

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup>, 11<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY 2017 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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

<u>WARRANT</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
53294	VISA #1	COURTHOUSE PETUNIAS \$198.00
53295	FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK	PAYROLL & NOD FEE \$89,283.85
53296	360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES \$432.80
53297	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	ACETYLENE \$19.55
53298	BART BONNEY	TRAVEL \$190.46
53299	BECKY SMITH	TRAVEL \$887.02
53300	BILL SLAUGHTER	TRAVEL \$227.91
53301	BILL WEST	SUPPLIES \$26.64
53302	BLACKFOOT CFT	JUNE BILLING \$4,019.58
53303	BLAINE BRADSHAW	AIR CONDITIONER & CONVENTION \$724.09
53304	BLANCHE MCLURE	ELECTION MAILING \$35.70
53305	BOB'S QUALITY AUTO	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE \$988.00
53306	BUTTE PRODUCE	SUPPLIES \$621.30
53307	CALLAGHAN LAW	WYATT MATTER \$1,106.00
53308	CAROL BOHRNSEN	POSTAGE & CONVENTION \$555.42
53309	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE \$52.84
53310	CASCADE CO YOUTH SERVICES CNTR	JUVENILE DETAINEE \$1,798.81
53311	CENTRAL SERVICES DIVISION	CJIN FEES \$1,782.53
53312	CENTURYLINK	CONTRACTED SERVICE \$426.89
53313	CENTURYLINK	FCP PHONE \$55.83
53314	COLETTE ADELE FADNESS	TRAVEL \$376.95
53315	COMDATA	JUNE BILLING \$4,203.52
53316	CROP PRODUCTION SERVICES	CHEMICAL SUPPLIES \$490.00
53317	CROWN CORRECTIONAL TELEPHONE	PHONE CARDS \$280.00
53318	DAVID SWANSON	WEED SUPPLIES \$126.58
53319	DENNY MENHOLT FORD	AMBULANCE REPAIR \$327.86
53320	DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	LIGHT PROJECT WITHHOLDING \$1,020.70
53321	DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACTED SERVICES \$1,535.50
53322	DRUMMOND AMBULANCE ASSOC	SUPPLIES \$1,310.60

53323	DRUMMOND COMMUNITY HALL	RENT	\$600.00
53324	DRUMMOND SENIOR CITIZENS	COOLER	\$850.00
53325	DUNNE COMMUNICATIONS	RESET FIREHALL PAGERS	\$150.00
53326	FAITH G WILSON	TRAVEL	\$490.06
53327	FICKLER OIL CO. INC.	FUEL	\$1,173.97
53328	FISHER REPAIR	MAINTENANCE	\$47.50
53329	FOLEY'S QUALITY SERVICE	PROPANE & WASHERS	\$34.00
53330	GENERAL DISTRIBUTING CO.	CO, HP, ACETLENE	\$119.10
53331	GRANITE AMMUNITION	SUPPLIES	\$300.00
53332	GRANITE CONSERVATION DIST - NRCS	WEED CLINIC	\$15.00
53333	GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$277.88
53334	GRANITE DISPOSAL	UTILITIES	\$48.00
53335	GRANITE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$23.36
53336	GRANITE SPORTLAND	SUPPLIES	\$125.95
53337	GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	ENGINEERING	\$5,784.00
53338	HEALTHCARE BILLING, INC	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$302.22
53339	HIGH TECH LINEN	RUGS	\$140.54
53340	HOGAN'S RANCH & BUILDERS	SUPPLIES	\$155.59
53341	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES	\$803.61
53342	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES	\$36.81
53343	I STATE TRUCK INC	MAINTENANCE	\$337.74
53344	IBS, INC	SUPPLIES	\$1,228.27
53345	JANEEN BONNEY	TRAVEL	\$404.46
53346	JIM RUSSELL	TRAINING	\$723.76
53347	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	\$623.54
53348	KATHERINE KANE	TRAVEL	\$77.04
53349	LINDA SMITH	DRMD SR SUPPLIES	\$118.75
53350	LONGFELLOW FUNERAL HOME	VETERAN'S BENEFIT	\$300.00
53351	MACO	INMATE MED BUDGET PROTECTOR	\$97.20
53352	MAPS INC	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$3,956.50
53353	MCGOWAN WATER COND, INC	WATER SOFTENER	\$24.00
53354	MICHAEL KAHOE	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$2,973.35
53355	MONTANA 1 GLASS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$50.00
53356	MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH	SUPPLIES	\$214.91
53357	MONTANA RAIL LINK	GRAVEL STORAGE	\$500.00
53358	MOUNTAIN WEST COOPERATIVE	CAR WASH	\$4.00
53359	MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$2,145.43
53360	NICO ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS INC	ANNUAL FEE	\$240.00
53361	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO	SUPPLIES	\$277.50
53362	NORTHWEST PARTS & EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	\$53.04
53363	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	JUNE STATEMENTS	\$2,792.15
53364	PATRICIA BAUER	TRAVEL	\$281.14
53365	PEYDEN PRINCE	MAINTENANCE	\$200.00
53366	PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	ADS & SUBSCRIPTION	\$678.00
53367	PHILIPSBURG SR CITZ CENTER	PRISONER MEALS	\$510.00
53368	PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF	UTILITIES	\$440.00
53369	PINTLER PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$1,478.51
53370	PRORIDER, INC	BIKE HELMETS	\$580.50
53371	PROVIDENCE HEALTH & SERVICES	PRE-EMPLOY TEST	\$65.00
53372	QUILL CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	\$421.54
53373	REPUBLIC SERVICES #889	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$8,910.56
53374	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$6,957.35
53375	RICK DAY	TRAVEL	\$40.66
53376	RIVERSIDE MARKET	SUPPLIES	\$913.48
53377	ROCKY MOUNTAIN SCALE WORKS	MAINTENACE CONTRACT	\$4,668.00
53378	RTW ENTERPRISE	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$205.00
53379	SAFEGUARD QBS	CLAIMS WARRANTS	\$200.58
53380	SATELLITE PHONE STORE	DRMD AMB PHONE	\$93.02
53381	SCOTT ADLER	TRAVEL	\$194.74
53382	SMART HORIZONS	TRAINING	\$249.00
53383	SPARR'S TOWING	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$98.00
53384	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	SUPPLIES	\$518.62
53385	STATE 4-H OFFICE	4-H INSTITUTE LODGING	\$46.48
53386	STATE OF MONTANA	AUTOPSY	\$1,500.00
53387	SUNRISE FENCING	PBURG AIRPORT FENCE & GATE	\$1,900.00
53388	SUNSHINE STATION	SUPPLIES	\$8.98
53389	SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	REGULAR CLEANING	\$355.00
53390	TEC THE ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS	COURTHOUSE LIGHT PROJECT	\$55,711.80
53391	TERRY JO VIETOR	SUPPLIES	\$194.67
53392	TIMBERLINE LLC	FENCE REPAIR & GATES	\$1,375.00
53393	TIRE RAMA	FLAT REPAIR & NEW TIRE	\$136.90
53394	TITAN MACHINERY	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$1,467.71
53395	TNT TRUCK PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$243.75
53396	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT, INC	ACCEL PED	\$325.51
53397	US POSTAL SERVICE	ENVELOPES	\$845.25
53398	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$939.26
53399	WILLOWROCK INC	SURVEY REVIEW	\$450.00
53400	WOODLAND CREATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$384.89

53401	WSTRN MT TRI-CO ADDICTION SERV	CO DRUG & ALCOHOL SHARE	\$6,111.00
53402	CASCADE CO YOUTH SERVICES CNTR	YOUTH DETAINEE & TRANSPORT	\$7,465.66
		CLAIMS FUND TOTAL	\$248,889.72

<u>WARRANT</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
18942	MARJORIE BAUER	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
18943	AFL-CIO	\$390.20
18944	AFLAC INS	\$302.92
18945	CHRISTMAS CLUB	\$1,925.00
18946	COLONIAL	\$18.75
18947	FIT	\$10,710.56
18947	MEDICARE	\$3,885.82
18947	P.E.R.S.	\$17,177.62
18947	PERS RETIREE	\$536.90
18947	SHERIFF RETIRE	\$5,219.31
18947	SRS RETIREE	\$19.03
18947	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$16,615.46
18947	TRS	\$13.28
18947	UNEMPL. INSUR.	\$1,060.18
18948	IUOE 400	\$431.80
18949	MACO DENTAL	\$2,241.00
18949	MACO VISION	\$528.00
18949	MACOHCT	\$45,163.00
18949	UNUMLIFE	\$890.45
18950	PEBSC	\$3,650.00
18951	SIT	\$5,620.00
18952	UNION - PENSION	\$596.45
18953	WORKERS' COMP	\$15,169.19
	TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES	\$132,164.92

<u>WARRANT/NOD</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	ADLER, MAKENZIE T	WEED SPRAYER \$2,266.10
	ADLER, SCOTT C	COUNTY COMMISSIONER \$2,082.20
	ALT, PAUL	ROAD SUPERVISOR \$4,607.60
	ANDERSON, MELINDA K	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY \$327.88
18942	BAUER, MARJORIE	VACA/SICK PAYOFF \$583.30
	BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V \$606.48
	BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT \$3,755.59
	BONNEY, BARTON C	COMMISSIONER \$1,972.16
	BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN \$2,466.05
	BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER \$4,170.88
	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 \$1,713.40
	DAY, JAN P	DEPUTY CLERK \$1,332.38
	DAY, NELS R	DES COORDINATOR \$1,444.61
	DUNKERSON, WAYNE S	SHERIFF \$4,217.67
	FADNESS, COLETTE A	AREA V AIDE \$225.06
	FRATZKE, DEBBIE	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE \$1,844.79
	GRAHAM, RONALD L	ROAD MAINTENANCE \$3,816.50
	GRAHAM, SARAH E	DEPUTY CLERK & RECORDER \$3,143.34
	GREANY, KYLE L	ROAD MAINTENANCE \$3,127.50
	GROSVOLD, LACIE J	CLERK \$1,066.40
	HARDING, JEAN M	DISPATCHER \$2,387.71
	HARDING, VICKI B	TREASURER \$4,085.65
	HENNAGER, DEANNA L	DISPATCHER \$2,301.99
	HOEHNE, JOHN W	ROAD MAINTENANCE \$3,376.20
	HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE \$3,066.70
	HOUSE, ROBBI	TREASURER'S OFFICE \$2,687.52
	HULTMAN, TY R	DEPUTY \$3,527.90
	JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE \$3,245.30
	KAHOE, MICHAEL	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT \$4,378.88
	KANE, KATHERINE	DISPATCHER \$2,852.64
	KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE \$3,039.62
	KENDALL, JOY J	SOLID WASTE RELIEF \$77.52
	KINGREY, ELWYN	JUNK VEHICLE \$368.28
	KOLBECK, GLEN G	WEED SPRAYER \$2,720.39
	LATRAY, DANETTE L	TREASURER DEPUTY \$3,143.34
	LEHNEN, VICTORIA A	DISPATCHER \$2,470.62
	MCDONNELL, FRED N	SOLID WASTE RELIEF \$487.20
	MCLURE, BLANCHE A	CLERK & RECORDER \$4,085.65
	OLSEN, RICK C	DEPUTY \$3,389.70

OWENS, NANCY	RELIEF	\$322.38
PALMER, KAREN P	COUNTY AGENT SEC	\$2,365.44
PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY	\$2,986.72
PAWLAK, KIMBERLY	FLOATING CLERK	\$1,471.37
PETERS, DEBORAH A	DISPATCHER RELIEF	\$110.88
PETERS, STEVEN D	DEPUTY	\$3,207.22
RUSSELL, JAMES R	DEPUTY	\$3,863.76
SHORT, GERVIN	UNDERSHERIFF	\$3,900.13
SLAUGHTER, BILL L	COMMISSIONER	\$1,956.27
SMITH, REBECCA	PHEP COORDINATOR	\$1,374.30
SWANSON, DAVID C	WEED FOREMAN	\$2,544.90
TALLON, MARGARET	COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIALIST	\$78.00
TORRE, SUSAN R	RELIEF CUSTODIAN	\$228.35
VIETOR, TERRY J	CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE	\$1,152.00
WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,000.50
WEST, WILLIAM H	DAM TENDER	\$392.50
WILSON, FAITH GRACE	AREA V AIDE	\$887.66
YOUNG, ANN D	COUNTY HEALTH NURSE	\$1,800.00
60 EMPLOYEES	TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	\$138,805.16

## GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

July 5, 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 6,429.98 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 45 cfs through the pipeline and 80.6 cfs across the weir. The lake is approximately 5.76 inches above full pool. The Board agreed to no change in the outflow on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and gave a report. Items included road blading and dust abatement. The Board considered the salary for the combined Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Program Manager position. The Board agreed to set the combined salary of \$33.65/hour (\$6.73 from solid waste, \$26.92 from road) for a total annual salary of \$70,000.00 effective July 1, 2017, on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried. The Board agreed to do a performance evaluation in six months and to revisit the salary in one year.

The Board reviewed the Construction Agreement with Little Bear Construction Company for the Allendale Ditch Emergency Watershed Protection Project. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Commissioner Bonney moved to approve the agreement and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. The Board also agreed to send a written request to the state Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for an extension of the time for construction beyond July 8, 2017.

T. J. Vietor and County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw met with the Board regarding the Victim/Witness Advocate Program budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The Board agreed to put the program under the supervision of the county attorney's office, a change from the sheriff's office supervision. Discussion was held about the grant for funding the program through the Board of Crime Control which was not received for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The Board emphasized that the grant application must be submitted timely and successfully in the future. The Board requested that victim/witness advocate T. J. Vietor submit a proposed budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year to County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Slaughter excused himself from the session at 10:45 a.m.

July 5, 2017

Tony Caldwell met with the Board regarding the process of making Grassland Drive a county road. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Tony Caldwell related the history of the three tenths of a mile of road, which he noted is maintained by the county through agreement; he is paying taxes on the road and it is designated on his certificates of survey. Attorney Bradshaw indicated that the process to have a road declared a county road begins with a petition to be presented for the Board’s consideration. Tony Caldwell noted that debris, including hazardous waste, has been accumulating on the road right-of-way, which he believes would not occur if it were a county road, and it is a liability because it is on his property. It was noted that four families live on the road. The Board requested that Tony Caldwell speak with the resident on the road who is accumulating the debris. Dayle Hill attended.

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON with Granite County Hospital District, met with the Board for the monthly financial update. She noted that electronic medical records is active and that there is approximately \$180,000.00 at U. S. Bank which will be swept into the district’s account at the county treasurer’s office; the training on electronic medical records continues with staff. The financial report included projected cash available of \$36,908, projected deposits of \$210,158, projected cash requirement of \$120,000 and projected cash reserves of \$127,066 (11 days of operation). Also included was an administrator’s report dated June 27, 2017, a utilization statistics overview and a statement of cash flows. It was noted that one day per week of service will be discontinued at the Drummond clinic, with one day per week continuing.

Public Health Nurse Ann Young RN met with the Board and gave an update. She reported on meetings with all the home aides and has scheduled meetings with all clients. She requested the use of an electronic fax and the Board agreed that she should subscribe to the service for a monthly fee. She noted that one home aide had resigned and she is reassigning those cases. Vaccines will now be delivered to and accepted by the Granite County Medical Center as it must be kept refrigerated. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

The Board appointed Public Health Nurse Ann Young to the Granite County DUI Task Force for a term ending October 2, 2020. The action was taken on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Bonney. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

During public comment, Bret Bledsoe with the Natural Resources Conservation Service met with the Board regarding the Emergency Watershed Protection Boulder Creek Debris Removal Project and reported that they are consulting with US Fish and Wildlife Service due to a threatened and endangered species in Boulder Creek. Commissioner Bonney signed a request for an extension of time for construction of the Emergency Watershed Protection Allendale Diversion Project.

The Contract Agreement with Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, through the RRGL Grant Program, for Flint Creek Dam Improvement Project was deferred as the contract has not yet arrived.

The session adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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July 11, 2017

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

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.95 feet at an outflow of 45 cfs through the pipeline and 56.0 cfs across weir. The lake is approximately 5.40 inches above full pool. The Board made no change in the outflow at Commissioner Bonney's written recommendation.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his weekly report.

Items included equipment maintenance and dust control.

Commissioners Scott Adler and Bill Slaughter and Paul Alt, Road and Bridge Superintendent, made up the interview committee for the operator/mechanic position. The position had been advertised in the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper and on the county's website. The committee reviewed the four applications received for the position and elected to interview one candidate. An interview was held with applicant Nickie Cayko. The interview committee recommended that he be offered the position on the motion of Paul Alt and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Bret Bledsoe with Granite County Natural Resources Conservation Service met with the Board regarding the Emergency Watershed Protection Boulder Creek Debris Removal Project and reviewed the Request for Reimbursement form for the project.

The Board considered the Area V Agency on Aging contract modification (Contract Number A516-003-C) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Commissioner Slaughter moved to approve the contract modification and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board considered the proposed lease with John P. Durkin and Gerry Durkin of Butte for county property known as Happy Camp at Georgetown Lake. A certificate of insurance was provided by the Durkins, as required by the lease. The lease expires June 30, 2019. Commissioner Slaughter moved to approve the lease and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

County Health Nurse Ann Young met with the Board to discuss the Area V Agency on Aging budget for her department.

County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw met with the Board to discuss the proposed budget for the Victim/Witness Advocate Program. He proposed that the county budget for the salary and that program expenses be paid with court surcharges, estimated at \$2,817.00.

Review of the Board minutes for May 2017 was deferred.

Courthouse custodian Janeen Bonney met with the Board and presented a written monthly report. A visual inspection of the courthouse roof area was made by the Board and a proposal from a professional roofer for roof repair is anticipated soon.

Brian Robbins, DNRC Anaconda Unit Manager, met with the Board to discuss a potential land exchange between lands owned by Tony Marletto in four separate parcels in Sections 7, 9, 17 and 21, T9N, R14W, containing 1,680 acres and lands owned by DNRC in Section 36, T5N, R15W, containing 640 acres. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Brian Robbins explained that nothing formal has been done at this point but he wanted the Board to be aware of the possibility. He further explained how access would be

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accomplished, grazing rights, values of lands involved, values of the fisheries, trust land revenue, and the seven criteria which the DNRC must meet prior to further consideration of a land exchange. He noted that he had made a presentation to the Anaconda sportsmen's group and he has contacted all land owners which could be directly affected by the potential land exchange. He noted that a formal scoping process would be held if the DNRC decides to proceed and the Board would be invited to make a formal comment at that time. Consolidation of public lands and access to public property were discussed. Brian Robbins noted that initially there has been more support than opposition to this potential land exchange.

The Board held a budget work session.

County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw met with the Board and advised that the issuance of open burning permits be formally discontinued due to high fire danger and as the sheriff had initially recommended this action. Commissioner Slaughter moved to discontinue issuance of burning permits until further notice. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. The motion carried. Attorney Bradshaw noted that Sheriff Scott Dunkerson had earlier discontinued the issuance of open burning permits as an emergency measure.

During public comment, DeAnna Hennager met with the Board as president of AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) collective bargaining unit for deputies and dispatchers, and reported that the group would like to leave the union, but maintain the provisions of the union agreement until it expires on June 30, 2018, and then potentially form an association. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Commissioner Slaughter moved to maintain the provisions of the current collective bargaining agreement until its expiration and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Attorney Bradshaw agreed to write a letter notifying all parties of the County's obligation and decision to honor the existing collective bargaining agreement until it expires.

Board action on the contract agreement with DNRC for the RRGL (Renewable Resource Grant and Loan) Grant Program for the Flint Creek Dam Improvement Project was deferred as the document had not arrived.

The session adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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July 18, 2017

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

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt's report was deferred. Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper town attorney Jana McGill met with the Board to discuss the town's planned South Main Street rehabilitation project and coordination with the county's South Main Street Bridge (over the Clark Fork River) Rehabilitation Project.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.89 feet at an outflow of 43.5 cfs over the weir. No water is flowing through the pipeline due to a leak in the pipeline to the power plant

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discovered on July 12, 2017, when all water was diverted down the creek until the pipeline can be repaired. The lake is approximately 4.68 inches above full pool. The Board made no change in the outflow, at Commissioner Barton Bonney's written recommendation, on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board noted receipt of a letter from Henry and Rachael Barsotti stating that the Granite County Food Bank at Maxville is closing on September 29, 2017, after ten years of operation, as the Barsotti's are planning to move from Granite County.

The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection.

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

Disaster and Emergency Services/Safety Coordinator Rick Day met with the Board and gave a report on a leak in the pipeline between the Flint Creek Dam and the surge tank on the hill above the power plant. The leak was reported on the morning of July 12, 2017. Rick Day reviewed the list of federal and state agencies which were notified. He noted that a Flint Creek Hydro employee had walked the entire pipeline the day after an earthquake which occurred in the early morning hours of July 6, 2017, and no damage to the pipeline was found. Rick Day indicated that the pipeline repair is estimated to be completed by power plant operator Flint Creek Hydro by July 21, 2017, if parts arrive as scheduled. Rick Day agreed to submit the required written report to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Portland Regional Office. Tim Allen attended.

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

Rich Cowger and Bob Habeck with the Forest Service met with the Board to give a report on the Slide Rock Fire and Little Hog Back Fire. They presented maps of the fires and are making long term plans for several smaller fires in that area. The Board expressed concern about the county's repeater on Slide Rock Mountain and Rich Cowger reported that defensible space had been created around the repeater building; they estimated that the Slide Rock Fire will be under control within a couple of days and the Little Hog Back Fire is a larger concern at this time; and they are working closely with Sheriff Scott Dunkerson. The fire camp is in a meadow at Beavertail Hill and the Board was invited to attend daily briefings at 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Joe Brabender and Eric Tomasik with the Pintler Ranger District met with the Board and reported on the Whetstone Ridge and Meyers Fires. They presented maps, closure orders and plans for contingencies. Plans call for clearing trees within 100 feet of the road to keep the fire from jumping the road and utilization of fire line explosives on Whetstone Ridge to prevent the fire from reaching area ranches. They anticipate that these will be long term fires. They requested that the county provide dust control, for which the county will be reimbursed by the Forest Service, on the Moose Lake Road from the Skalkaho Highway to Copper Creek Bridge for fire fighter and public safety. They reported that there is an additional lightning caused fire behind Princeton. They invited the Board to attend morning briefings at 7:00 a.m. at the fire camp and evening briefings at the Philipsburg Ranger District Office when everyone gets in from the fire. Brian Robbins with DNRC Anaconda Unit attended.

The budget work session was deferred.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2017-12 "A Resolution Amending Granite County Resolution 2017-11 And Granting The Board Of Granite County Commissioners Discretion To Levy Two Additional Mills For The Flood Disaster And Rescinding All Emergencies Declared In Previous Years That Were Not Rescinded." Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended. The Board made proposed revisions to the resolution and those proposed changes will be forwarded to County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw prior to the second reading and decision scheduled for next week. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended. The County Attorney would be

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asked to give his legal opinion on the proposed changes and to draft the proposed changes, if they conform to applicable law.

The Board held a budget work session.

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

The contract agreement with DNRC Renewable Resources Grant and Loan Program (RRGL) for the Flint Creek Dam Improvement Project was deferred as the document had not arrived.

The session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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July 25, 2017

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

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.77 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of zero cfs through the pipeline to the power plant and 39.4 cfs across the weir. The pipeline is shut down for repair of a leak and is expected to be back in operation today. The lake is approximately 3.24 inches above full pool. The Board agreed to no change in the outflow on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Bonney. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and gave a report. Items included the preliminary 2017-2018 Road Department and Solid Waste District budgets, possible lease-purchase of a roller, purchase of two utility trailers and dust control on Moose Lake Road at the request of the Forest Service, which will reimburse the county.

Kim Johnson with Pintlar Real Estate met with the Board to discuss increasing the Board's offer to purchase the property (three irregular tracts in NW1/4 of Section 35, T10N, R13W) which adjoins the county shop property at Hall. The Board agreed to make an offer of \$130,000.00 on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Bonney. The motion carried.

The employee evaluation of Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe was deferred until all three Commissioners are available.

Philipsburg Mayor Brett Hamilton met with the Board regarding drainage on Kearney Street, which flows onto the sidewalk at the north entrance to the courthouse and freezes in the winter creating a hazardous condition. Courthouse custodian Janeen Bonney joined the group. Mayor Hamilton agreed to have the town's public works director look at the situation. Mayor Hamilton reported on magnesium chloride distribution on Philipsburg streets. The purchase of the material is being worked out with Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt and the Board agreed that magnesium chloride would be traded in-kind between the town and the county. The town is selling water from a well, for drinking water and other beneficial use, to the crews fighting forest fires in the area. Emergency notification during a disaster was discussed. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

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Courthouse custodian Janeen Bonney met with the Board and presented an estimate from Fine Fabric Care of Butte to clean all the carpets in the courthouse for \$1,496.20. The Board agreed to have it done.

Emelia McEwen, with the Montana Association of Counties safety and loss prevention program, met with the Board for the annual On-Track Safety Program Evaluation. Also attending were County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, DES/Safety Coordinator Rick Day, PayneWest Insurance agent Rody Holman, and PayneWest loss control specialist Brodie Loushin. All aspects of the county's safety program were evaluated and the successful evaluation may result in a dividend for the county's safety program. Rody Holman explained that he is available to review certificates of insurance and liability insurance coverage for architectural and engineering firms which do work for the county.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2017-12 "A Resolution Amending Granite County Resolution 2017-11 With Decision Not To Levy Two Additional Mills For The Flood Disaster And Rescinding All Emergencies Declared In Previous Years That Were Not Rescinded." County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Commissioner Slaughter moved for adoption and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board considered the lease contract with the State of Montana for the Department of Revenue office on the main floor of the courthouse. The proposed lease is effective July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019 at a rate of \$517.14/month or approximately \$9.059 per gross square foot per year. Commissioner Bonney moved to approve the lease and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

During public comment, Doug Truman, Andy Mitchell, Scot Shuler, Chris Grove and Sandy Leach, liaison officers for the Northern Rockies Incident Management Team One, met with the Board. Sandy Leach and gave a report on the Whetstone Ridge and Meyers Fires; she is also working with Chris Grove who is on the Sapphire Complex Fire. Andy Mitchell briefed the Board on the Whetstone and Meyers fires; the goal is to prevent the fires from moving east; approximately 300 personnel on the fires; a number of complexities including standing dead trees; visiting regularly with residents in the area; grateful for county's efforts for dust control on Moose Lake Road; logging community is a major partner; closest structures are three air miles away from the fires. Chris Grove briefed the Board on the Sapphire Complex (Goat Creek, Slide Rock and Little Hog Back Fires); the fires have been combined for the Forest Service's financial purposes; people with grazing permits in the area have been contacted; sheriff's cooperation is appreciated; fires are in difficult terrain; safety of firefighters is the major priority; strategy is to box in the fires and then close in. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and DES/Safety Coordinator Rick Day attended.

Danielle Tribble with U.S. Senator Steve Daines' Missoula Office, met with the Board to introduce herself and for general discussion. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and DES/Coordinator Rick Day and Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended. Subjects discussed included health care, current area forest fires, and cooperation of federal agencies. The Board stressed the importance of the federal Secure Rural Schools Program to county roads and county schools.

During public comment, Rick Day met with the Board and reported on a recent Region I Fire Committee meeting (for areas north of Interstate 90) which recommends that counties move to Stage II fire restrictions. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Commissioner Slaughter moved to adopt Resolution 2017-14 "An Emergency Granite County Resolution Establishing Stage II Fire Restrictions For All Private Land In Granite County Under County Jurisdiction Except For Reasonable, Agricultural Related Purposes." Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The agenda item regarding the contract agreement with DNRC Renewable Resources Grant and Loan Program (RRGL) for the Flint Creek Dam Improvement Project was deferred as the document had not arrived.

The Board held a budget work session.

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**The Board participated in the Granite County Board of Health meeting. Minutes of that meeting are kept separately.**

**The session adjourned at 5:15 p.m.**

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**Barton C Bonney, Chairperson**

**ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder**

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