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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.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 3RD, 10TH, 17TH, 24TH & 31ST OF OCTOBER 2017 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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

<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
53621 MATT POWERS	GRAVEL STORAGE \$400.00
53622 FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK	PAYROLL & NOD FEE \$93,077.99
53623 ROBBI HOUSE	TAC TRAINING \$233.52
53624 UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA	CORONER CONFERENCE \$650.00
53625 VISA #1	RAPID FAX \$13.99
53626 WESTTEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC	CONTRACTED SERVICES \$1,950.00
53627 VISA #2	SUPPLIES & MAINTENANCE \$1,606.90
53629 360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES \$799.48
53630 A & M FIRE AND SAFETY, INC	FIRST AID SUPPLIES \$109.05
53631 ACCU-ARMS, INC	SUPPLIES \$379.00
53632 AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	ACETYLENE \$21.45
53633 ANACONDA LEADER	PAYROLL SUPPLIES \$72.65
53634 ANNIE YOUNG	SUPPLIES & CONFERENCE \$650.82
53635 AXMEN	FUEL TANK & PUMP \$726.95
53636 BART BONNEY	MACO CONFERENCE & TRAVEL \$565.21
53637 BECKY SMITH	PHEP TRAVEL \$265.25
53638 BILL SLAUGHTER	MACO CONFERENCE & TRAVEL \$302.67
53639 BLACKFOOT CFT	SEPTEMBER BILLING \$4,036.14
53640 BLANCHE MCLURE	POSTAGE \$102.10
53641 BOB WEAVER CONSTRUCTION	GRAVEL \$63,480.00
53642 CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES \$234.73
53643 CENTURYLINK	MT EMERGENCY BUNDLE SERVICE \$415.80
53644 CENTURYLINK	FCP PHONE \$56.86
53645 CLAUDETTE PARKE	TRIAL PREP \$834.80
53646 COMDATA	SEPTEMBER BILLING \$4,009.70
53647 COONEY'S LOCKSMITH	NEW LOCK \$293.50
53648 CULLIGAN	HOT-N-COLD RENTAL \$17.75
53649 DHS CLOSE-UP	ROAD CLEAN-UP \$2,000.00
53650 DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACTED SERVICES \$1,632.99
53651 DRUMMOND AMBULANCE ASSOC	SUPPLIES \$1,868.58
53652 DRUMMOND COMMUNITY HALL	RENT \$600.00
53653 ENERGY PARTNERS LLC	PROPANE \$107.22
53654 FAITH G WILSON	AREA V MILEAGE \$100.58
53655 FICKLER OIL CO. INC.	FUEL \$2,931.75
53656 FINE FABRIC CARE LLC	CARPET CLEANING \$1,496.20
53657 GENERAL DISTRIBUTING CO.	CO2, HP, ACETYLENE \$119.10
53658 GRANITE COUNTY HOSPITAL DIST	MEDICAL \$270.00
53659 GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE & FLASH DRIVE \$291.93

53660	GRANITE DISPOSAL	HAUL GARBAGE	\$200.00
53661	GRANITE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDICATION	\$339.94
53662	GRANITE RECYCLING	RECYCLING	\$625.00
53663	GRANITE SPORTLAND	SUPPLIES	\$80.90
53664	GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$11,521.20
53665	HARLOW'S TRUCK CENTER	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$51.51
53666	HIGH TECH LINEN	SUPPLIES	\$140.54
53667	HOGAN'S RANCH & BUILDERS	SUPPLIES	\$278.76
53668	HUFFMAN GROCERY	PRISONER MEALS & SUPPLIES	\$1,292.67
53669	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES	\$44.82
53670	I STATE TRUCK INC	BELT	\$49.27
53671	IBS, INC	TRAILER CABLE	\$201.06
53672	INSTY-PRINTS	SUPPLIES	\$202.54
53673	INTOXIMETERS, INC	24/7 SOBRIETY TESTS	\$2.00
53674	JEFF WHITNEY	WINDSHIELD DAMAGE	\$429.90
53675	JEFFRIES COURT REPORTING	DEPOSITION	\$746.25
53676	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	\$783.53
53677	KENWORTH SALES	GASKET	\$5.33
53678	LANE & ASSOCIATES	TEST	\$76.23
53679	LINCOLN ROOFS & CONSTRUCTION	NEW ROOF AROUND DOME	\$1,750.00
53680	LINDA SMITH	DRMD SRS SUPPLIES	\$253.41
53681	LONGFELLOW FUNERAL HOME	VETERAN'S BENEFIT	\$300.00
53682	MAPS INC	911 MAPPING & ADDRESSING	\$2,791.00
53683	MARGARET TALLON	TRAVEL	\$32.10
53684	MARTIN INDUSTRIAL	SUPPLIES	\$91.00
53685	MCGOWAN WATER COND, INC	SUPPLIES	\$24.00
53686	MICHELE PUIGGARI	REFERENCE CHECK	\$60.00
53687	MISSOULA MOTOR PARTS	TOGGLE & STARTER	\$223.66
53688	MONTANA BOLT & HARDWARE	DRILL BIT & NUTS	\$20.30
53689	MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH	SUPPLIES	\$122.82
53690	MONTANA WEED CONTROL ASSOC	FALL MANAGERTRAINING	\$100.00
53691	MOUNTAIN WEST COOPERATIVE	PROPANE	\$15.79
53692	MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	SALARY SHARE	\$2,145.43
53693	MSU LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER	MACDC CLASS FEE	\$210.00
53694	MYBINDING	HALF-SHEET PAPER	\$226.98
53695	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	SEPTEMBER STATEMENTS	\$2,634.33
53696	NWE NEW CONSTRUCTION	NEW POLE & POWER SUPPLY	\$2,352.00
53697	PAT HUGHES	GRAVEL	\$600.00
53698	PATRICIA BAUER	AREA V MILEAGE	\$223.26
53699	PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	ADS	\$144.00
53700	PHILIPSBURG SR CITZ CENTER	PRISONER MEALS	\$1,302.00
53701	PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF	WATER/SEWER	\$446.00
53702	PINTLER PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$1,970.81
53703	POORE, ROTH & ROBINSON	DISPATCH & DEPUTIES	\$570.00
53704	POSTMASTER	PO BOX FEE	\$116.00
53705	POSTMASTER	TAX BILL POSTAGE	\$1,512.00
53706	QUILL CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	\$82.48
53707	REPUBLIC SERVICES #889	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$7,274.20
53708	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$3,159.58
53709	RICK DAY	SUPPLIES	\$75.45
53710	RIVERSIDE MARKET	SUPPLIES	\$541.56
53711	SAFEGUARD QBS	SUPPLIES	\$618.99
53712	SATELLITE PHONE STORE	DVA PHONE	\$93.02
53713	SELBY'S	SERVICE CONTRACT	\$482.50
53714	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	SUPPLIES	\$191.77
53715	STATE 4-H OFFICE	4H ONLINE REG FEE	\$90.00
53716	SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	REGULAR CLEANING	\$150.00
53717	TERRY JO VIETOR	SUPPLES	\$78.36
53718	TIMBERLAND TRUCK & TRAILER	TRAILER	\$6,200.00
53719	TNT TRUCK PARTS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$793.25
53720	TRUENORTH STEEL	CULVERTS	\$892.07
53721	VALLEY CEMETARY	BALANCE FOR ELECTRIC FENCE	\$207.99
53722	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$314.90
53723	VICKI HARDING	FLASH DRIVES	\$43.71
53724	WESTERN MT MENTAL HEALTH CNTR	EMERGENCY DETENTION	\$1,609.80
53725	WESTERN MT TRI-CO ADDICT SERV	DRUG & ALCOHOL SHARE	\$2,207.00
53726	WESTERN STATES EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	\$42.62
53727	WESTTEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$650.00
53728	WILLOWROCK INC	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$3,450.00
53729	WOODLAND CREATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$151.83
53730	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$2,482.23
		CLAIMS FUND TOTAL	\$255,916.31

<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
18983 ADLER, MAKENZIE T	VACA/SICK PAYOUT	\$84.32
ADLER, SCOTT C	COUNTY COMMISSIONER	\$2,131.97

ALT, PAUL	ROAD SUPERVISOR	\$5,833.33
ANDERSON, MELINDA K	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY	\$999.26
BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V	\$800.19
BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	\$3,932.65
BONNEY, BARTON C	COMMISSIONER	\$2,040.94
BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN	\$2,346.00
BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER	\$4,858.53
BRADSHAW, BLAINE C	COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$7,867.93
BUTLER, JODI L	SOLID WASTE	\$2,742.08
CAIN, RONALD J	RELIEF DEPUTY	\$152.32
CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N	DISPATCH	\$2,328.48
CAYKO, NICKIE N	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$2,880.00
CROSS, AUSTIN M	DISPATCHER	\$2,001.81
DAY, JAN P	DEPUTY CLERK	\$1,400.00
DAY, NELS R	DES COORDINATOR	\$1,144.49
DUNKERSON, WAYNE S	SHERIFF	\$4,406.90
FADNESS, COLETTE A	AREA V AIDE	\$349.20
FRATZKE, DEBBIE	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	\$1,933.08
GRAHAM, RONALD L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,667.20
GRAHAM, SARAH E	DEPUTY CLERK & RECORDER	\$3,307.50
GREANY, KYLE L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,006.45
GROSVOLD, LACIE J	CLERK	\$1,309.00
18981 GURSKY, CHARLES M	RELIEF ATTENDANT	\$1,224.09
HAMILTON, MARIANNE	RELIEF CLERK	\$238.80
HARDING, JEAN M	DISPATCHER	\$2,026.16
HARDING, VICKI B	TREASURER	\$4,331.67
HARTHAN, DALE L	WEED SPRAYER	\$1,489.20
HENNAGER, DEANNA L	DISPATCHER	\$2,371.60
HOEHNE, JOHN W	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,243.20
HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$2,880.00
HOUSE, ROBBI	TREASURER'S OFFICE	\$2,669.52
HULTMAN, TY R	DEPUTY	\$3,696.47
JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,116.80
KAHOE, MICHAEL	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	\$4,349.52
KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE	\$3,027.20
KINGREY, ELWYN	JUNK VEHICLE	\$394.30
LATRAY, DANETTE L	TREASURER DEPUTY	\$3,307.50
LEHNEN, VICTORIA A	DISPATCHER	\$2,506.56
MCDONNELL, FRED N	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$415.82
MCLURE, BLANCHE A	CLERK & RECORDER	\$4,331.67
18982 O'DELL, SARAH L	AREA V AIDE	\$153.45
OLSEN, RICK C	DEPUTY	\$3,563.72
OSTLER, JASON K	DEPUTY	\$3,414.23
OWENS, NANCY	RELIEF	\$292.32
PALMER, KAREN P	COUNTY AGENT SEC	\$2,303.28
PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY	\$2,908.08
PAWLAK, KIMBERLY	FLOATING CLERK	\$1,486.29
PETERS, DEBORAH A	DISPATCHER RELIEF	\$233.07
PETERS, STEVEN D	DEPUTY	\$3,624.76
RUSSELL, JAMES R	DEPUTY	\$4,077.94
SLAUGHTER, BILL L	COMMISSIONER	\$2,020.54
SMITH, REBECCA	PHEP COORDINATOR	\$1,236.43
SWANSON, DAVID C	WEED FOREMAN	\$2,443.20
TALLON, MARGARET	COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIALIST	\$260.00
VIETOR, TERRY J	CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE	\$1,154.40
WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$2,880.00
WEST, WILLIAM H	DAM TENDER	\$146.64
WILSON, FAITH GRACE	AREA V AIDE	\$251.46
18984 WILSON, FAITH GRACE	VACA/SICK PAYOUT	\$166.95
YOUNG, ANN D	COUNTY HEALTH NURSE	\$5,967.00
61 EMPLOYEES	TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	\$145,727.47

<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
18981 CHARLES GURSKY	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
18982 SARAH O'DELL	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
18983 MAKENZIE ADLER	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
18984 FAITH WILSON	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
18985 AFLAC INS	\$302.92
18986 CHRISTMAS CLUB	\$1,675.00
18987 COLONIAL	\$18.75
18988 FIT	\$11,362.28
18988 MEDICARE	\$4,057.40
18988 P.E.R.S.	\$17,900.04
18988 PERS RETIREE	\$524.49
18988 SHERIFF RETIRE	\$5,379.29
18988 SRS RETIREE	\$19.98

18988 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$17,348.42
18988 TRS	\$44.25
18988 UNEMPL. INSUR.	\$1,659.93
18989 IUOE 400	\$435.80
18990 MACO DENTAL	\$2,603.00
18990 MACO VISION	\$623.00
18990 MACOHCT	\$53,457.00
18990 UNUMLIFE	\$831.25
18991 PEBSC	\$3,725.00
18992 SIT	\$5,920.00
18993 UNION - PENSION	\$482.97
18994 WORKERS' COMP	\$20,088.45
TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES	\$148,459.22

GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

October 3, 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 observed a moment of silence for the victims of the mass shooting in Las Vegas yesterday.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.78 feet on October 1, 2017, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. A current lake level was unavailable due to an equipment malfunction of the USGS gage. The lake is approximately 8.64 inches below full pool at an outflow of 44.7 cfs through the power plant and over the weir. The Board reviewed the report dated October 2, 2017 from Dave Amman with the DNRC. Commissioner Bonney recommended that no changes be made in the outflow. Commissioner Adler moved that no change in the outflow be made today and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. He inquired if there is a policy regarding a road department employee going on a volunteer fire department call. The Board agreed that the Road Superintendent absolutely must be notified and approve whether the employee is able to go or not. Discussion was held that volunteer calls should be handled on an individual call basis and the employee will be paid by the county, but they are on a volunteer basis on the emergency call. The Board and Paul Alt agreed to work on a written policy. Discussion was held on a policy to specify that Road and Bridge Department employees must work in pairs in case of an illness or injury to one employee. A draft policy will be written for future review and approval. Commissioner Bonney reported that NorthWestern Energy is beginning a buried cable project from the Flint Creek Dam to the fire hall at Georgetown Lake and is removing about 70 power poles, which may be given to the county.

The Board considered appointments to volunteer and county boards from the applications received. Commissioner Slaughter moved that the following appointments be made for the terms specified and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. The appointments were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
James Christensen	Planning Board	10-2-2019
Tom Sanders	Planning Board	10-2-2019
Susan L. Hale	Planning Board	10-2-2019
Mark Ransford	Valley Fire District	10-2-2020
Linda Smith	Valley Cemetery District	10-2-2020
Blanche McLure	Philipsburg TV District	10-2-2020
Sue Peterson	Drummond School and Community Library	10-2-2022
Paul O'Leary	Airport Board	10-2-2020
Mary Schroeder Buck	DUI Task Force	10-2-2019

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The Board agreed to sign Grant Agreement RRG-18-1671 Flint Cree Dam Renewable Resource Enhancement Project with the state DNRC (Department of Natural Resources and Conservation) in the amount of \$125,000.00..

Brian Robbins, with Anaconda Unit of DNRC, met with the Board and explained the process of a proposed land exchange between the DNRC and Anthony Marletto; the DNRC would acquire 1,680 acres of deeded private land adjacent to state owned land in Sections 7, 9, 17 and 21, T9N, T14W and the state would transfer ownership of 640 acres of state school trust land in Section 36, T5N, R15W. He explained that Tony Marletto approached the DNRC about the potential exchange; that seven DNRC criteria must be met before an exchange is considered; there was enough support for this project to go forward; he has met with the DNRC real estate manager, public access specialist, trust lands program manager, and others; DNRC agreed to open it up to a wider audience and a formal public scoping; advertisements were placed in area newspapers and scoping comments are due by October 27, 2017. Brian Robbins noted that he has received about 20 comments so far, the comments will be analyzed and a decision made by DNRC. He continued that if the proposal moves forward it would be submitted to the State Land Board for preliminary approval; the environmental documents would be prepared; a land appraisal completed; title insurance obtained; and back to the land board for final approval. Brian Robbins estimated that the earliest the transaction could take place would be about December 2018 and he noted that the proposal is still in the information gathering stage. Brian Robbins stated that he has kept a record of all the verbal comments, written comments and phone calls he has received. Commissioner Adler inquired about the water rights and the East Fork canal siphon. Brian Robbins responded that they would not change, as that easement is owned by the State of Montana, but the easement could be reviewed prior to the exchange. Brian Robbins referred to comments regarding the use of water many years from now if the land should be subdivided and he noted that the mission is to make money for the school trust lands for the Common School Trust Fund. He noted that some funds are acquired from recreational licenses. Commissioner Slaughter stated that the terrain is steep where the siphon is located and there is the potential for a catastrophic event at the siphon and the ditch, which are critically important to many ranchers. Tony Marletto said that he is the land owner adjoining the siphon and that water currently goes across his property, the ditch has had many leaks, the water users are responsible for maintenance, and he is the only one who is losing anything in the transaction. He continued that there is no way to keep water off the state section and he wants to acquire the section to put in another pivot; he does not want that water from the ditch on his property; the ditch should be repaired; and the Lost Sapphire people are against the transaction. Kurt Louma noted that subdivision is not likely due to the terrain not meeting the requirements and that Tony Marletto wants it for productive agriculture. Rex Radtke commented that he is a board member of Flint Creek Water Users, but is speaking personally, and he would like a wider right-of-way for the ditch for maintenance; the seepage issue is a concern in the existing ditch as it destabilizes the ditch and reduces revenue because that water is not delivered to users; it was installed in 1938 and would not meet today's standards; the water users intended to line the ditch, but the siphon repair was more critical; they have about 40 miles of ditch to maintain; also, there are some natural springs that can't be stopped. He noted that he is in favor of the land exchange and he would rather see it go to state land than be used for cabins; and it opens up more land for hunting. Tony Marletto commented that he would like to work together and there are reasonably inexpensive ways to improve the ditch; to him it is a win-win for everybody; channel water so it does not run across his land; and he would like an additional pivot. Bill Dennis, with Flint Creek Water Users but speaking for himself, said he is in no way opposed to this land trade; there are 42 water users who contract with the State of Montana; the state is contracted to deliver water to the users and the association just manages the project; seepage has not been addressed because the water goes back down into the creek; and the association will make official comment at a later date. Brian Robbins commented on the lower portion of the proposed exchange; hunters cause damage to the county road in wet weather; if exchange moves forward, there would be two access points to that section; no access across Section 8; Jensen Ranch is adamantly opposed to this exchange; no current easement across Section 22. Brian Robbins encouraged comment today and he said he would

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write them all down. He noted that the state does not pay taxes on state-owned land, but Tony Marletto would pay taxes on property he would own; increased value of land to the state would be about \$275,000.00 and that is part of the analysis. He will compile comments made today and schedule another meeting; he will explain the preliminary decision when it is made. Those signing in were Timothy Allen, Earl Clute, Tony Marletto, Nate Marletto, Kay Collins, Tom Rue, Rex Radtke, Kurt Louma, J. B. Hendrix, Bill Dennis, William Kleinhans, Jason Vietor, Jacquelyn Walter and Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper.

Dan Villa, Lawrence Nelson and Jerry Koon met with the Board for discussion on the milling project and whether taxpayers' funds were misused by Commissioners Adler and Slaughter, and Road Supervisor Paul Alt. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw stated that he has requested an investigation into the matter by the state attorney general's office. Dan Villa read a statement that Commissioner Adler had said "To heck with people who live at the lake. They chose to live there." He continued that Commissioner Adler stated in the *Philipsburg Mail* that the millings were junk, then why were they used on the Maxville road; an apology does not remedy the situation; can any taxpayer use county equipment; Commissioners put county crews in this position and the crews probably knew it was wrong; maybe county employees should be questioned in person by AG's office. Lawrence Nelson said that he contacted Mark Teague, who indicated that the millings were used on several roads, including Maxville. Commissioner Slaughter stated that there are two piles of millings; the good ones were used at Maxville; the other pile is not good millings, which are unusable. Commissioner Adler noted that some of the two piles of millings were mixed for the Maxville Road and that millings have been used for years, so there are no water concerns. Beatriz Pitcher stated that as a taxpayer she was disappointed when she read about this incident in the newspaper. She has been disappointed with Anaconda commissioners, but had faith in Granite County when Mr. Waldbillig and Mr. Martin were here. She feels that a resignation of both Commissioners Adler and Slaughter should be forthcoming. Commissioner Bonney stated that he knew that the project was wrong and he would never have supported it if he had been aware of it. John Spaeth inquired if Paul Alt is leasing trucks back to the county; and Commissioner Slaughter responded that Paul Alt had leased some of his equipment to Bob Weaver, which was then used by the county and a tractor was used for additional equipment during forest fires. Commissioner Slaughter noted that they try to use local contractors as much as possible and the other option is to go to Missoula, and that this piece of equipment that was leased (one in question) was the only one available in the county. John Spaeth inquired if Bart (Commissioner Bonney) was notified that the other two Commissioners were meeting. Bill Slaughter noted that during a regular meeting there was a conversation between Commissioner Adler and Road Superintendent Paul Alt and he should have stopped it at that point. He and Commissioner Adler decided to make a formal apology in the local newspaper so the public would know that nothing was covered up. Andy Weaver indicated that he read in the newspaper that there were some millings used on a county road in another county and that county got sued. He stated that he would rather see the millings gone than to risk a lawsuit. Commissioner Adler stated that it was a mistake and he should not have done it. Susie Browning inquired of Commissioner Adler who was involved. Commissioner Adler responded that Kyle (Greany), Brad (Holland), Jim (Walden) and Nickie (Cayko) were there; the tractor and dozer were Scott Adler's; and the grader, water truck and two belly dumps were the county's. Susie Browning asked Attorney Bradshaw why it took him so long to contact the AG's office. Attorney Bradshaw responded that he did not agree that four weeks is a long time. Susie Browning asked if Paul Alt has been written up for this. Attorney Bradshaw responded that it is a private personnel matter not for public discussion. Susie Browning stated that she believes that this is official misconduct; that a Commissioner in Fallon County was charged and resigned; and Commissioner Adler should have abstained when Paul Alt was hired due to a conflict of interest. Commissioner Slaughter noted that the mistake was made by the Commissioners and Paul Alt works at the direction of the Commission, and this error was not due to the fault of Paul Alt. Jerry Koon stated that he would prefer bad millings to Poison Patch mud; come September mag chloride was used on that road, why not use mag in early summer; Maxville Road was magged, then millings were placed, which was a waste of either mag or

millings. Commissioner Slaughter responded that the mag was used to make a base for the millings; that Paul Alt came in during a flood and then the forest fires occurred; the county had two graders and two operators at lower end in the past, now there is one crew and one grader; they are behind on many roads due to forest fire work. John Spaeth would like a formal investigation as to whether Nickie Cayko's tractor was used in violation of the rules of ethics. Bill Slaughter noted that the county offers a water truck for the Drummond Rodeo annually; plows snow when someone is ill or homebound; and occasionally sand is used on a road so ranchers can get cattle shipped out. Susie Browning inquired of Commissioner Bonney about the liability for the county when a person who is not a county employee operates county equipment. She indicated that she understands that the county provides some community services in a small community. Susie Browning inquired about Scott's (Commissioner Adler's) response at Ed Short's retirement party. Commissioner Adler replied that he said that he "F'd up." Elena Gagliano said that it is admirable that Scott (Commissioner Adler) has apologized; liability is a concern; she inquired whether these decisions on the agenda and done at an open meeting; she noted that use of county equipment and employees for personal use, which he admitted today, is against the law; and she called for both Commissioners to resign and that charges should be filed. Commissioner Slaughter explained that the county road superintendent is on the agenda every Commission meeting if people have questions about roads and that the time to question something is when it occurs, when all three Commissioners and the road superintendent are present. Lawrence Nelson said that Paul Alt telephoned him about his road and he did not know how much budget there was for gravel. Commissioner Slaughter noted that Paul Alt is new enough that he is just getting familiar with his budget and how government has to function. Dick Motta asked if you are saying that you violated open meeting laws and used public resources on private property. Commissioner Slaughter noted that the discussion was held during a public meeting with the road superintendent. Blaine Bradshaw stated that the Montana AG's Office is investigating and will determine whether there was any official misconduct. Susie Browning inquired whether the recent purchase of two new pickups for the road department was in the minutes. The Board responded that yes it is; Paul Alt uses one pickup truck and the other is for use of the Philipsburg road crew. Emily Petrovski reviewed the estimate for the millings and Commissioner Adler noted that it was paid last Friday. Andy Weaver stated that millings are never going to be like asphalt paving and it requires proper preparation, having a geo-tech firm and laying them properly; can't be patched; he prefers gravel roads which are done right and they are easier to maintain; his experience is that millings are hard to work with and are a maintenance nightmare; would prefer, in his experience, that the county not take them; gravel is less expensive and millings are not hot asphalt. Dan Villa questioned the estimate and if it included people and equipment; he stated that he feels that it is out of line. Beatriz Pitcher stated that Commissioner Adler should reimburse the county for the full cost. Susie Browning inquired why Commissioner Adler paid the estimate last Friday. Attorney Bradshaw said that Commissioner Adler promised to pay it and he did, and that the amount paid by Commissioner Adler was what the value of the work was according to Shadow Asphalt. Attorney Bradshaw noted that the county must avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest. He also noted that he sent the letter to Brant Light at the AG's Office and he believes that it is a request for an investigation, and that Attorney Bradshaw's letter to the A.G.'s Office was not a public document. Commissioner Slaughter stated that all the Commissioners know right from wrong, the investigation will determine whether there was any criminal conduct, and the public has the Board's apology. Andy Weaver noted that many members of the public have donated many things to the county over the years and that it has been a good relationship both ways. Matt Pippo said that there have been a lot of negative things said today and he stated that Scott Adler did something good this week for the Drummond Close Up group on the Lower Rock Creek Road. The Board noted that this work to be done by the Close Up groups was a Board decision and workers' compensation is paid by the county on the Close Up group members. Commissioner Adler noted in response to Susie Browning's question regarding liability, that it was his decision. Commissioner Bonney closed the meeting by stating that it was unfortunate that he was not involved in the decision because he would have voted against it. Signing the attendance sheet were Timothy Allen, Earl Clute, Jacquelyn Walter, Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper, Susie Browning, Dick Motta, Elena

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Gagliano, Dan Villa, Jerry Koon, Penny Baker, Jana McGill, Lawrence Nelson, and Gail Leeper.

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON Granite County Medical Center, met with the Board and submitted her written report. Projected cash available of a negative \$253,250.00, projected deposits of \$217,000.00, projected cash requirements of through 11-15-2017 accounts payable of \$26,000.00, projected cash reserves of negative \$62,250.00 (negative five days of operation). She explained that due to staff changes billing has been delayed and that electronic medical records company Athena is doing a pilot project where that company will also do the billing. She noted that there is money out there to be billed. Also included was an administrator's report dated September 26, 2017. The facility's dentist has opened an office in downtown Philipsburg, but the facility will continue to provide dental services with a different provider. The Murdock Foundation was on site in September and requested a firm budget for the CT scan project. A new food pantry is scheduled to open in the same space as previous food pantry in early November, but will need to replace all equipment and fixtures. A new physician's assistant has been hired and is going through credentialing. There have been two documented cases of influenza.

The Board held the second 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." Commissioner Slaughter moved for adoption of Resolution 2017-17 and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board considered the request of Broadwater County for financial assistance in the State of Montana v. Lloyd Barrus case. Mr. Barrus is charged with several Attempted Deliberate Homicide charges in Granite County and Missoula County, shooting at law enforcement officers in the line of duty, that will be prosecuted in Broadwater County by the Broadwater County Attorney and a Deputy County Attorney from Missoula County. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and recommended that the request by Broadwater County be granted for judicial efficiency. Commissioner Adler moved to support the request up to \$25,000.00, which is Granite County's equitable share. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board met regarding a personnel matter. The meeting was closed at the request of the county employee, who did not waive their right to privacy.

Review of Board minutes for August 2017 was deferred by the Board.

Commissioner Bonney advised the Board that he will be absent from the state from October 18 to October 30, 2017.

Commission Adler advised the Board that he will be absent from the state from November 2 to 6, 2017.

The session adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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October 10, 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 Kim Pawlak, in for Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6428.75 feet on October 1, 2017, according to the USGS gage. The lake is approximately 9 inches below full pool at an outflow of 15.6 cfs through the power plant and over the weir. Commissioner Adler moved that outflow return to 45 cfs once the power generation problem is resolved. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. The Board noted that power production was intermittent for 2 days and completely off for 6 hours at one point. Also, the Board reviewed the need to communicate with FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) when there is any fluctuation in outflow.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. Commissioner Slaughter moved to use the Philipsburg Close Up group to clean up Upper Rock Creek Road for an amount of \$2,000; and he noted that the work to be completed by the Drummond Close Up group for similar work on Lower Rock Creek was previously approved. Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Jon Bergson inquired by speaker telephone if he could cut down brush in the county right-of-way on Rock Creek Road near Walberg Lane and the Commission unanimously agreed. A list of expired CDL and medical certificates for road and bridge personnel was given to Paul Alt to update documentation in personnel files.

Jason Viotor met with the Board and inquired about open board seats on the Flint Creek Fire Service Area Board. He noted that the members did not receive letters notifying them that their term was expiring. Board application forms were given to Jason Viotor for the members.

DES/Safety Coordinator Rick Day met with the Board regarding the sign at the entrance to the Flint Creek Project at Montana Highway One, which is a FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) requirement. The Board reviewed a memo he had prepared on the subject. Rick Day reviewed regulations for the sign which could be built by Montana Prison Industries at an estimated cost of \$353.00. A draft of the sign will be made for Commissioners to approve. Commissioner Slaughter moved to have the sign constructed by Montana Prison Industries and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

DES/Safety Coordinator Rick Day met with the Board and the Board considered the grant offer from the state Disaster and Emergency Services through Homeland Security for mobile data terminals for sheriff's department vehicles in the amount of \$62,039.94. The Board reviewed the terms of the grant, which requires no matching funds from the county, and it was accepted on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Sheriff Scott Dunkerson will write policies for use of the mobile data terminals. The Board requested that Rick Day assure that the necessary equipment is available at the Flint Creek Dam for inspection and testing scheduled for October 30, 2017, by Great West Engineering of Helena.

Sheila Manley with the Drummond Ambulance, Patrick Little with the Philipsburg Ambulance and County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw met with the Board to discuss a letter from Sheriff Scott Dunkerson regarding a concern that calls for an ambulance are not receiving a response. Sheila Manley stated that texts are received faster than pages. She also noted the next EMT class they are training some drivers. Commissioner Adler inquired if firemen would want to take the EMT class and Sheila Manley responded that due to time constrains that they are not interested. She suggested having an EMT class every year at a cost of \$450 and if volunteers complete the course and pass the test, reimbursement would be made for the volunteer's class fee. She also suggested making class more concentrated and shorter, five nights a week, as opposed to two nights a week over several weeks; having the course during winter in January or February; paying a stipend to volunteers would help,

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per law reimbursement cannot be greater than 25% of annual income or \$3,000; review budget each year and stipend would be paid out of money coming in from ambulance runs. Discussion was held that starting in 2018 all trip reports have to be electronically submitted; the software and hardware are free, with a pay service to upload to all agencies; and there would be an iPad in each ambulance; need some type of schedule, at least to show who is not available to respond to calls; and better communication is a must. Patrick Little stated that 46-11 (Quick Response Unit) would be better used as a transport vehicle, which would leave the new ambulance available for any 9-1-1 calls and the Board agreed. Patrick Little said it would need to be outfitted with supplies and a location found to park it. The Board agreed to advise Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt to give the ambulance a mechanical review. Patrick Little agreed to follow up with Commissioners on what supplies will be needed and if the ambulance is good mechanically. It was agreed to have a follow up meeting with the Board on November 14, 2017, to discuss how the idea of a stipend (cost reimbursement purposes) was received by volunteer EMT's and what the prospects are for a new EMT class.

The Board reviewed county claims for September 2017. The claims were approved on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried. The Board asked courthouse custodian Janeen Bonney if the roof work was completed in the dome area of the courthouse and she responded yes and that it was a great job. Janeen Bonney mentioned that electrician Jason Wingo with TEC (The Electrical Connections) needs to come back and finish a few things still not working after courthouse lighting installation. The Board agreed to contact Jason Wingo and have him work with Janeen Bonney to complete the project.

Connie Daniels with Action Inc. met with the Board to provide information on the 2018-2019 Work Plan for the Community Services Block Grant and to review services which are available to Granite County residents. She noted that Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe has been a long-term member of Action Inc.'s board of directors. Commissioner Bonney signed a statement that the Board had received the work plan.

The Board reviewed that, in the interest of getting the grant agreement returned to the state as soon as possible, Grant Agreement RRG-18-1671 Flint Creek Dam Renewable Resource Enhancement Project with the state Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) in the amount of \$125,000.00, was signed on October 3, 2017. The action was taken at that time on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw met with the Board to review the proposed Misdemeanor Probation Supervision Services Contract with Compliance Monitoring Systems. He noted that there is a 60-day termination clause if the performance is not up to standard. Commissioner Slaughter moved to accept the Misdemeanor Probation Supervision Services Contract with Compliance Monitoring Systems with a second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried. On another subject, Attorney Bradshaw informed the Board that the Attorney General's office will send an investigator to interview people regarding misconduct allegations by Commissioners Adler and Slaughter. He noted that he would not be able to represent the Commissioners if any charges result due to a conflict of interest (he is the State's prosecuting attorney also), he represents the Commission collectively (not individually), and they would have to retain their own private attorneys.

A joint meeting with the Board and the Philipsburg Town Council regarding the proposed new Joint Library District, which would have the same boundaries as Philipsburg School District No. 1, was held. All three County Commissioners were present and a quorum of the Philipsburg Town Council was also present along with Mayor Brett Hamilton. Mayor Brett Hamilton reported that a recent public meeting had a majority of positive comments for a joint library district which would raise approximately 6.4 mills per year (approximately \$48,500). The election would be held in February 2018 by mail ballot and the mail ballot

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plan must be submitted to the Secretary of State’s Office 85 days before the election. The town and county agreed to split the cost of the election. For Granite County, Commissioner Adler moved to do a joint resolution to hold an election on the Proposed New Joint Library District (Proposed District Would Have Same Boundaries as Philipsburg School District No. 1). Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. The joint resolution will be on the Commission agenda on October 17, 2017 for the first reading. For the Town of Philipsburg, Councilperson Julian Ricci moved to do a joint resolution to hold an election on the Proposed New Joint Library District (Proposed District Would Have Same Boundaries as Philipsburg School District No.1). Councilman DuWayne Ulrich seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Those signing in with the Town of Philipsburg were Mayor Brett A. Hamilton, and Philipsburg Town Council members DuWayne Ulrich, Nicole Nelch and Julian Ricci. Others signing in were Jon Statler, Barbara Eder, Debbie Peters, Jenne Pugh, Linda Ransford, Kristen Vicedomini, Barbara Cahill and Jacquie Venard.

Public Comment: Treasurer Vicki Harding. Clerk Lynn Anderson and Andrew Michalsky met with the Board regarding a Solid Waste matter. It was reviewed that Andrew Michalsky went over the allowed weight on all three of his solid waste accounts, totaling an overage of \$466.20. He stated that he shouldn’t have to pay the overage fee because he did the county a service by cleaning up his property. The Board agreed that he needs to pay the overage fee as stated. Commissioner Adler requested to have an advertisement put in the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper for a Relief Solid Waste Attendant to fill a vacancy.

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

Public Comment: The Board spoke with web designer Kathleen McGuire at Webgrain of Bozeman to request that a tab be set up under the “Commissioners” heading on the county’s website, and to include a link on the home page for approved Commission meeting minutes. Kathleen McGuire agreed that her company would accomplish the request.

The session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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October 17, 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 6,428.64 feet today, according to the USGS gage. The lake is approximately 10.32 inches below full pool at an outflow of 44.7 cfs through the power plant and over the weir. Commissioner Slaughter moved to make no change in the outflow and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. The Board attempted to contact Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest Supervisor Melany Glossa to discuss reimbursement for damage to the county roads during the recent forest fires.

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- The proposed lease at 112 South Broadway Street (later corrected to 110 South Broadway Avenue), Hall, MT, 59837 was discussed with Lawrence Mansfield, specifically which part of the property would be for his use. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw presented a rental agreement for consideration with rent of \$350.00/month for a term of five years until June 30, 2022. The rental agreement was approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.
- A draft Driveway Permit Application with the Montana Department of Transportation for 112 South Broadway Street, Hall, MT (see correction above) was presented by County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw for the Board's review. The Board approved the application and agreed that another application with MDT may be needed for a second driveway.
- The Board reviewed the Northwestern Energy Agreement for installation of a light pole, in the amount of \$2,352.00 with a charge \$7.67 per month, at Flint Creek Dam. Commissioner Slaughter moved to approve the agreement and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. An estimate from T.E.C. The Electrical Connections (estimate #72) for a 200-amp pedestal at the same location in the amount of \$810.00 was reviewed. Commissioner Slaughter moved to accept the estimate and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2017-18 "A Joint Resolution Of Granite County And The Town Of Philipsburg Calling For A Referendum (Election) To Decide Whether To Create The Philipsburg Area Community Library, A Multi-Jurisdictional Library Service District." County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and noted a couple of minor changes from the original draft. Linda Ransford and Kristen Vicedomini attended to answer any questions and they stated that the request is for a minimum budget with many unknown factors. Attorney Bradshaw indicated that the Philipsburg Town Council is planning to have its portion of the Resolution on its agenda at the regular town council meeting the first part of November.

Information from engineer Ryan Elliott with Great West Engineering of Helena on the South Main Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project, as constructed by Battle Ridge Builders LLC of Belgrade, was reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Adler reported that he had attended the final inspection with the engineer last week and noted that some cleanup needed to be done by the county road crew and some fill and compacting remained to be completed by the county at the Drummond side bridge approach. He indicated that the bridge asphalt overlay itself was very good. During the final inspection, Commissioner Adler contacted Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper to notify the Town of Drummond of the availability of excess new asphalt from the project subcontractor, which was declined. The excess asphalt was disposed of by subcontractor Knife River. The Board contacted engineer Bill Lloyd with Great West Engineering by speaker telephone regarding an irritated neighbor who complained about asphalt debris on his property which had not been cleaned up by the contractor at the time of the final inspection. Bill Lloyd indicated that all cleanup by the contractor has now been completed. A Certificate of Substantial Completion on the project was reviewed and approved on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Pay Request #1 (Final) for Battle Ridge Builders LLC was reviewed by the Board and approved on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried. The Board approved a claim for Battle Ridge Builders LLC in the amount of \$92,007.63 and a claim for the Montana Department of Revenue, for the 1% contractor's tax, in the amount of \$929.37. The action was taken on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Planning Director Linda Bouck met with the Board regarding the proposed Edward Culver Estates Minor Subdivision. The applicant is Edward C. Hughes Estate, and the Estate's personal representative is Mike Hughes. The applicant proposes to create four (4)

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recreational/single-family residential lots from a fifteen (15) acre parcel of land. The lots are all approximately 3.5 acres in size. The property is legally described as a remainder tract of Boulder Placer located in the Northwest One-Quarter (1/4) of Section Twenty-five (25) of Township Eight (8) North, Range Thirteen (13) West, in Granite County, Montana. Attending were Mike Hughes, Pat Hughes and Jim Enyeart. Discussion was held on water rights and an adjacent gravel pit. Linda Bouck indicated that the courts will have to decide the water rights for mining. Three variances have been requested, including a variance of no lot divided by a public road, no lot divided by a public utility and no lot shall have an average depth greater than three times its average width. Linda Bouck reviewed the discussion held by the Planning Board on the requested variances, which were recommended for approval by the Planning Board. She noted that the lots are for recreational purposes and will require Department of Environmental Quality approval for septic systems. Commissioner Adler moved to grant preliminary approval for the Edward Culver Estates Subdivision, First Minor Subdivision, including the twenty one (21) conditions and three (3) variances in the amended staff report dated October 17, 2017. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no further comment or discussion. The motion carried.

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

The session adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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October 24, 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. Also attending was Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Adler was selected as temporary chairperson for today’s session.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. Discussion was held on how to humanely remove the feral cats at the recently purchased property at Hall. Paul Alt reported that he plans to attend the Ritchie Brothers equipment auction in Bozeman in early November. The draft volunteer policy for “Community Support Work” was reviewed and discussed. Commissioner Adler reported that Hall Sand and Gravel quoted sand at \$7.00/ton without a loader and Bob Weaver quoted sand at \$5.00/ton with a loader. It is the understanding of the Board that these are the only two places to purchase sand in the county. The Board agreed to purchase sand from Bob Weaver at the lower price. Paul Alt noted that there is sufficient sand for the Philipsburg area for this winter.

The Board reviewed a draft “Community Support Work” volunteer policy to support and encourage response to local emergency/disaster relief efforts by Granite County employees under certain conditions and with permission. Discussion was held with County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and with Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt. Commissioner Slaughter moved to adopt the policy with an immediate effective date and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

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Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.58 feet today, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 11.16 inches below full pool at an outflow of 44.7 cfs through the power plant and over the weir. On Commissioner Bonney's written recommendation, Commissioner Slaughter moved to make no change in the outflow and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2017-18 "A Joint Resolution Of Granite County And The Town Of Philipsburg Calling For A Referendum (Election) To Decide Whether To Create The Philipsburg Area Community Library, A Multi-Jurisdictional Library Service District." Jenne Pugh thanked the Board for its cooperation and she expressed her appreciation that there had been no objections. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw indicated that he had a good working relationship with Town Attorney Robert Medoff in drafting the resolution. Commissioner Slaughter commented that the library group has been extremely well organized. Commissioner Slaughter moved for adoption of Resolution 2017-18 and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Two original copies of the resolution, executed by Granite County, will be forwarded to the Town of Philipsburg for execution, with an original executed copy to be returned to the county.

The Flint Creek Hydroelectric Agreement was discussed with County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw. Attorney Bradshaw agreed to remind Flint Creek Hydroelectric of its obligations under the agreement.

DES/Safety Coordinator Rick Day met with the Board to discuss potential follow-up items from the recent active shooter presentation. Rick Day's memo dated October 18, 2017, was reviewed in detail and discussion included an active shooter emergency/action plan and practice, use of video cameras for justice court appearances, formulate a courthouse evacuation plan and designate an evacuation location, improve and conduct further training, re-initiate conversation with justice court about safety, provide technology to improve safety of employees, have a discussion with the sheriff regarding ideas for employee safety, add additional panic buttons in courthouse offices, and assure that employee emergency information is available in all personnel files. Rick Day agreed to proceed on the points discussed. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

The Board agreed to amend the funding commitment letter to FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) for cost overruns on the Travelers Home Hazard Mitigation Grant Project to receive additional grant funds to cover some of the additional costs encountered on the project. Great West Engineering's estimated cost overrun on the project was \$12,686.30 and FEMA is being requested to pay 75% of that cost. Commissioner Slaughter moved to send the letter to the state Disaster and Emergency Services Office. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Public Comment: Ron Wetsch with the Valley Cemetery Board met with the Board regarding the recently installed electric fence at the Valley Cemetery. The donations and expenses for the project were reviewed in detail, including the purchase of materials and the labor for installation. The Board reiterated its previous agreement to cover any costs above the donations for the project.

Public Comment: Jan Burke, a resident near East Fork Reservoir, met with the Board regarding the proposed DNRC/Marletto land exchange. She indicated that she had attended a Granite County Soil Conservation District meeting to get additional information and she asked the Commission to request that the DNRC host and hold a public meeting on the proposed land exchange. Commissioner Slaughter noted that he had been informed that the DNRC did not plan to hold a public meeting. Jan Burg indicated that many residents near her were not aware of the potential exchange. The Board reviewed the Board's meeting held on October 3, 2017, which DNRC's Brian Robbins and Tony Marletto attended. Bobbie

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Beyer indicated that making additional state land does not assure that it will be accessible to the public. Public access, road maintenance, and the final decision to be made by the State Land Board were discussed. Jan Burke indicated that she and numerous other people hunt on the public land near East Fork Reservoir and she fears that if the land becomes private that guided hunters with high powered rifles may pose a safety hazard. The Board agreed to write a letter to DNRC Anaconda Unit's Brian Robbins, his supervisor and the governor, requesting that a public meeting on the proposed land exchange be hosted by the DNRC in a neutral location. The action was taken on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter with a second by Commissioner Adler. There was no further public comment. The motion carried. Roger Beyer indicated that an attraction to purchasing land near East Fork Reservoir 24 years ago was the proximity to the state land and that the proposed exchange may lower property values. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2017-19 "A Granite County Resolution Accepting Montana DES And U.S. Homeland Security Grant For Mobile Data Terminals For Sheriff's Office, Establishing County Fund No. 2927 For These Funds, And Authorizing Grant Fund Expenditures." There was no public comment.

The Board made appointments to the following boards for the terms stated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Jason Vietor	Flint Creek Fire Service Area	October 2, 2020
Dustin Muhly	Flint Creek Fire Service Area	October 2, 2020
Bill Fink	Georgetown Lake Fire Service Area	October 2, 2020
Mary Schroeder Buck	Granite County Weed Board	October 2, 2020
Karen Palmer	Philipsburg Cemetery District Board	October 2, 2020
Eaf Parke	Tri-County Fair Board	October 2, 2020

The action was taken on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried. In an administrative action, the Board rescinded the previous appointment of Mary Schroeder Buck to the Granite County DUI Task Force Board, as there was no vacancy to be filled on that board.

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

The session adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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October 31, 2017

The Board of County 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 Paul Alt's report was deferred.

Public Health Nurse Annie Young met with the Board to discuss that some grant writing assistance may be beneficial to many areas of the county.

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County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw met with the Board to report that Linda Ransford and Friends of the Philipsburg Library have offered to pay the expenses of the upcoming election on the proposed Philipsburg Library District. The Board agreed that the offer would be accepted for the county's share (half) of the cost of the election.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.48 feet today, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 12.24 inches below full pool at an outflow of 45.3 cfs through the power plant and over the weir. Chairperson Bonney recommended cutting the outflow to 30 cfs. Commissioners Slaughter moved to reduce the outflow to 30 cfs and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Extension Agent Ben Hauptman met with the Board and the Board considered the FY2018 Extension Services Agreement with Montana State University Extension in the total amount of \$76,611.00. Commissioner Adler moved for approval of the agreement and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Cameron Razor with the Pintler Ranger District of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest met with the Board regarding road work required following the forest fires. Forest Supervisor Melany Glossa was unable to attend. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and discussion was held on which roads require work due to the wear and tear attributable to forest fire activity and the approximate cost to return the roads to their condition prior to the forest fires. Discussion was held on the cost of a piece of equipment per mile and rates from other counties were compared. It was agreed that a total of 65 miles were affected. Commissioner Adler suggested that Cameron Razor and Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt drive each specific road to determine how much work each road would require. The Board noted that the County's proposed rate of \$2,600/mile includes the equipment, operator and material, and that mobilization and other expenses are not included. Cameron Razor indicated that the Forest Service is agreeable to surface blading only. The Board contended that much more work is required than surface blading to restore the roads to pre-fire condition. Cameron Razor noted that the Forest Service had left some materials following the fires, but he did not have readily available a list of the materials or quantities. The Board referred to the Forest Service Handbook which states that the Forest Service will "Pay for damage to State, county and private lands and improvements caused by wildfire response activities only to the minimum extent needed to immediately correct the damage to prevent further loss or injury." It was agreed that surface blading is the very minimum necessary for each road. The Board agreed to a minimum payment of \$1,500 per mile for the 65 miles of road and Cameron Razor agreed to take that figure back to the Forest Supervisors (Lolo and Beaverhead-Deerlodge) for a response. On another subject, discussion was held on "rolling dips" on roads. In the county's opinion, they are not acceptable because they are too steeply pitched. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

The Board considered Amendment No. 1 to the Department of Public Health and Human Services Contract number 17-07-04-31-119-0. Commissioner Slaughter moved for approval and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw met with the Board regarding the proposed easement at Georgetown Lake between Granite County and Kris J. and Kimberly M. Kahle. The Board reviewed the proposed easement and Commissioner Slaughter moved to deny the proposed easement, have Granite County fence the county's property and that the Kahle's use the original access for the subdivision at the south boundary of their property. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Commissioner Adler moved that the Kahle's have no permission to cross Granite County's property near the Flint Creek Dam. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

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The Board discussed the gate issue near the Flint Creek Dam at Georgetown Lake and a decision was deferred.

The Board reviewed the policy year 2017-2018 Inmate Excess Medical Insurance Program renewal. Commissioner Slaughter moved to renew the program and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Commissioner Slaughter excused himself from the session at noon.

The Board met with Planning Director Linda Bouck to review her employee evaluation.

DES/Safety Coordinator Rick Day met with the Board regarding the proposed Hazard Mitigation Plan Update grant application, the funding commitment letter and the letter of participation. He reviewed that the purpose of the grant is to avoid disasters in the future and he noted that the county's match will likely be covered by employees and others attending meetings regarding the update of the plan. Commissioner Adler moved to submit the grant application, funding commitment letter and letter of participation to Montana DES. Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2017-19 "A Granite County Resolution Accepting Montana DES and U.S. Homeland Security Grant For Mobile Data Terminals For Sheriff's Office, Establishing County Fund No. 2927 For These Funds, And Authorizing Grant Fund Expenditures." Commissioner Bonney commented that he fully supports this resolution and moved to adopt Resolution 2017-19. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Granite County Airport Board Chairperson Vince Reece met with the Board and reviewed minutes from the Granite County Airport Board meeting of October 19, 2017. The Board voted to accept the minutes on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Bonney. There was no public comment. The motion carried. The airport board had recommendations for the Board's consideration as follows:

1. Recommendation on runway resurface: The airport board recommended approval of the Terracon proposal for preliminary engineering and construction costs (ie., for Terracon to provide a cost estimate for such services), in the amount of \$850.00, as this cost estimate would be an important tool in the grant application and bidding processes. Commissioner Slaughter was contacted by speaker telephone for participation in this agenda item. Discussion was held on whether Terracon should have provided the preliminary costs in the original report on Riddick Field conditions. Obtaining this cost estimate for engineering and construction of the runway resurfacing would be the first step, then grant applications, and then construction if the requisite funds can be obtained to re-surface the runway. A request for proposals would be publicly noticed if such runway re-surfacing is to be completed. Commissioner Slaughter moved to accept the Terracon proposal to supplement the agreement for services. Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Commissioners Bonney and Slaughter voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Adler voted against the motion. The motion carried.
2. Recommendation for filing for a Montana Department of Transportation grant application: The airport board has approximately one year to complete a grant application.
3. Recommendation for implementing enforcement of Resolution 2017-9 for airport leases: The airport board recommended that the revised leases should come from the County Commissioners rather than the airport board and the Board agreed. The Board also agreed to defer action on any lease violations until the revised leases are in place.

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4. Report on hangar expansion plan: Vince Reece reported that it is in progress.

5. Recommendation for Incident Operating Plan at Drummond Airport: Vince Reece presented a draft Incident Operating Plan for the Drummond Airport, based on information from the Montana Department of Transportation. It was noted this plan for the Drummond Airport is consistent for the plan already adopted for Riddick Field Airport in Philipsburg. Commissioner Adler voted to approve the plan and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

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

Board appointments were postponed pending the receipt of board application forms.

The session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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