be used and put up by FWP, and Glen Cameron indicated that MDT could put up signs on the highway. Commissioner Adler explained that Sheriff Dunkerson is against the signs because of the likelihood of people

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calling the sheriff's office due to violations. Rory Zarling suggested that a sign indicating that parking is available on private land and the Board agreed that would be workable. Rory Zarling noted that he visited the site last week and he was amazed at the amount of traffic there on a Tuesday afternoon. Commissioner Bonney agreed that directive signs to the fishing access would be a good solution. Rory Zarling reiterated that signs would inform the public that there is an alternative place to park, rather than on the shoulders of the roads. Glen Cameron agreed that the MDT would put signs on that road. It was agreed to resume the conversation next week. On another subject, Commissioner Adler inquired about the flagging at the site of a fishing access site proposed by FWP at the Bearmouth interchange and Glenn Cameron indicated that MDT had not given permission for the fishing access to FWP.

Granite County Airport Board members Mark Hudgens and Vince Reece met with the Board regarding the proposed revised rules and regulations for Riddick Field Airport and managerial duties. Vince Reece reviewed a fencing proposal from Sunrise Fencing of Garrison in the amount of \$1,900.00 for Riddick Field. The proposal was approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Bonney. The Board reviewed a proposal from Terracon Consultants, Inc. of Bozeman dated 5-17-2017 in the amount of \$10,900.00 for geotechnical work at Riddick Field. The airport board recommended approval. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the Terracon Consultants proposal and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Discussion on managerial duties was postponed until the next regular meeting.

The Board adopted emergency Resolution 2017-10 "A Granite County Resolution Declaring An Emergency In Granite County Due To Excessive Rainfall And Flooding." Commissioner Adler moved for adoption and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2017-9 "A Granite County Resolution Adopting Rules And Regulations For Riddick Field Airport And Amending Resolution No. 2016-24." Airport board member Mark Hudgens indicated that there may be liability by not requiring liability insurance on aircraft. Airport board chairman Vince Reece indicated that aircraft liability insurance is not required by state or federal law, and it is required in only five states. He emphasized that it is the airport board's recommendation that aircraft liability not be required in the rules and it is the airport board's feeling that the airport should be as user friendly as possible. Potential leases for hangars at Riddick Field were discussed and will be discussed in detail at the next airport board meeting. Mark Hudgens indicated that many airports have rules and regulations and there is no reason to reinvent the wheel. Vince Reece indicated that many airports base lease rates on a per square foot basis. It was noted that the next airport board meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2017. Mark Hudgens indicated that some past airport planning grants may continue to carry the sponsor's obligations.

The session adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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June 20, 2017

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

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

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,430.16 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 45 cfs through the pipeline to the power plant and 102 cfs over the weir. The lake is approximately 7.92 inches above full pool. Water is going over the spillway and through the relief valve. The Board agreed to make 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 adopted Resolution 2017-11 "A Granite County Resolution Declaring A Disaster In Granite County Due To Excessive Flooding" on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Bonney. Commissioner Adler noted that there was no loss of life or homes, although there was damage to roads, bridges and other infrastructure. Discussion was held on the benefit of a disaster designation in order to access state and federal funds and the stringent regulations that may be attached to those funds. The motion carried. The Board contacted Philipsburg Mayor Brett Hamilton by speaker telephone and he volunteered to provide some material for the road to Brown's Gulch if the county will provide the work. Mayor Hamilton noted that a dam breached at the Contact Mill southeast of Philipsburg, which he noted is not in the town limits, which flooded the Parker Addition to the Town of Philipsburg. He indicated that it has occurred two times in the past six years. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

Commissioners Bonney and Slaughter reported that they attended a meeting on June 15, 2017, with representatives of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) at the Philipsburg Field Office. They agreed at that time to sponsor an Emergency Watershed Protection Project to safeguard lives and property from the imminent hazard of wash out and to restore damages sustained in Granite County to the Allendale Diversion Project by recent flooding. Also attending the meeting were NRCS representatives Bret Bledsoe, Mary McDonald and Kristine Handley, and citizens J. B. Hendrix, William Kleinhands and Rex Radtke.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and reported that the entire crew is working on to repair damage from the recent heavy rain and flooding. He noted that the Granite Road is in bad condition and the crew is working on it now; also millings are being used to repair damage on Maxville Road. The Board received verbal permission from the Pintler Ranger District of the Forest Service to use rip rap from Forest Service land on the Maxville Road.

The Board met with Treasurer Vicki Harding and Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt to discuss combining certain duties of the Solid Waste Program Manager position with the Treasurer's Office and combining certain other duties of the Solid Waste Program Manager position with the county Road and Bridge Department. The Board agreed that the clerical and computer duties of the Solid Waste Program Manager position are to be combined with the Treasurer's Office as a secretary position and the two solid waste site managers, Drummond and Philipsburg, will be under the supervision of the Granite County Road and Bridge Superintendent. Position descriptions will be written or revised to reflect these changes effective July 1, 2017.

Treasurer Vicki Harding met with the Board and presented the financial reports for April and May 2017. The April 2017 report included a cash analysis, a copy of the checking account register, CD investments of \$529,775.45, STIP investments of \$6,663,712.66, pledged securities of \$500,000.00 held at Glacier Bank and pledged securities of \$440,000.00 held at Granite Mountain Bank. The May 2017 report included a cash analysis, a copy of the checking account register, STIP investments of \$6,933,857.69, CD investment of \$529,775.45, pledged securities of \$500,000.00 held at Glacier Bank and pledged securities of \$440,000.00 held at Granite Mountain Bank.

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Shelley Murphy with the Montana Association of Counties Health Care Trust, met with the Board, elected officials, department heads and employees in the District Courtroom of the courthouse, to explain the benefits of the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) benefit, which is included in the county's health insurance through the Montana Association of Counties Health Care Trust.

Commissioner Bonney advised the Board that he will be out of state from July 6 to July 23, 2017.

The Board discussed the billing statement from the Natural Resource Damage Program (NRDP) for the county's share of the Harvey Creek Fish Barrier in the amount of \$13, 078.00. The Board reviewed documentation from engineer Ryan Elliott with Great West Engineering of Helena that the project had been inspected and accepted. The Board contacted Shannon Gilskey of NRDP by speaker telephone regarding the inability of local contractors or any contractors to bid the project due to excessively restrictive insurance requirements imposed by the state, although those requirements were later reduced. Shannon Gilskey responded that the program is required to follow the state Department of Administration procurement guidelines, including insurance requirements. Commissioner Slaughter moved to make the payment to NRDP for the county's share of the project and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board held discussion on the Planned Service Proposal (limited service agreement) from Johnson Controls Inc. for the two Lochinvar Crest boilers in the courthouse for a ten year term from August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2027. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the proposal and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Planning Director Linda Bouck met with the Board to establish hours of work for the Planning Director/Floodplain Administrator position. The Board agreed to change the hours from 4/5 time (32 hours/week) to full time (40 hours/week) as compensation for the additional floodplain administration and planning board secretarial duties. The Board agreed she would work four days per week (Monday through Thursday) in the courthouse office and have flexible time to work from home the remainder of the week. The Board noted that the position description for the combined position had been previously approved. Commissioner Adler moved to make the change effective today and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed draft task orders for engineering services for the Flint Creek Dam from Great West Engineering of Helena: Task Order No. 6 for the Focused Spillway Assessment as required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in the amount of \$7,200.00 and Task Order No. 7 for the engineering on a gate valve replacement and gabion repairs in the amount of \$41,900.00. There was no public comment.

Granite County Airport Board members Vince Reece and Mark Hudgens met with the Board to discuss Riddick Field Airport rules and managerial duties. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended. Mark Hudgens presented information regarding new information from the Federal Aviation Administration for the Riddick Field Airport rules. The Board recommended that the information be reviewed by the Granite County Airport Board. Discussion was held on the position of airport manager and the Board requested that the airport board make a recommendation to the Commission on the position. Vince Reece stated that the airport board is working on by-laws and that the Montana Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division currently performs the airport inspections. He noted that the airport board recommends the rule revisions as proposed by Resolution 2017-9. Discussion was held on the obligations from a 1983 FAA grant for Riddick Field and new FAA regulations that become effective July 1, 2017. Vince Reece indicated that the airport board is working toward compliance and is making progress. The Board inquired about the apparent tension

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between airport board members and whether it can be worked out in the proposed by-laws. Commissioner Slaughter suggested that the airport board may want to go to the state Aeronautics Division for assistance. Attorney Bradshaw noted that proposed Resolution 2017-9 states that the airport will abide by FAA regulations.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2017-9 “A Granite County Resolution Adopting Rules And Regulations For Riddick Field Airport And Amending Resolution No. 2016-24.” Commissioner Slaughter moved for adoption of Resolution 2017-9 and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Vince Reece reported that the runway boring is scheduled for the second week in July and that the fencing project is to be started the first week in July. Discussion was held on hangars at Riddick Field not being utilized for aviation purposes and the Board suggested that it be reviewed by the airport board. Granite County Airport Board members Mark Hudgens and Vince Reece, County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended. Mark Hudgens volunteered to discontinue any further activity as airport manager and the Board agreed.

During public comment, Will Parsons, who lives on South Holland Street in Philipsburg, requested that a smaller berm be left when South Brown Street is graded by the county. The Board suggested that he contact Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt.

Also during public comment, Bret Bledsoe with NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) met with the Board regarding documents relating to the Emergency Watershed Protection Project for the Allendale Diversion Project. Discussion was held regarding the grant opportunities which may also be available through FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). Bret Bledsoe indicated that in addition to the county’s disaster declaration that a disaster declaration must be declared by either the governor or the state conservationist to make additional federal funds available.

The Board noted receipt of the Emergency Medical Countermeasure Plan and Point of Dispensing (POD) instruction as presented by Becky Smith, Granite County PHEP (Public Health Emergency Planning) Coordinator.

Public Health Nurses Karyn Johnston and Ann Young met with the Board to report on the transition from Karyn Johnston to Ann Young, which will be completed by June 30, 2017. Ann Young indicated that medical records in the public health office must be confidential and kept in a separate locked cabinet. Appropriate disposal of used sharps containers was discussed and the Board agreed that the cost would come from the public health budget.

The Board considered the request of Rory Zarling of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) to reconsider the request for “No Parking” signs on the county road near the intersection of Skalkaho Highway and Rock Creek Road. Commissioner Adler moved that no signs be placed at the site and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. The Board discussed the recent incident in Missoula County where the county had to pay for the towing of vehicles which had been parked where Missoula County had placed “No Parking” signs. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The session adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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June 27, 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. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended a portion of the session.

Bret Bledsoe, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) representative, met with the Board regarding forms for the USDA NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection projects for the Allendale Headgate and Breach Repair and the Boulder Creek Debris Jam Removal upstream of the bridge on Highway One over Boulder Creek.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,430.10 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 45 cfs through the pipeline to the power plant and 92.1 cfs over the weir. The lake is approximately 7.20 inches above full pool. Water is going over the spillway and through the relief valve. The Board agreed to make 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 meeting with Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt was deferred.

Sheriff Scott Dunkerson met with the Board regarding his office's preliminary budget, including the Victim/Witness Advocate Program, for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Also, Sheriff Dunkerson stated that he does not intend to sign the agreement with the state to house prisoners in the local jail because the state is using local jails for prisoners sentenced to the state Department of Corrections. He noted that he has increased the coroner's budget to cover actual expenses. He also budgeted for an additional patrol vehicle to keep the fleet upgraded. The projected revenue from care of prisoners was discussed and Sheriff Dunkerson indicated that it may be lower for the coming fiscal year. The continuation of the Victim/Witness Advocate Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year without grant assistance from the state Board of Crime Control was discussed. Sheriff Dunkerson indicated that it is a valuable program and he suggested that it be supervised by the County Attorney's Office, rather than the Sheriff's Office. The Board agreed to attempt to find funds to budget for the Victim/Witness Advocate Program. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and agreed to supervise the Victim/Witness Advocate Program.

Planning Director/Floodplain Administrator Linda Bouck met with the Board to explain that due to recent heavy rains and flooding that most of the bridge repairs are being interpreted as an emergency repair and not as a major repair for floodplain permit purposes, unless a residence is involved. The Board supported the decision.

Revised position descriptions were considered for the Road and Bridge Superintendent and the Solid Waste District Secretary positions to absorb the position of Solid Waste Program Manager/ Planning Board Secretary/Relief Transfer Station Attendant position. Treasurer Vicki Harding met with the Board and reported that the solid waste software MIPayload is no longer manufactured, there is no longer any program support, and at some time it will need to be replaced, as will the computers in at both of the solid waste sites. Former Solid Waste Program Manager Cindy Carman has agreed to contract with the Treasurer's Office for orientation to the software program for \$15.00/hour. The Board agreed to the contract on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Granite County Compensation Board met to establish the compensation of Granite County elected officials. Attending, in addition to the Board, were elected officials County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, Treasurer Vicki Harding, Clerk and Recorder Blanche McLure, and citizen members Hal Seward and Terrie Wilson. Sheriff Dunkerson, Carl Sundstrom and Cathy Smith are members who were not able to attend. Blanche McLure explained the information she had presented regarding the base salary for elected officials. Hal Seward requested information about the history and purpose of the Compensation Board. It was noted that the public had previously been left out of the process until the

Compensation Board was formed under Montana law in 2001. It was explained that the salary of county elected officials also affects the deputies of the elected officials. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that the base salary of elected officials does not affect his salary, which is based on the salary of the district judge. Hal Seward questioned the effect on the elected officials and the response was that all elected officials are affected except the county attorney. Hal Seward noted that it is an increase of 6%, which may be justified due to the history of base wages. It was noted that when the classification of counties was dropped by the legislature, that nothing was done to make it up over several years. Hal Seward inquired about the total impact to the budget for elected officials and deputies, which has not been calculated. He questioned whether it is wise to give the entire increase in one year, or do 50% this year and 50% the next. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that the impact to the budget for deputies of elected officials would be approximately \$30,000.00; there is a reserve in every budget; PILT (Payments In Lieu of Taxes) funds are available and have been saved for several years; and, in his opinion, it is wise to get the elected officials caught up to the averages of similarly situated counties across the state. Hal Seward inquired about other benefits like health insurance and retirement. The response was that the employer's share of PERS would be an employer expense, in addition to the employee's health insurance and other employer expenses. Hal Seward inquired about total salaries for the county and the response from Blanche McLure was that there is over \$ one million in the general fund. Hal Seward indicated that he would be curious as to how that compares to other counties and that Granite County should never aspire to the lowest common denominator. Commissioner Slaughter reviewed that this is one of the few counties which is producing electric power. Blanche McLure noted that the base request of \$42,000.00 was an average of similarly situated counties according to population and taxable valuation. Hal Seward recommended that the base salary should be considered every year to not fall behind in the future. Commissioner Slaughter moved to adopt the recommended \$42,000.00 base and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no further public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Hal Seward inquired about what the cost of living is for Granite County, not the entire state, but it was not readily available. A COLA for elected officials was considered and Hal Seward suggested that it may not be wise to give a COLA for elected officials on top of the base increase.

The Board considered a COLA for county employees. Commissioner Slaughter moved that county employees, excluding elected officials, receive a 2% COLA for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, excluding elected official and their deputies. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board met at the site to participate in the annual monitoring visit at the Travelers Home Flood Mitigation Project. Also attending from Granite County were County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe, Extension Agent Ben Hauptman, project engineer Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering of Helena and MSU Extension Western Region Department Head Daniel Luca. Also attending were state Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) Hazard Mitigation Officer Nadene Wadsworth, FEMA Environmental Specialist Daniel Jones and FEMA HMA Specialist Mark Shugart. A written report on the monitoring visit is anticipated from state DES. Discussion was held regarding the county's ability to recoup cost overruns on the project because it is critical bull trout habitat and engineer Jeremiah Theys agreed to pursue it. It was discussed by the FEMA officials that the county would need to spray the weeds in the right-of-way area and plant a native willow tree along the bank of the creek. These would be conditions that the county must meet to receive a portion of the remaining grant funds.

Engineer Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering of Helena met with the Board regarding proposed Task Order No. 6, Flint Creek Dam, Focused Spillway Assessment, a requirement of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), in the amount of \$7,200.00 and Task Order No. 7, Flint Creek Dam Gate Valve and Gabion Repairs in the amount of \$41,900.00. Jeremiah Theys explained the FERC requirements to be met by Task Order No. 6 and he expects the work will be begin on site the week of July 17, 2017, to also include measuring for the gate valve and gabion repairs. Commissioner Adler moved to

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approve Task Order No. 6 and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Commissioner Adler moved to approve Task Order No. 7 and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. On another subject, Jeremiah Theys reported on progress for the deck repair on the South Main Street Bridge over the Clark Fork River at Drummond and he noted that his firm is currently working on specifications. He anticipates that the project will be completed this construction season. Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper indicated that the Town of Drummond intends to do some road repair on South Main Street in conjunction with the county's bridge project and that this will be at the Town's expense.

During public comment, Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper met with the Board and reported that there are \$417,000.00 in delinquent property taxes throughout the county as of the middle of June 2017, which makes it difficult for the Town of Drummond to budget. Treasurer Vicki Harding reported that the legislature has made recent changes in how the tax assignments, tax sale certificates, tax liens and tax deeds are to be handled by her office, and that delinquent tax notices will be mailed out soon. Treasurer Vicki Harding indicated that she will be participating in a telephone conference call with other county treasurers and she agreed to inquire about strategies other counties may use to collect delinquent taxes.

The session adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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