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roads damaged by heavy fire-related traffic. County DES/Safety Coordinator Rick Day attended.

The session adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup> AND 26<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER 2017 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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

<u>WARRANT</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
53516 BOB WEAVER CONSTRUCTION	GRAVEL	\$54,000.00
53517 KARL TYLER CHEVROLET	PICK UP TRUCK	\$61,790.30
53518 VISA #1	RAPIDFAX SERVICE	\$13.99
53519 PHILIPSBURG AMBULANCE	PETTY CASH	\$100.00
53520 FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK	PAYROLL & NOD FEE	\$103,365.84
53521 CLERKS - COLJ CONFERENCE	CONF REGISTRATION	\$250.00
53522 COLJ CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	CONF REGISTRATION	\$300.00
53523 DEBBIE FRATZKE	FALL CONFERENCE	\$435.99
53524 LACIE GROSVOLD	FALL CONFERENCE	\$302.67
53525 BOB WEAVER CONSTRUCTION	HAUL GRAVEL (FS)	\$10,925.00
53526 LINCOLN ROOFS & CONSTRUCTION	COURTHOUSE ROOF REPAIR	\$1,750.00
53527 360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	AUGUST STATEMENT	\$1,094.01
53528 A & M FIRE AND SAFETY, INC	SUPPLIES	\$183.95
53529 ALL BUSINESS CPR & AID	CPR TRAINING	\$330.00
53530 AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	ACETYLENE	\$21.80
53531 ANACONDA LEADER	EVACUATION NOTICES	\$506.70
53532 ANNIE YOUNG	CONFERENCE & SUPPLIES	\$263.46
53533 AXMEN	LID W/RING	\$22.00
53534 BART BONNEY	TRAVEL & SUPPLIES	\$278.02
53535 BECKY SMITH	TRAVEL	\$28.89
53536 BILL SLAUGHTER	TRAVEL	\$109.68
53537 BLACK MOUNTAIN SOFTWARE	ANNUAL FEE	\$21,669.00
53538 BLACKFOOT CFT	AUGUST BILLING	\$4,032.39
53539 BLAINE BRADSHAW	SUPPLIES & TRAVEL	\$52.65
53540 BOB'S QUALITY AUTO	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$870.50
53541 CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	MAINTENANCE	\$174.25
53542 CENTURYLINK	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$516.47
53543 CENTURYLINK	FCP PHONE	\$56.86
53544 CLAUDETTE PARKE	CERTIFIED MAILINGS	\$32.95
53545 COLETTE ADELE FADNESS	MILEAGE	\$756.49
53546 COMDATA	AUGUST BILLING	\$5,146.58
53547 DENNY MENHOLT FORD	REPAIRS	\$3,936.20
53548 DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$6,625.83
53549 DRUMMOND AMBULANCE ASSOC	SUPPLIES	\$1,704.44
53550 DUSTBUSTERS INC	DUSTGARD	\$4,922.77
53551 ENERGY PARTNERS LLC	PROPANE	\$101.27
53552 F & R LLC	GRAVEL (FS)	\$67,319.32
53553 FAITH G WILSON	MILEAGE	\$6.42
53554 FARON LANCE MEEKS	WITNESS	\$10.00
53555 FISHER REPAIR	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$102.50
53556 GALL'S LLC	UNIFORM	\$260.30
53557 GENERAL DISTRIBUTING CO.	CO2, HP, ACETYLENE	\$123.07
53558 GRANITE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER	DOT PHYSICAL	\$130.00
53559 GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$399.45
53560 GRANITE DISPOSAL	HAUL GARBAGE	\$180.00
53561 GRANITE GRAPHICS	PRINT FORMS	\$95.00
53562 GRANITE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$282.15
53563 GRANITE RECYCLING	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$293.50
53564 GRANITE SPORTLAND	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$63.28
53565 GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$7,541.10

53566	HARLOW'S TRUCK CENTER	MAINTENANCE	\$684.83
53567	HEALTHCARE BILLING, INC	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$336.48
53568	HIGH TECH LINEN	SUPPLIES	\$206.77
53569	HOGAN'S RANCH & BUILDERS	SUPPLIES	\$37.76
53570	HUFFMAN GROCERY	MEALS & SUPPLIES	\$1,383.44
53571	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES	\$35.10
53572	I STATE TRUCK INC	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$694.01
53573	INTOXIMETERS, INC	24/7 SOBRIETY	\$13.00
53574	JEFFREY PEABODY	DAM INSPECTION	\$400.00
53575	KARMEN HAGER	WITNESS	\$38.89
53576	LISACS TIRE OF ANACONDA	TIRES	\$199.00
53577	MACO	INMATE MED BUDGET PROTECTOR	\$66.96
53578	MAPS INC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$2,446.00
53579	MARGARET TALLON	TRAVEL	\$32.10
53580	MCGOWAN WATER COND, INC	SUPPLIES	\$24.00
53581	MICHAEL KAHOE	SUPPLIES	\$96.30
53582	MISSOULIAN	INVITATION TO BID	\$420.20
53583	MONTANA ELECTRONICS CO, INC	SUPPLIES	\$336.83
53584	MONTANA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOC	CONFERENCE	\$249.00
53585	MONTANA RAIL LINK	ROAD CROSSING	\$25.00
53586	MOUNTAIN SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$11.09
53587	MOUNTAIN WEST COOPERATIVE	SUPPLIES	\$3.79
53588	MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	SALARY SHARE	\$2,145.43
53589	MT COUNTY TREASURER'S ASSOC	FY18 DUES	\$415.00
53590	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	REPAIRS	\$2,192.22
53591	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	AUGUST STATEMENTS	\$2,729.91
53592	PATRICIA BAUER	MILEAGE	\$328.49
53593	PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	ADS	\$440.00
53594	PINTLER PETROLEUM	FUEL & OIL	\$5,029.71
53595	POSTMASTER	POSTAGE STAMPS	\$500.00
53596	PRINCETON PLAN & PROJECT MGMT	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$300.00
53597	PROVIDENCE HEALTH & SERVICES	DRUG TEST COLLECTION	\$65.00
53598	QUILL CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	\$852.19
53599	REPUBLIC SERVICES #889	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$9,518.66
53600	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$7,514.38
53601	RIVERSIDE MARKET	SUPPLIES	\$26.16
53602	RTW ENTERPRISE	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$716.25
53603	SATELLITE PHONE STORE	UTILITIES	\$93.02
53604	SHI	SUPPLIES	\$247.57
53605	SNAP-ON	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$5,364.99
53606	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	SUPPLIES	\$261.36
53607	SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$150.00
53608	TEC THE ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS	AMBULANCE SHED	\$75,997.00
53609	TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC	GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING	\$10,900.00
53610	TERRY JO VIETOR	SUPPLIES & MILEAGE	\$158.82
53611	TNT TRUCK PARTS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$470.75
53612	TOWERWORKS, INC	SUPPLIES	\$379.45
53613	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT, INC	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$2,390.59
53614	US POSTAL SERVICE	PRE-STAMPED ENVELOPES	\$1,136.00
53615	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$566.10
53616	WILLIAM PATENAUDE, PhD	PRE-EMPLOYMENT SCREENING	\$250.00
53617	WILLOWROCK INC	SURVEYOR	\$1,050.00
53618	WOODLAND CREATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$400.57
53619	LITTLE BEAR CONSTRUCTION	ALLENDALE DITCH - FLOOD	\$38,526.00
53620	PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF	UTILITIES	\$461.00
		CLAIMS FUND TOTAL	\$542,794.21

<u>WARRANT/NOD</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ADLER, MAKENZIE T	WEED SPRAYER	\$2,176.00
ADLER, SCOTT C	COUNTY COMMISSIONER	\$2,093.45
ALT, PAUL	ROAD SUPERVISOR	\$5,833.33
ANDERSON, MELINDA K	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY	\$1,122.36
BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V	\$811.04
BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	\$3,932.65
BONNEY, BARTON C	COMMISSIONER	\$2,079.46
BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN	\$2,584.00
BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER	\$4,858.53
BRADSHAW, BLAINE C	COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$7,867.93
BUTLER, JODI L	SOLID WASTE	\$2,866.72
CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N	DISPATCH	\$2,272.66
CAYKO, NICKIE N	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,420.00
CROSS, AUSTIN M	DISPATCHER	\$1,608.47
DAY, JAN P	DEPUTY CLERK	\$1,400.00
DAY, NELS R	DES COORDINATOR	\$1,572.81
DUNKERSON, WAYNE S	SHERIFF	\$4,406.90

	FADNESS, COLETTE A	AREA V AIDE	\$375.48
	FRATZKE, DEBBIE	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	\$1,933.08
	GRAHAM, RONALD L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$4,354.80
	GRAHAM, SARAH E	DEPUTY CLERK & RECORDER	\$3,307.50
	GREANY, KYLE L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,488.40
	GROSVOLD, LACIE J	CLERK	\$1,088.00
18969	GURSKY, CHARLES M	RELIEF ATTENDANT	\$298.50
	HARDING, JEAN M	DISPATCHER	\$2,014.96
	HARDING, VICKI B	TREASURER	\$4,331.67
	HENNAGER, DEANNA L	DISPATCHER	\$2,580.32
	HOEHNE, JOHN W	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,851.30
	HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,618.00
	HOUSE, ROBBI	TREASURER'S OFFICE	\$2,923.77
	HULTMAN, TY R	DEPUTY	\$3,995.66
	JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,701.20
	KAHOE, MICHAEL	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	\$4,849.44
	KANE, KATHERINE	DISPATCHER	\$3,187.74
18970	KANE, KATHERINE	VACA/SICK PAYOFF	\$5,818.21
	KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE	\$3,164.80
	KINGREY, ELWYN	JUNK VEHICLE	\$376.92
	KOLBECK, GLEN G	WEED SPRAYER	\$2,584.00
	LATRAY, DANETTE L	TREASURER DEPUTY	\$3,307.50
	LEHNEN, VICTORIA A	DISPATCHER	\$2,649.16
	MCDONNELL, FRED N	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$695.52
	MCLURE, BLANCHE A	CLERK & RECORDER	\$4,331.67
	OLSEN, RICK C	DEPUTY	\$3,924.23
	OSTLER, JASON K	DEPUTY	\$1,323.17
	OWENS, NANCY	RELIEF	\$255.78
	PALMER, KAREN P	COUNTY AGENT SEC	\$2,522.64
	PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY	\$3,185.04
	PAWLAK, KIMBERLY	FLOATING CLERK	\$1,374.49
	PETERS, STEVEN D	DEPUTY	\$3,653.86
	RUSSELL, JAMES R	DEPUTY	\$4,315.16
	SHORT, GERVIN	UNDERSHERIFF	\$4,112.15
18971	SHORT, GERVIN	VACA/SICK PAYOFF	\$9,994.87
	SLAUGHTER, BILL L	COMMISSIONER	\$2,067.62
	SMITH, REBECCA	PHEP COORDINATOR	\$1,558.00
	SWANSON, DAVID C	WEED FOREMAN	\$2,290.50
	TALLON, MARGARET	COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIALIST	\$130.00
	TORRE, SUSAN R	RELIEF CUSTODIAN	\$107.46
	VIETOR, TERRY J	CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE	\$1,154.40
	WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,420.00
	WEST, WILLIAM H	DAM TENDER	\$729.48
	WILSON, FAITH GRACE	AREA V AIDE	\$92.07
	YOUNG, ANN D	COUNTY HEALTH NURSE	\$5,967.00
	60 EMPLOYEES	TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	\$175,911.83

	WARRANT	AMOUNT
18969	CHARLES GURSKY	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
18970	KATHERINE KANE	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
18971	GERVIN SHORT	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
18972	AFLAC INS	\$302.92
18973	CHRISTMAS CLUB	\$1,925.00
18974	COLONIAL	\$18.75
18975	FIT	\$14,992.67
18975	MEDICARE	\$4,932.34
18975	P.E.R.S.	\$21,069.62
18975	PERS RETIREE	\$551.30
18975	SHERIFF RETIRE	\$8,434.89
18975	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$21,089.50
18975	TRS	\$22.13
18976	IUOE 400	\$435.80
18977	MACO DENTAL	\$2,313.00
18977	MACO VISION	\$514.00
18977	MACOHCT	\$48,240.00
18977	UNUMLIFE	\$831.25
18978	PEBSC	\$3,725.00
18979	SIT	\$7,434.00
18980	UNION - PENSION	\$635.16
	TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES	\$137,467.33

# GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

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

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his weekly report. Items included discussion on hauling and placing asphalt millings on the Maxville Road after testing the millings and the asphalt mulcher, plans to return the rented roller, and the crew is now working on Rock Creek Road. The Board agreed to sell a homemade trailer from the county road department to James Walden for \$100.00 on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and a second by Commissioner Adler. The motion carried.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.99 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 44.1 cfs, with 44.1 cfs through the pipeline and 44.1 cfs across the weir. The lake is approximately 6.12 inches below 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.

Glen Cameron with the Missoula District Office of the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) met with the Board to review the investigation of the speed zone request dated August 11, 2017, regarding Secondary 513 – Hall West. The investigation was done at the Board's request for the Hall Elementary School. Glen Cameron reviewed the report with the Board and he noted that local officials may pass a resolution to reduce the speed limit in front of the school to 20 mph. The Board discussed the limited availability of parking near the school, which would be further reduced by additional regulation speed limit signs. Glen Cameron indicated that a new ladder-style crosswalk could be installed across Secondary 513 in front of the school. Discussion was held on the difficulties presented in the area, including limited space for additional signing and a lack of illumination. The Board agreed that new replacement signage, a more defined newly painted crosswalk across Secondary 513 and additional illumination would improve the situation without changing the speed limit on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried. MDT will be notified by letter that the Board will not pursue changing the speed limit and supports the transitional speed limit entering Hall on Secondary 513. Discussion was held on having a circular driveway (on school property) for student drop off installed by the school and the limited availability of space in front of the school. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Sandra Brown with the Hall Elementary School Board attended.

Vince Reece, Chairman of the Granite County Airport Board, met with the Board and presented draft minutes from the airport board meeting held on August 30, 2017, draft by-laws and draft hangar leases. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. The following recommendations from the airport board were discussed and acted upon:

- **By-Laws;** Vince Reece requested approval as presented and as recommended by County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the airport board by-laws and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.
- **Manager;** Airport board recommended Vince Reece for the volunteer unpaid position of Airport Manager and the Board agreed.
- **Leases;** for hangars at Riddick Field. Vince Reece noted that some hangars are used for only storage for non-aviation purposes and he has had requests for hangar space. Discussion was held that hangar owners will have plenty of notice to come into compliance with the rules. Vince Reece indicated that the airport lawnmower can be stored in his hangar.
- **Natural Resources Incident Operating Plan;** Vince Reece noted that the plan is for any outside operation (for firefighting, etc.) at Riddick Field and that he will revise

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- the agreement slightly for the Drummond Airport. The Incident Operating Plan for Riddick Field was accepted on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried.
- Geotechnical Results; Vince Reece presented a proposal from Terracon to work up three estimates for the exact cost for each of three options, based on Terracon's evaluation of the runway at Riddick Field, for a cost of \$850.00. Attorney Bradshaw advised that the airport board do a Request for Qualifications or do a Request for Bids utilizing the specifications which are currently available through the Terracon evaluation of the runway condition at Riddick Field which has been completed. The Board agreed not to accept the Terracon proposal.
- Hangar Expansion; Vince Reece presented a letter of commitment to construct a new hangar to include a public pilot lounge. Attorney Bradshaw noted that any hangar repairs or construction must be recommended by the airport board, as well as any proposals for a new hangar. He also noted that the airport board needs a policy on how requests for new hangar space are handled and he agreed to assist with writing the new policy.
- Drummond Airport; Vince Reece reported that it has been mowed, is smooth and in good condition. He is in the process of ordering directional road signs to the Drummond Airport.

**Public Comment:** Mark Harvey met with the Board to report that a new incident management team is taking over the Sapphire Complex Fire tomorrow. A public meeting is scheduled tonight at the Granite High School cafeteria at 5:00 p.m. and a stakeholders meeting is scheduled for tomorrow morning at the courthouse at 10:00 a.m. Discussion was held on a private contractor being hired by the Meyers Fire Incident Management Team to grade a county road without permission which scraped the new gravel off the road. Mark Harvey agreed to pass the information on to the Meyers Fire team members. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON of the Granite County Hospital District, met with the Board and submitted a financial update. Financial reports are being tied into the new Athena electronic medical records system and old accounts are being cleaned up for the transition. The financial report included a checking account balance of \$37,825.00, deposits not yet recorded by the county \$53,300.00, current payroll of \$90,000.00, for projected cash available \$1,125.00, projected deposits through 9-15-2017 of \$180,500, projected cash requirements through 9-15-2017 accounts payable \$49,000.00, for projected cash reserves of \$130,375.00 (12 days of operation). Also included was an administrator's report dated August 29, 2017. Discussion was held on unacceptable billing procedures at the facility. Other items reported were that the dentist that had been at the facility is starting a private practice in downtown Philipsburg; Jean McKinney is the new dietary manager at the facility; the M.J. Murdock Charitable Foundation is making a site visit later this week on the CT scan project; a new scanning system is being implemented in central supply; a backup system for internet service is being implemented with Dunne Communications; and the annual health fair will likely be scheduled for October 2017.

The agreement between Granite County and Flint Creek Hydroelectric LLC dated May 24, 2011, was reviewed and discussed with County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, who agreed to write a letter to Flint Creek Hydroelectric of Notice of Default and request for remedial measures on the agreement.

The Board reviewed the draft corrective plan and schedule response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on the Part 12D inspection of the Flint Creek Project as prepared by Great West Engineering of Helena. The Board approved the corrective plan and schedule on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and a second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Granite County will submit the corrective plan and schedule to the FERC Portland Regional Office.

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Commissioner Slaughter moved to approve the proposal by Lincoln Roofs and Construction of Butte for courthouse roof repair in the dome area of the building in the amount of \$3,500.00. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Myrna Green with the Montana Department of Revenue (DOR) at Anaconda-Deer Lodge County telephoned the Board about the Board's inquiry regarding the dramatic drop in the valuation for the Drummond Lighting District. She has contacted the centrally assessed property division of the DOR in Helena and will report to the board later today. In her later report, Myrna Green indicated that an assessment for 2016 included 24 miles of Montana Rail Link rail which was not included or provided by Montana Rail Link for its assessment for 2017, and the DOR is contacting Montana Rail Link regarding the discrepancy. She agreed to respond to the Board as soon as possible on whether the valuation will be revised for the Drummond Lighting District.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2017-15 "A Granite County Resolution Establishing Stage I Fire Restrictions For All Private Land In Granite County Under County Jurisdiction, With Special Exemptions Including All Reasonable Agriculture Purposes." The Board agreed that the county is currently at Stage II Fire Restrictions and should not go to Stage I Fire Restrictions at this time and that no further consideration be given to Resolution 2017-15 at this time. The action was taken on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board considered the proposed Memorandum of Agreement with Western Montana Mental Health Center for Secured Crisis Stabilization. The Board approved the agreement on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the purchase of property adjoining the county road department shop at Hall. The Board noted that an offer on the property has been made for \$130,000.00 but a survey revealed a discrepancy on the property description boundaries to allow county access and there may be a revision in the purchase price. Surveyor Hans Bohrnsen will be requested to create an exhibit which indicates where the buildings on the property are located.

The Board considered the opportunity to comment to the Montana Historical Society on the Moose Lake Historic District nomination for the National Register of Historic Places. Commissioner Slaughter moved that the Board waive the right to comment on the proposed listing and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Commissioners Bonney and Slaughter voted in favor of the motion and Commissioner Adler voted against the motion.

At 4:00 p.m. the Board referred to the legal notice as published in the August 24 and 31, 2017, issues of the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper regarding the county budget hearing beginning on August 22, 2017, and concluding today at 4:00 p.m. The county budget hearing concluded without any public comment. The budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year was adopted on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2017-16 "A Resolution Setting Granite County's Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget, Including Salaries Of All Granite County's Elected Officials And Deputies, And A Base Salary Increase For Certain Elected Officials And Cost Of Living Increase For The County's Employees Other Than Elected Officials And Deputies." There was no public comment.

The session adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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September 6, 2017

The Board of Commissioners met at 6:15 p.m. in special joint session with the Towns of Drummond and Philipsburg at the Georgetown Lake Volunteer Fire Department Fire Station No. 1 on Fire Lane at Georgetown Lake with Chairperson Barton Bonney and Commissioners Scott Adler and Bill Slaughter attending. Also attending from Granite County were County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. Attending from the Town of Drummond were Mayor Gail Leeper, councilor Cary McLure and town attorney Jana McGill. Mayor Brett Hamilton attended from the Town of Philipsburg. Others attending were Fred Bjorklund and Todd Schmidt with the Georgetown Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Susan Hale and reporter Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper.

Commission Chairperson Barton Bonney conducted the meeting and introductions were not necessary.

**Economic Development:** Mayor Leeper reported that the Economic Development Committee has not met recently and that she may have to give them a nudge. Mayor Hamilton noted that the smoke may have had some effect on tourism and the effect of the forest fires on hunting season is yet to be seen. He expressed his appreciation to the firefighters. Commissioner Adler noted that over 1 million timbered acres have burned in Montana and that much timber would supply a sawmill for 7 to 8 years.

**County Update:** Commissioner Slaughter reported that work has been done on county roads, Moose Lake Road and Upper Willow Creek Road, due to forest fires and he stressed the importance of getting a specific order from fire authorities prior to work being done. Additional road work will need to be done when fires are over. He suggested that in the future that meetings be held when fires start to familiarize the county and towns with the proper procedures for reimbursement. A contractor, Battle Ridge Builders of Belgrade, has been selected for the county's South Main Street Bridge (over the Clark Fork River at Drummond) Rehabilitation Project and the Montana Department of Transportation has contributed \$40,000.00 to the project. Plans are to complete the Rehabilitation Project this fall.

**Town of Drummond Update:** Mayor Leeper reported that the town's engineer has been in contact with the county's engineer, Great West Engineering of Helena, on the town's South Main Street resurfacing project. The same paving contractor may be able to be used on both projects. The town is considering an Intercap loan, to be repaid over 15 years, to finance the paving project and a roof on the water tower.

**Town of Philipsburg Update:** Mayor Brett Hamilton reported on major sewer lagoon studies and permits to meet DEQ standards. There is cross connection between the sanitary sewer and the storm sewer. An ammonia study is to be done in September and in October red dye will be used to determine what is getting into Flint Creek. Public notice will be given prior to the red dye study. The lagoon is out of compliance, so more tests will be required. The town is in need of a new backhoe. The Stewart Lake Road incident turned out well due to the cooperation of all parties. He discussed the flooding caused by a breach of a dam above town this spring and he has met with county DES Coordinator Rick Day and the property owner. The Town's public works' director still plans to visit the dam site. The town council is discussing sidewalk vending and placement of sandwich boards. Dearborn Street improvements have been made and Philip McDonald is planning a major subdivision. Gas

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Tax payments have been delayed until February, but will go up substantially in the future for small towns.

**Other:** Mayor Leeper indicated that Jean McKinney had requested to be on the agenda for K-9 Rescue, but she was not able to be present. Commissioner Slaughter reported that no funds were budgeted this fiscal year through the Sheriff’s Office, as the sheriff does not want to be the Animal Control Officer. He suggested that private donations be considered. Mayor Hamilton has organized some fund-raising assistance for the K-9 Rescue, although the town has no funds to support the cause; also, there is not a local dog problem in town. The group agreed that Jean McKinney be invited to the next joint meeting.

**Public Comment:** Susan Hale suggested the name of Diane Johnson of Bear Gulch to assist in collecting delinquent taxes through coordination with the County Treasurer. It was noted that people can take tax assignments on delinquent taxes, there are penalties and interest when taxes go delinquent and tax deeds are issued. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw agreed to research the issue.

**Next Joint Meeting:** Scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at Barney Conrad’s Shop on Lower Rock Creek.

The session adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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September 12, 2017

The Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 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.

Board members participated in the quarterly meeting of the Granite County Safety Committee. Minutes of that meeting are kept separately.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his weekly report. Preparation is being made for Barney Conrads to plow snow on the Lower Rock Creek Road. Sand will be hauled to Barney Conrads’ shop for ease of use. Tree limbs and bushes leaning over the road right-of-way will be removed on Lower Rock Creek Road to improve visibility and make plowing snow more efficient.

Commissioner Bonney reported receiving many telephone calls from local residents regarding a test patch of asphalt millings which apparently was placed on Commissioner Adler’s private driveway using county materials, county equipment and labor. Commissioner Bonney noted that this should not have been done and he presented a written report of his notes. Commissioner Adler agreed to take action to remedy this matter. Commissioner Slaughter said that he will accept a part of the responsibility on the decision to test the millings there, as the matter had been discussed, but that he thought a final decision had not been made by the Commission. Commissioner Adler indicated that county equipment was used for six (6) hours by county employees on September 6/7, 2017, and the plan was to see if a tractor could break up the millings, which did not work. He noted that the pressed millings killed the adjoining lawn. Discussion was held on how to mitigate the

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situation; it was determined to issue a public apology that would be sent to the local news media with an acknowledgment that it was an error in judgment and a promise to never do it again. Commissioner Adler agreed to pay for the county's time and equipment. Sheriff Scott Dunkerson and Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt attended.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.88 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 44.7 cfs, with 44.7 cfs through the pipeline and 44.7 cfs across the weir. The lake is approximately 7.44 inches below full pool. Commissioner Bonney recommended no change in the outflow. The Board agreed to no change in the outflow on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed county claims for August 2017. Commissioner Slaughter moved for approval of the August 2017 claims and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

**Forest Fires Update:** Fire officials Mike Wright and Paul Stevens met with the Board, presented maps and gave updates on two forest fires. The Sapphire Fire has picked up due to atmospheric conditions; some helicopter buckets used; winds from southwest; smoke columns visible but are not concerning; hand injury to a firefighter occurred; cost to date is approximately \$35 million. Meyers Fire report; fire is active in Carpp Creek; helicopters in use; a lot of smoke today; moved into Wise River side; 200 acres of growth in Mystic Lake area; moved a quarter mile into the Bitterroot side; structures are in good shape; constructing some indirect fire lines; keeping up with demand with available resources; rain and snow predicted in near future; cost to date is approximately \$29 million.

Kim Johnson, agent with Pintlar Territories Real Estate, met with the Board regarding the county's purchase of property in Hall. The survey has not been returned from county's reviewer; there is a question on the title commitment regarding taxes; quiet title may be required on adjoining piece of land for access and will consult with County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw regarding the quiet title issue. The Board agreed that Commissioner Bonney will sign the documents when available, probably next week.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2017-16 "A Resolution Setting Granite County's Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget, Including Salaries Of All Granite County's Elected Officials And Deputies, And A Base Salary Increase For Certain Elected Officials And Cost Of Living Increase For The County's Employees Other Than Elected Officials And Deputies." Commissioner Adler moved for adoption of Resolution 2017-16 and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Clerk and Recorder Blanche McLure met with the Board and members agreed to sign the levy sheet for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Lincoln Vaughn, with Lincoln Roofs and Construction of Butte, and courthouse custodian Janeen Bonney met with the Board. Lincoln Vaughn reported that he is planning to start on the dome area roof of the courthouse next week, as outlined in his written proposal, when materials arrive; he estimates 3 to 5 working days once the project is started; he intends to connect a garbage chute to the back of the building for roof debris; he will put more numbers together for a cost proposal for the remainder of the courthouse roof and present them later for the Board's consideration.

The Board agreed that Chairperson Barton Bonney be authorized to sign all documents related to the South Main Street Bridge (over the Clark Fork River at Drummond) Rehabilitation Project as prepared by Great West Engineering of Helena. The documents are expected to arrive tomorrow.

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

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Commissioner Slaughter moved to approve the sale of county-owned addressing information to HERE (formerly NavTeq) for \$500.00 and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mapping and Planning Specialists Inc. will be notified of the decision.

The session adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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September 19, 2017

No regular session was scheduled or held.

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Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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September 26, 2017

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

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Program Manager Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his weekly report. Items included that he has made an estimate to submit to the Forest Service for road work which will be required due to exceptionally heavy traffic from firefighting equipment. Treasurer Vicki Harding and Clerk Lynn Anderson met with the Board regarding some taxpayers who are upset at the amount of solid waste overage notices that members of the public are receiving. Notices will be posted at both solid waste sites indicating that taxpayers should speak with the people in the Treasurer's Office, not with solid waste site attendants) if they have questions regarding a solid waste overage statement.

Clerk and Recorder Blanche McLure met with the Board and with Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt to review the claims process. She noted that on some occasions warrants have been requested immediately without any documentation and that the regular process is to have all claims reviewed and approved by the full Commission once a month prior to warrants being written. The Board discussed that there are certain circumstances when a warrant is needed immediately, with documentation to follow, and that they are very aware of the regular claims process.

Letters of Agreement with Matt Powers, Rock Creek Lodge, for the storage of sand and use of an electrical outlet to plug in county loader, for \$400 per year, and with Linda Smith for storage of asphalt millings, \$400.00 per year were discussed. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the Letters of Agreement and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried

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Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.83 feet, according to the USGS gage, at an outflow of 44.7 cfs, with 44.7 cfs through the pipeline and 44.7 cfs across the weir, according to the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 8.04 inches below full pool. Commissioner Bonney recommended no change in the outflow. The Board agreed to no change in the outflow on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper met with the Board to interview Board members regarding millings placed on Commissioner Adler's driveway. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and indicated that Commissioners are issuing a public apology and that Scott Adler has agreed to pay for any benefit received. Attorney Bradshaw stated that he is requesting that the Montana Attorney General's Office oversee an independent investigation. Commissioner Adler stated that it was an error in judgment.

The Board did the semi-annual inspection of official bonds for county officials according to 7-4-2213 MCA and determined that the bonds are covered through the county's insurance policies through the Montana Association of Counties.

Public Health Nurse Annie Young met with the Board and gave a report on the Montana Public Health Association conference which she recently attended. Amanda Bohrer, Tobacco Prevention Specialist with Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, attended and explained that she is planning to install signage in county businesses regarding the Clean Indoor Air Act. She explained that a grant from the Montana Tobacco Prevention Association is available to Granite County which targets youth tobacco prevention and an opportunity for a county Tobacco Prevention Specialist for the tri-county region: a one-half time position in Powell County and Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, and a 10-hour position in Granite County. Financial details and reporting would be handled through Anaconda-Deer Lodge County. She discussed the smoke-free parks program and the reACT program. A mini-grant application through the Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program reACT Against Corporate Tobacco in the amount of \$4,000.00 was reviewed, which Annie Young has submitted. The Board agreed to support the grant application on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Bonney. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Forest fire updates were discontinued for the season.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2017-17 "A Granite County Resolution Rescinding County Resolution 2017-14 That Established Stage II Fire Restrictions For All Private Land In Granite County Under County Jurisdiction; And Stage II Fire Restrictions Are Fully Rescinded." There was no public comment.

The Board considered the two proposals received for new lighting at a Hall Road Department storage building from Palmer Electric in the amount of \$1,155.00 and a bid from T.E.C., The Electrical Connections, of Philipsburg in the amount of \$4,355.00. Commissioner Slaughter moved to accept the proposal of Palmer Electric and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Public comment: Chris Cooney met with the Board to inquire why the South Boulder Creek Road is closed to motorized public traffic. The Board agreed to investigate and contacted Recreation Manager Jocelyn Dodge of the Pintler Ranger District. She indicated that under the Forest Travel Plan that it is a designated motorized trail (50 inches or less in width) and it is not a county road in that area. The Board gave the information to Chris Cooney, who contends that it has been traveled by full-size vehicles for many years.

In an administrative action, the Board agreed to write letters of support to maintain the Montana Department of Revenue's Office in Granite County. The letters were sent to Governor Steve Bullock, Director of the Department of Revenue Mike Kadas, and administrator of the Property Assessment Division Shauna Helfert.

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In an administrative action, the Board agreed to accept the proposal of Great West Engineering of Helena to prepare documents for the cost overruns, of up to \$30,000.00, on the Travelers Home Flood Mitigation Project at a cost of \$2,000.00. The action was taken on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. The motion carried.

The Board contacted Roger Kirk with Flint Creek Hydroelectric regarding the letter which County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw had sent to him regarding default on the agreement between the County and Flint Creek Hydroelectric, as no response has been received. Roger Kirk indicated that his attorney, Matt Williams, will be responding. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

The session adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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