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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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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 14<sup>TH</sup>, 21<sup>ST</sup> & 28<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER 2017 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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

WARRANT		AMOUNT
53733	GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	TRAILER PLATES \$39.50
53734	MONTANA INTERACTIVE	DRIVERS RECORDS \$25.00
53735	BATTLE RIDGE BUILDERS, LLC	SOUTH MAIN ST BRIDGE \$92,007.63
53736	DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	S MAIN ST BRIDGE \$929.37
53737	COLETTE ADELE FADNESS	AREA V MILEAGE - SEPTEMBER \$635.58
53738	FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK	PAYROLL & NOD FEE \$93,401.95
53739	ACCESS INFORMATION PROTECTED	STORAGE TERMINATION \$176.58
53740	ARCASEARCH CORPORATION	DIGITIZE MINUTES \$340.00
53741	VISA #1	RAPIDFAX & FEE \$42.99
53742	VISA #2	SUPPLIES & FEE \$329.75
53743	360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OCTOBER STATEMENTS \$1,593.12
53744	A & M FIRE AND SAFETY, INC	EXTINGUISHER \$22.00
53745	ADAM MICHNEVICH	MILEAGE \$144.44
53746	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	ACETYLENE \$21.80
53747	ANACONDA LEADER	BALLOTS \$51.45
53748	ANACONDA-DEER LODGE COUNTY	FIRE PROTECTION \$5.00
53749	ANNIE YOUNG	SUPPIES & TRAVEL \$920.26
53750	BARNEY CONRADS CUSTOM ST LLC	RENT \$306.49
53751	BILL SLAUGHTER	TRAVEL \$64.20
53752	BLACKFOOT CFT	OCTOBER BILLING \$4,041.56
53753	BLAINE BRADSHAW	SUPPLIES & TRAVEL \$170.10
53754	BLANCHE MCLURE	POSTAGE \$135.11
53755	BOB'S QUALITY AUTO	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE \$1,359.60
53756	C J CANNALIATO	ADD PBS TO RUMSEY \$7,000.00
53757	CAROL BOHRNSEN	TRAVEL & SUPPLIES \$1,309.36
53758	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE \$1,576.53
53759	CASCADE CO RGNL YTH SERV CNTR	YOUTH DETAINEE \$14,769.49
53760	CENTURYLINK	MT EMERGENCY BUNDLE SERVICE \$311.04
53761	CENTURYLINK	FCP PHONE \$57.08
53762	COLETTE ADELE FADNESS	MILEAGE \$790.53
53763	COMDATA	OCTOBER BILLING \$3,677.48
53764	COMPLIANCE MONITORING SYSTEMS	SUPERVISION \$75.00

53765	CROWN CORRECTIONAL TELEPHONE	INMATE PHONE CARDS	\$280.00
53766	CULLIGAN	HOT-N-COLD RENTAL	\$10.00
53767	DENNY MENHOLT FORD	AMBULANCE REPAIR	\$270.00
53768	DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$4,060.40
53769	DOUG ANDRUS DISTRIBUTING INC	TREATED SALT	\$6,876.14
53770	DRUMMOND AMBULANCE ASSOC	SUPPLIES	\$729.38
53771	DRUMMOND PUBLIC SCHOOLS	BEANIES & PATCHES	\$178.80
53772	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	MAINTENANCE & LICENSE	\$1,507.12
53773	FICKLER OIL CO. INC.	FUEL & SUPPLIES	\$5,088.57
53774	FOLEY'S QUALITY SERVICE	REPAIR & MAINTENACE	\$66.75
53775	GENERAL DISTRIBUTING CO.	CO2, HP, ACETYLENE	\$128.96
53776	GRANITE COUNTY HOSP DISTRICT	INMATE CARE	\$100.00
53777	GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$314.20
53778	GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	TAXES	\$1,800.78
53779	GRANITE DISPOSAL	HAUL GARBAGE	\$264.00
53780	GRANITE PHARMACY	INMATE MEDICATION	\$61.89
53781	GRANITE SPORTLAND	BATTERY CHARGER	\$35.99
53782	GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$11,393.98
53783	HARLOW'S TRUCK CENTER	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$722.39
53784	HEALTHCARE BILLING, INC	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$53.84
53785	HIGH TECH LINEN	RUGS - CLEANING	\$140.54
53786	HUFFMAN GROCERY	INMATE MEALS & SUPPLIES	\$1,391.23
53787	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES	\$107.99
53788	HUNTING SHACK, THE	AMMUNITION	\$203.33
53789	I STATE TRUCK INC	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$1,854.59
53790	INTOXIMETERS, INC	24/7 PROGRAM	\$76.00
53791	JAN DAY	TRAVEL	\$92.00
53792	JANEEN BONNEY	TAPE	\$12.88
53793	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	FCP - PUMP	\$696.97
53794	JOY WETSCH	ELECTION JUDGE	\$56.55
53795	K & C FOODS	SUPPLIES	\$87.25
53796	K L S HYDRAULICS	O-RINGS	\$20.00
53797	MACO	INMATE MED BUDGET PROTECTOR	\$66.96
53798	MAPS INC	911 MAPPING & SUPPORT	\$1,206.25
53799	MARGARET PARKE	ELECTION JUDGE	\$24.45
53800	MARGARET TALLON	TRAVEL	\$32.10
53801	MCGOWAN WATER COND, INC	RENTAL & SALT	\$59.75
53802	MONTANA AERONAUTICS	LIGHTING SUPPLIES	\$136.86
53803	MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH	SUPPLIES	\$310.37
53804	MONTANA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACAD	BASIC COURSE	\$350.00
53805	MORRISON MAIERLE	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$162.00
53806	MSU ANIMAL & RANGE SCIENCES	RED BOOKS	\$120.00
53807	MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	SALARY SHARE	\$2,145.43
53808	MT ASSOC CLERK & RECORDERS	FY18 DUES	\$500.00
53809	NICO ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS INC	PANIC BUTTONS	\$1,182.65
53810	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	OCTOBER STATEMENTS	\$3,861.20
53811	PALMER ELECTRICAL	HALL SHOP - NEW BALLASTS	\$1,213.80
53812	PARK MOTORS	CO HEALTH REFRIGERATOR	\$549.00
53813	PATRICIA BAUER	MILEAGE	\$482.30
53814	PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	ADS	\$927.00
53815	PHILIPSBURG SR CITZ CENTER	INMATE MEALS	\$287.00
53816	PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF	WATER/SEWER	\$440.00
53817	PINTLER PETROLEUM	FUEL & SUPPLIES	\$2,061.36
53818	PROPANE SERVICES INC	RUMSEY MTN UTILITIES	\$1,423.80
53819	PROVIDENCE HEALTH & SERVICES	SCREEN COLLECTION	\$65.00
53820	PUBLIC AGENCY TRAINING COUNCIL	SEMINAR	\$295.00
53821	QUILL CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	\$30.46
53822	RED'S TOWING, LLC	TOW SHERIFF'S VEHICLE	\$307.50
53823	REPUBLIC SERVICES #889	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$6,706.10
53824	RTW ENTERPRISE	TIRE REPAIR	\$425.00
53825	SARAH O'DELL	MILEAGE	\$29.43
53826	SATELLITE PHONE STORE	DRMD AMB PHONE	\$93.02
53827	SIRCHIE	FINGERPRINT SUPPLIES	\$204.13
53828	STANDARD DRAIN CLEANING	FCP INSPECTION	\$1,592.00
53829	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$55.87
53830	STATE BAR OF MONTANA	2018 LAWYER'S DESKBOOK	\$130.00
53831	SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$570.00
53832	SYDNEY'S SUGAR EMPORIUM	CLOSE UP CLEANUP	\$20.00
53833	TEC THE ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$350.00
53834	TERRY JO VIETOR	POSTAGE & PHONE	\$88.24
53835	TIRE RAMA	STUDED TIRES	\$831.20
53836	TNT TRUCK PARTS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$126.00
53837	TRI-COUNTY SANITARIAN	COUNTY SHARE	\$12,543.71
53838	TRUENORTH STEEL	CULVERTS & BANDS	\$2,047.92
53839	US POSTAL SERVICE	STAMPED ENVELOPES	\$570.25
53840	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$110.76
53841	VICKI HARDING	TRAVEL	\$175.48
53842	VINCE REECE	AIRPORT SUPPLIES	\$492.28

53843	WEBGRAIN	ADD MINUTES TO WEBSITE	\$85.00
53844	WESTERN POLICE SUPPLY	BODY ARMOR	\$931.00
53845	WESTERN STATES EQUIPMENT	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$2,219.21
53846	WESTTEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$650.00
53847	WOODLAND CREATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$185.35
953498	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$7,051.60
953514	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$361.78
		<b>CLAIMS FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$321,898.08</b>

<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	ADLER, SCOTT C	COUNTY COMMISSIONER
	ALT, PAUL	ROAD SUPERVISOR
	ANDERSON, MELINDA K	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY
	BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V
	BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT
	BONNEY, BARTON C	COMMISSIONER
	BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN
	BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER
	BRADSHAW, BLAINE C	COUNTY ATTORNEY
	BUTLER, JODI L	SOLID WASTE
	CAIN, RONALD J	RELIEF DEPUTY
	CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N	DISPATCH
	CAYKO, NICKIE N	ROAD MAINTENANCE
	CROSS, AUSTIN M	DISPATCHER
	DAY, JAN P	DEPUTY CLERK
	DAY, NELS R	DES COORDINATOR
	DUNKERSON, WAYNE S	SHERIFF
	FADNESS, COLETTE A	AREA V AIDE
	FRATZKE, DEBBIE	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
	GRAHAM, RONALD L	ROAD MAINTENANCE
18996	GRAHAM, RONALD L	VACA/SICK PAYOUT
	GRAHAM, SARAH E	DEPUTY CLERK & RECORDER
	GREANY, KYLE L	ROAD MAINTENANCE
	GROSVOLD, LACIE J	CLERK
	HAMILTON, MARIANNE	RELIEF CLERK
	HARDING, JEAN M	DISPATCHER
	HARDING, VICKI B	TREASURER
	HENNAGER, DEANNA L	DISPATCHER
	HOEHNE, JOHN W	ROAD MAINTENANCE
	HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE
	HOUSE, ROBBI	TREASURER'S OFFICE
	HULTMAN, TY R	DEPUTY
	JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE
	KAHOE, MICHAEL	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
	KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE
	KENDALL, JOY J	SOLID WASTE RELIEF
	KINGREY, ELWYN	JUNK VEHICLE
	LATRAY, DANETTE L	TREASURER DEPUTY
	LEHNEN, VICTORIA A	DISPATCHER
	MCDONNELL, FRED N	SOLID WASTE RELIEF
	MCLURE, BLANCHE A	CLERK & RECORDER
18995	O'DELL, SARAH L	AREA V AIDE
	OLSEN, RICK C	DEPUTY
	OSTLER, JASON K	DEPUTY
	OWENS, NANCY	RELIEF
	PALMER, KAREN P	COUNTY AGENT SEC
	PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY
	PAWLAK, KIMBERLY	FLOATING CLERK
	PETERS, DEBORAH A	DISPATCHER RELIEF
	PETERS, STEVEN D	DEPUTY
	RUSSELL, JAMES R	DEPUTY
	SLAUGHTER, BILL L	COMMISSIONER
	SMITH, REBECCA	PHEP COORDINATOR
	TALLON, MARGARET	COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIALIST
	VIETOR, TERRY J	CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE
	WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE
	WEST, WILLIAM H	DAM TENDER
	YOUNG, ANN D	COUNTY HEALTH NURSE
	57 EMPLOYEES	TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL
		\$160,541.38

<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
18995 SARAH O'DELL	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
18996 RON GRAHAM	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"

18997 AFLAC INS	\$302.92
18998 CHRISTMAS CLUB	\$1,675.00
18999 COLONIAL	\$18.75
19000 FIT	\$14,109.58
19000 MEDICARE	\$4,487.14
19000 P.E.R.S.	\$21,058.80
19000 PERS RETIREE	\$346.33
19000 SHERIFF RETIRE	\$5,345.45
19000 SRS RETIREE	\$79.91
19000 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$19,186.46
19000 TRS	\$44.25
19001 IUOE 400	\$589.25
19002 MACO DENTAL	\$2,422.00
19002 MACO VISION	\$465.00
19002 MACOHCT	\$49,635.00
19002 UNUMLIFE	\$831.25
19003 PEBSC	\$3,725.00
19004 SIT	\$6,784.00
19005 UNION - PENSION	\$684.85
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$131,790.94</b>

## GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

November 7, 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 Paul Alt's report was deferred.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.49 feet today, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 12.12 inches below full pool at an outflow of 30 cfs through the power plant and over the weir. Commissioner Slaughter moved, on the recommendation of Commissioner Bonney, not to change the outflow and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board noted receipt of correspondence from the Montana Department of Revenue that the lease with the county for office space in the courthouse is being terminated effective December 31, 2017. The Board further noted that a Department of Revenue manager removed the two local employees suddenly and without warning from that office in the courthouse yesterday. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

The Board discussed showing appreciation to all county employees by purchasing a spiral cut ham (7 to 8 pounds) from Huffman Grocery in Philipsburg for each county employee in December 2017. The action was taken on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

As public comment, George Blowers met with the Board regarding his solid waste charges on the 2017 tax bill. He maintained that he was being billed for three solid waste units on one property for a previous year which carried over to this year. Solid Waste Clerk Lynn Anderson joined the conversation and explained that a corrected tax statement with only one unit was mailed to him yesterday. George Blowers explained that in his roofing business he charges the clients' solid waste account, by agreement with the client, for disposal of removed roofing material. He said that he wanted to make the Board aware of the situation. No Board action was taken.

The Board considered the request from Headwaters RC&D, in conjunction with the Anaconda Local Development Corporation and the Butte Local Development Corporation, for a letter of support in applying for a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Assessment grant. Commissioner Slaughter moved to defer a decision pending further

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information and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Appointments to county and volunteer boards were made on the motion of Commissioner Bonney and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried. The appointments were as follow:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Joe Brabender	Flint Creek Fire Service Area	10-2-2019
Kenny Kane	Valley Fire District	10-2-2019

The Board held a meeting on a personnel matter. The employee did not waive their right to privacy and Chairperson Bonney closed the meeting at the request of the employee. Board action was taken.

The Board considered Task Order 18-07-5-01-020-0 for the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Program. The Board approved the task order on the motion of Commissioner Bonney and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON Granite County Hospital District, met with the Board and presented the monthly financial update. She noted that the Athena electronic medical records people are on site to assist in improving the revenue cycle and claims submittal is being improved. The written financial report included a balance of negative \$95,238, current payroll estimated at \$90,000 for projected cash available of negative \$185,238; projected deposits of \$358,000, projected accounts payable of \$75,000 for a projected cash reserve of \$117,762. An administrator's report dated October 31, 2017, was included. State budget cuts were discussed and the potential effect on Medicaid payments to Critical Access Hospitals. The Board noted that it is working with county volunteer ambulance personnel to improve the response to calls for an ambulance.

The session adjourned at noon.

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Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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November 14, 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 Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. There is a plan to remove the feral cats at the recently purchased property at Hall in a humane way. Discussion was held with County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw on a possible policy regarding the lending of county equipment, the plowing and sanding of private roads in emergencies, and assisting the schools and civic organizations in the county. The Board agreed to put the matter on a future agenda. The Board agreed to have an appraisal done on the recently purchased buildings at Hall (one house and two shop buildings) for fire insurance purposes.

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Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.51 feet today, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 11.88 inches below full pool at an outflow of 30 cfs through the power plant and over the weir. Ice cover on the lake effective last week. Commissioner Slaughter moved, on the recommendation of Commissioner Bonney, not to change the outflow and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Election Administrator Blanche McLure met with the Board for the canvass of votes for the November 7, 2017, Drummond Municipal Election. The results were reviewed and the Board declared the results official as follow:

MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 7, 2017

						TOTAL
REGISTERED VOTERS	155					
VOTED	85					
WARDS	DR-1					
PERCENT VOTED	55%					
<b>FOR MAYOR OF DRUMMOND</b>						
GAIL J LEEPER	72					
BOB TERUEL	13					
WRITE-IN	0					

**Town of Philipsburg Resolution 2017-7:** Cancellation of Election of certain Municipal Officers and Nomination by Acclamation. *Brett Hamilton*, Mayor, *Julian Ricci*, Councilperson, *DuWayne Ulrich*, Councilperson, *John Johnson*, Councilperson, *James Adie*, Councilperson, *Nicole Nelch*, Councilperson.

**Town of Drummond Resolution 2017-3:** Cancellation of Election of certain Municipal Officers and Nomination by Acclamation. *Earl Clute*, Councilperson.



Patrick Little with the Philipsburg Volunteer Ambulance and Sheila Manley with the Drummond Volunteer Ambulance, Sheriff Scott Dunkerson and County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw met with the Board to discuss cost reimbursement (stipends) for ambulance volunteers. Patrick Little reported that his group would be interested, and suggested \$75.00 per run cost reimbursement stipend for a driver and \$100.00 per run for an EMT, which the association hopes will incentivize volunteers over the long term. Funds would come from the ambulance budget. Complete trip reports are essential to submit billing and electronic software should ease the burden of completing trip reports. Sheriff Dunkerson indicated concern about deputies, who are also EMT's, submitting a bill for \$100.00 on their off time. Discussion was held that meals should come from petty cash and not affect the cost reimbursement to ambulance personnel. Sheila Manley indicated that the Drummond Ambulance makes approximately 60 runs per year; she reported that generally three people (two EMT's and one driver) go on each run and she expressed concern about public perception of ambulance personnel receiving cost reimbursement. Discussion was held on whether to start this soon or build it into the new budget beginning July 1, 2018. Drummond plans to schedule an EMT class, probably in January. Sheila Manley suggested that they go

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back to their respective associations for a December meeting and then meet with the Commission again in January. Attorney Bradshaw reviewed the provisions of the Good Samaritan law regarding annual limits for stipends if the Good Samaritan law was to apply. Patrick Little informed the Board that one ambulance can be used for transports, once it is outfitted, which will leave the newer ambulance in Philipsburg for emergencies. Both groups are working on written maintenance schedules for their vehicles. Patrick Little noted that trusses are being put up today on the new ambulance garage in Philipsburg.

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

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

The Board held a telephone conference call with Joe Willauer with Headwaters RC&D regarding the request from that organization, in conjunction with the Anaconda Local Development Corporation and the Butte Local Development Corporation, for a letter of support in applying for a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Assessment grant of \$600,000.00. He informed the Board that the grant, if awarded, would be used to assess properties for contamination, primarily from asbestos and oil, including properties in Granite County. Commissioner Slaughter moved to submit the letter of support and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Cahill, Maribeth Ellis and Christine Colligan, board members of the Black Pine Meadows Landowners' Association, met with the Board to request the approval of the Amended Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Building Standards and Restrictions for the Black Pine Meadows Subdivision. Planning Director Linda Bouck attended and explained the process related to older subdivisions and that under the proposed amended document that only three sections (control of noxious weeds, required septic permits and no further splits of lots) need to be brought before the Commission for approval. Maribeth Ellis explained that the covenants were simplified for the benefit of homeowners in the subdivision, the roads are maintained by the association and landowners do not want additional access through the subdivision to adjoining property. She said that the document also defines commercial property, which was a needed revision. Barbara Cahill explained that they have been very transparent with the landowners and a balloting system was used to determine changes to the covenants. She noted that the primary expense of the landowners' association is maintenance of the roads and noxious weed control on common areas owned by the association. Linda Bouck stated that the association should be able to change the majority of the covenants, except those three specific sections on control of noxious weeds, required septic permits and no further splits of lots, through their own association without Commission approval. She noted that she and County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw have reviewed the amended document and recommend approval by the Commission. Commissioner Slaughter moved to approve the Amended Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Building Standards and Restrictions for the Black Pine Meadows Subdivision. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or comment. The motion carried unanimously. The Board complimented the association on being very well organized.

DES/Safety Coordinator Rick Day met with the Board to review the draft project sign layout for the entrance to the Flint Creek Project at Montana Highway 1. The Board made some minor changes to the wording and Rick Day agreed to send the proposed wording to the FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission), Portland Regional Office, for final approval prior to having the sign constructed by Montana Prison Industries. Commissioner Slaughter moved to approve the final revised sign wording and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The

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Board reviewed a proposed response, drafted by Rick Day, to the letter dated 10-25-2017 from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Portland Regional Office, regarding the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) flowchart update for the Flint Creek Project. Commissioner Slaughter moved to approve the response and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The Board discussed that there may be revisions to the flowcharts or additional flowcharts following the functional exercise scheduled for December 2, 2017.

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

The session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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November 21, 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 Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report, which included that there will be a \$7,000.00 mechanical repair bill on a snow plow truck. He reported that he is purchasing some road department supplies through Montana Rail Link at a bulk discount. Discussion was held on when the Road and Bridge Department will be paid by the Forest Service for repairing damage and for wear and tear on county roads during the 2017 forest fire season. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw agreed to draft a letter to Cameron Rasor with the Pintler Ranger District of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest regarding payment for the road wear and damage. The Board and Paul Alt reviewed the draft policy that "Road and Bridge Department Employees Must Work in Pairs" with County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw. Revisions were made and the final policy was adopted on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.50 feet today, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 12 inches below full pool at an outflow of 30 cfs through the power plant and over the weir. Commissioner Slaughter moved, on the recommendation of Commissioner Bonney, not to change the outflow and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Georgetown Lake USGS gage payment option was discussed. The Board was informed by Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) that if the county dealt directly with the USGS that it would result in a 5% savings, which is FWP's administrative charge, according to Andy Brummond with FWP. Commissioner Slaughter moved to deal directly with the USGS on the Georgetown Lake gages and not deal with FWP any longer regarding the said gage. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered a personnel matter. The employee did not waive their right to privacy and Chairperson Barton Bonney closed the meeting at the employee's request.

Courthouse Custodian Janeen Bonney met with the Board to discuss placing bullnose on the stairs in the courthouse where the carpet is fraying. Commissioner Adler moved that she proceed with the project and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Riddick Field Airport hangar lot rental agreements as prepared by County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw. The Board agreed to mail the rental agreements, at the request of Riddick Field Airport Manager Vince Reece, to the renter of each airport lot with an executed copy to be returned to the county. The Board noted that Granite County owns the ground and individuals own the hangar structures.

The Board made appointments to county and volunteer boards on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The appointments were as follow:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
J. B. Hendrix	Valley Fire District	October 2, 2019
Dee Dunkerson	Drummond TV District	October 2, 2020

Engineer Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering of Helena met with the Board regarding several Flint Creek Dam items:

1. Great West's assistance with the Emergency Action Plan functional exercise at the request of DES/Safety Coordinator Rick Day and he noted that there will be a charge for his time and assistance. Jeremiah Theys noted that he recently attended a FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) work shop on Emergency Action Plans. Jeremiah Theys estimated a cost of \$6,000.00 for his hours, presentation and binders for the upcoming functional exercise. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the estimate and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Inspections of the piezometers, drains and concrete along the dam face. Jeremiah Theys reported on the inspection done at the end of October and he noted that further evaluation will be done on the concrete along the dam face to determine if it was load bearing. Forty gallons of water was poured down each piezometer and it drained immediately indicating that the piezometers are not working properly. They were able to camera only one drain as the other has a 90-degree turn. Indications are that the two drains are functioning, but the piezometers are not holding a static head. The piezometers should indicate whether or not water is flowing through the dam. A discussion will be held with FERC to determine if the piezometers are necessary since the drains are working. A formal report will be submitted by Great West Engineering to FERC by December 15, 2017.
3. Part 12D Corrective Action Plan was submitted by Great West Engineering to FERC with about 20 items which need to be addressed that included a schedule. Some items need to be completed by the county, including the repair of the damaged electrical power PVC pipe on the face of the dam and removal of the sand accumulation on the road culvert at the left abutment, both by April 2018. Several plans also need to be updated. The chain on responsibility needs to be included in the response to FERC on the letter of 10-25-2017, identifying Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering as the main contact and the engineer of record for the Flint Creek Project, on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Adler. Dick Motta inquired who the previous engineer of record was and the Board responded that it was Ben Singer with Flint Creek Hydroelectric. The motion carried unanimously. Jeremiah Theys noted that the next Part 12D inspection is four to five years away and there are two major projects in the works at this time.

4. **Spillway Improvements Project and pursuing additional DNRC (Department of Natural Resources and Conservation) RRGL (Renewable Resource Grant and Loan) funds.** Jeremiah Theys noted that a section of concrete needs to be repaired, some cracks repaired and joint material between the slabs replaced that is part of the spillway. He suggested that the Board pursue another DNRC RRGL grant for the work. Planning grant applications are being called for now and applications are due in the spring of 2018 and work done in 2019. Jeremiah Theys noted that a grant would cover all the additional items required by FERC and there is time for FERC to review and make a decision on the plan. A timing issue will be lowering the lake level to accomplish some of the work. Jeremiah Theys will put a plan and schedule together. Commissioner Slaughter moved to pursue a DNRC RRGL grant for the spillway work and piezometers. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Update on the valve and gabion project.** Jeremiah Theys noted that there are now two main valves in the upper chamber which need to be replaced under the current DNRC RRGL grant and he will put numbers together to determine a cost. Great West Engineering will investigate an auxiliary guardian gate option and cost. It was agreed that Great West Engineering will prepare a plan with options for the project for the Board's consideration. Jeremiah Theys indicated that he will assist with obtaining proposals for all aspects of the project.

Dick Motta inquired whether the county continues to receive the 10% of the revenue generated by the project and the Board responded that it does. Dick Motta recalled that there had been discussion, when the contract was originally written with Hydrodynamics, regarding the considerable expense of maintaining the dam and that some studies which could be required are extremely expensive. He indicated that the current revenue may not cover the expenses of repairing the dam. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw indicated that he very well advised the Commissioners to have negotiated the agreement with Flint Creek Hydro differently, but he was not County Attorney at the time agreement was reached. Commissioner Slaughter stated that there is a balance in the Flint Creek Dam Fund if the 10% generating revenue does not cover the expense and that the county and Great West Engineering have been very successful in obtaining grant funds for dam repair. Jeremiah Theys noted that the dam repairs would need to be made whether or not electricity is being generated. Commissioner Slaughter noted that at the end of the contract that Granite County receives 100% of the funds from electrical generation. Dick Motta stated that the project does not make good business sense for the county at this time. He suggested that the Board take a look at getting out of the contract.

Clerk and Recorder/Surveyor/Assessor Blanche McLure and Planning Director Linda Bouck met with the Board to discuss a county building permit process due to the recent removal of the local Department of Revenue Office (DOR) from the county. Blanche McLure presented a message from Harold Blattie, Executive Director of the Montana Association of Counties (MACo), which indicated that the only way a county can have a building permit system is to adopt building codes and have a building codes program approved by the Department of Labor, and additional changes in the Montana Code. Also, Linda Bouck noted that her familiarity with building permits had always involved zoning. John Spaeth suggested that an administrative permission may be workable. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw indicated that he would investigate that possibility. Discussion was held on the possibility of having a deputy assessor and the county possibly funding the position. Blanche McLure stated that she had made a request to the DOR to maintain the property record cards in the county. The Board agreed to await further information from County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw's research on whether the property record cards can be removed from the county by the DOR and the authority of the local assessor; and further information from Harold Blattie. A meeting with a DOR official and a MACo official will be requested by Attorney Bradshaw. John Spaeth suggested having a DOR representative

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in the county on a regular schedule for availability to the public. Emily Petrovski with the Philipsburg Mail newspaper attended.

The Board noted correspondence from DNRC Anaconda Unit Manager Brian Robbins which stated that the proposed land exchange between Anthony Marletto and the DNRC will be withdrawn at this time. However, alternative proposals may be considered in the future, according to Brian Robbins.

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

The session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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November 28, 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 Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. The Board reviewed proposals for lighting and electrical work at the road shop buildings at Hall from T.E.C. The Electrical Connections in the amount of \$8,746.00, Palmer Electric in the amount of \$10,342.00, and Pfendler Electric in the amount of \$8,925.00. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the lowest proposal of T.E.C. (The Electrical Connections) for the work. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The Board agreed to get Jim Lott to install the heating system in the recently purchased shop building at Hall.

The Board held a meeting on a personnel matter. The employee did not waive their right to privacy and Chairperson Bonney closed the session to the public at the request of the employee. Board action was taken.

Clerk and Recorder/Assessor Blanche McLure met with the Board to discuss possibly keeping an assessor position in the former Department of Revenue (DOR) office in the courthouse. She agreed to attend the meeting when DOR Director Mike Kadas is scheduled to meet with the Board on December 4, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and presented revised language for the policy "Road and Bridge Department Employees Must Work in Pairs." There was discussion that some jobs require two people and some jobs do not. Commissioner Slaughter rescinded his motion of November 21, 2017, on the policy and Commissioner Adler rescinded his second of the motion and Chairperson Bonney concurred. Therefore, the policy was rescinded and vacated.

County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw met with the Board to review the draft Good Neighbor Policy which is intended to allow the county to perform some services under special circumstances. Discussion was held that there is value in the county providing assistance to people, schools and civic organizations in certain circumstances. It was agreed that some language changes would be made prior to the final draft being on a future Board agenda.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.52 feet today, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 11.76 inches below full pool at an outflow of 30 cfs through the power plant and over the weir. Commissioner Slaughter moved, on the recommendation of Commissioner Bonney, not to change the outflow and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Slaughter moved to appoint Colby Manley to the Granite County DUI Task Force for a term ending October 2, 2019, and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Justice of the Peace Deborah Fratzke met with the Board for general discussion regarding safety in the design of the current justice court courtroom in the courthouse. Judge Fratzke noted a concern that there is not a barrier between the court clerk and the public. Discussion was held on the possibility of moving the court into the former office of the Department of Revenue on the main floor of the courthouse. Further discussion was held on the accessibility for handicapped individuals, which is available in the court's current location on the lower level of the courthouse, and awareness of concerns brought up following the active shooter exercise. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* attended.

A letter from Elena Gagliano dated 11-14-2017 regarding county policies was reviewed by the Board and a response was drafted. The Board requested that County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw respond to the letter.

The Board reviewed an application for an indigent cremation with Longfellow Finnegan Funeral Home. Commissioner Slaughter moved to approve the application and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. Commissioners Slaughter and Bonney voted in favor of the motion and Commissioner Adler voted against the motion.

The Board reviewed the draft October 2017 minutes. Approval of the minutes was deferred.

The Board considered the updated Indigent (General Assistance) Cremation Allowance Contract with Longfellow Finnegan Funeral Home as this new agreement would continue the current arrangement with the funeral home. Commissioner Slaughter moved for approval of the contract and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried with Commissioner Bonney and Slaughter voting in favor of the motion and Commissioner Adler voting against the motion.

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

The session adjourned at noon.

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Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

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

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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