

December 26, 2017

No regular Commission meeting was scheduled or held.

Barton C Bonney, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD & 30TH OF JANUARY 2018 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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

WARRANT		AMOUNT	
53963	BOB'S QUALITY AUTO	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$1,279.60
53964	BUTTE PRODUCE	SUPPLIES	\$1,188.25
53965	DRUMMOND COMMUNITY HALL	RENT	\$300.00
53966	HUFFMAN GROCERY	EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY HAMS	\$832.23
53967	K & C FOODS	SUPPLIES	\$174.00
53968	RIVERSIDE MARKET	SUPPLIES	\$560.22
53969	SUE HUFFMAN	GRANT WRITING	\$400.00
53970	SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	REGULAR CLEANING	\$225.00
53971	WSTRN MT TRI-CO ADDICT SERVICES	DRUG & ALCOHOL SHARE	\$4,414.00
53973	FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK	PAYROLL & NOD FEE	\$90,970.98
53974	STATE TREASURER	ANNUAL REPORT FILING FEE	\$1,300.00
53975	ELMER COBLENTZ	SHOP REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$7,070.00
53976	VINCENT OR SARA HULT	VEHICLE DAMAGE	\$1,500.00
53977	VISA #1	CO HEALTH SUPPLIES	\$224.54
53978	VISA #2	HOME DEPOT	\$79.00
53979	VISA #3	STAIR NOSING & POSTAGE	\$1,651.69
53980	360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$938.18
53981	A & M FIRE AND SAFETY, INC	GLOVES & EAR PLUGS	\$64.00
53982	ADLER TOWING	TOWING	\$289.00
53983	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	ACETYLENE	\$21.80
53984	ARCSEARCH CORPORATION	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$1,922.73
53985	AXMEN	RED FLARE W/SPIKE	\$207.36
53986	BARNEY CONRADS CUSTOM ST LLC	RENT & MAINTENANCE	\$851.50
53987	BILL ANTONIOLI	S&R SLED 1 DAY X 2	\$440.00
53988	BILL SLAUGHTER	TRAVEL	\$128.40
53989	BLACKFOOT CFT	DECEMBER BILLING	\$3,902.66
53990	BOB BARKER CO INC	INMATE SUPPLIES	\$57.40
53991	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$430.04
53992	CASCADE CO RGNL YTH SRVCS CNTR	YOUTH DETAINEE	\$5,644.29
53993	CENTURYLINK	MT EMERGENCY BUNDLE SERVICE	\$415.80
53994	CENTURYLINK	FCP PHONE	\$57.08
53995	CHRIS THERRIAULT	S&R SLED 1 DAY	\$220.00
53996	COLETTE ADELE FADNESS	MILEAGE	\$617.82
53997	COMDATA	DECEMBER BILLING	\$3,402.78
53998	COMPLIANCE MONITORING SYSTEMS	SUPERVISION	\$75.00
53999	CULLIGAN	HOT-N-COLD RENTAL	\$14.50
54000	DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$3,662.63
54001	DRUMMOND AMBULANCE ASSOC	SUPPLIES	\$1,451.73
54002	ENERGY PARTNERS LLC	UTILITIES - ROAD DEPT	\$1,944.00
54003	FASTENAL	FITTINGS & PLUGS	\$13.52
54004	FICKLER OIL CO. INC.	FUEL & SUPPLIES	\$4,562.52
54005	GALL'S LLC	GCSO SUPPLIES	\$143.11
54006	GENERAL DISTRIBUTING CO.	ROAD SUPPLIES	\$356.67
54007	GRANITE CO HOSPITAL DISTRICT	EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL	\$100.00
54008	GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$296.62
54009	GRANITE PHARMACY	VACCINES	\$4,327.75
54010	GRANITE RECYCLING	METAL/PAPER RECYCLING	\$326.76
54011	GRANITE SPORTLAND	4-WHEELER REPAIR	\$148.64
54012	GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$12,041.56
54013	HARLOW'S TRUCK CENTER	HINGE & SENSORS	\$434.70
54014	HEALTHCARE BILLING, INC	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$278.18
54015	HELLGATE TOOL REPAIR	11R DIE 1"	\$89.00

54016	HIGH TECH LINEN	RUGS	\$98.54
54017	HOGAN'S RANCH & BUILDERS	ROAD SUPPLIES	\$422.97
54018	HUFFMAN GROCERY	INMATE MEALS	\$1,020.20
54019	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES	\$749.96
54020	I STATE TRUCK INC	POLY RIB & TENSIONER	\$167.02
54021	IBS, INC	SUPPLIES	\$1,072.29
54022	INLAND TRUCK PARTS	OILSEAL, ENDYOKE,U-JOINT	\$201.74
54023	INTOXIMETERS, INC	24/7 SOBRIETY	\$437.25
54024	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	ROAD SUPPLIES	\$681.06
54025	K L S HYDRAULICS	HOSE,CLAMP,VALVE,SEAL...	\$1,887.45
54026	KEITH ANTONIOLI	S&R SLED 1 DAY	\$220.00
54027	KENWORTH SALES	HANDLE, CLIP	\$110.72
54028	KYLE COMINGS	S&R SLED 1 DAY	\$220.00
54029	LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS, INC	EVIDENCE BAGS	\$96.51
54030	MACAA	FY18 DUES	\$105.00
54031	MACO	INMATE MED BUDGET PROTECTOR	\$130.44
54032	MACSS	FY18 DUES	\$175.00
54033	MAPS INC	ADDRESSING & SUPPORT	\$1,374.75
54034	MCGOWAN WATER COND, INC	RENTAL & SALT	\$38.90
54035	MIDWEST LABORATORIES, INC	FORAGE,BARLEY,ALFALFA,GRASS	\$396.71
54036	MILE HIGH HEATING, LLC	HALL SHOP HEATER	\$6,500.00
54037	MISSOULA MOTOR PARTS	CLUTCH PUSH ROD BUSHING	\$14.70
54038	MONIDA HEALTHCARE NETWORK	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$820.12
54039	MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$151.76
54040	MONTANA ELECTRONICS CO, INC	FLOOR MOUNT WEDGE	\$51.66
54041	MONTANA LTAP	MACRS FY18 DUES	\$100.00
54042	MOUNTAIN SUPPLY	PIPE,UNION,TEE,ELL...	\$347.41
54043	MSPOA	FY18 DUES	\$350.00
54044	MSU EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$62.50
54045	MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	SALARY SHARE	\$2,275.00
54046	MT ASSO OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS	FY18 DUES	\$90.00
54047	MT LEGISLATIVE SERVICES	MT CODE ANNOTATED - FULL SETS	\$2,100.00
54048	NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL	END-OF-YEAR AWARDS	\$110.50
54049	NORCO, INC	HI VIZ JACKET & CARBIDE END	\$49.61
54050	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$2,067.95
54051	NW INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO.INC.	SAFETY GLASSES	\$33.19
54052	NORTHWEST PARTS & EQUIPMENT	PLOW TRUCK CARB INSERT	\$1,243.42
54053	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	DECEMBER STATEMENTS	\$5,265.50
54054	OLIVIA BURGMEIER	MILEAGE	\$82.93
54055	PACIFIC STEEL & RECYCLING - BUTTE	ANGLE,SHEET,FLAT,STRIP	\$335.12
54056	PATRICIA BAUER	MILEAGE	\$102.72
54057	PHILIPSBURG AMBULANCE	PETTY CASH/RUN MEALS	\$100.00
54058	PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	ADS	\$72.00
54059	PHILIPSBURG SR CITZ CENTER	INMATE MEALS	\$133.00
54060	PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF	WATER/SEWER	\$437.00
54061	PINTLER PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$3,506.10
54062	PIONEER EQUIPMENT	HOSE,END,CLAMP	\$157.76
54063	POSTMASTER	PHILIPSBURG LIBRARY ELECTION	\$650.00
54064	POSTMASTER	STAMPS	\$200.00
54065	REGISTRATIONMAX, LLC	COUNTY SHARE - FAIR	\$150.00
54066	REPUBLIC SERVICES #889	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$5,918.80
54067	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$4,366.75
54068	RIVERSIDE MARKET	SUPPLIES	\$52.02
54069	ROCKY MOUNTAIN SCALE WORKS	SCALE PART & CALIBRATIN	\$869.00
54070	RTW ENTERPRISE	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$1,099.31
54071	SAFEGUARD QBS	1099 & W-2 SUPPLIES	\$102.26
54072	SATELLITE PHONE STORE	DVA SATELLITE PHONE	\$93.02
54073	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	SUPPLIES	\$78.32
54074	STEVEN DUNKERSON	S&R SLED 1 DAY	\$220.00
54075	SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	REGULAR CLEANING	\$225.00
54076	TERRY JO VIETOR	CRIME CONTROL SUPPLIES	\$196.09
54077	TIRE RAMA	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$9,680.61
54078	TNT TRUCK PARTS	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$1,577.75
54079	TRI-COUNTY SANITARIAN	TRI COUNTY SANITARIAN	\$11,120.74
54080	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	E-FILE SET-UP 25%	\$750.00
54081	VERIZON WIRELESS	DECEMBER BILLING	\$501.36
54082	VICKI HARDING	STAMP PAD REFILLS	\$23.60
54083	WESTERN MT MENTAL HEALTH CNTR	COUNTY SHARE	\$1,274.00
54084	WESTERN POLICE SUPPLY	SPIKE STRIP & STAR	\$364.55
54085	WESTERN STATES EQUIPMENT	REPAIR & MAINENANCE	\$1,070.54
54086	WESTTEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$650.00
54087	WHALEN TIRE MISSOULA	ALIGNMENT	\$196.95
54088	WILLOWROCK INC	SURVEY REVIEW	\$175.00
54089	WOMACK	ELEMENT & TOWELS	\$35.44
54090	WOODLAND CREATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$364.20
54091	ZUERCHER	INSIGHT MAINTENANCE	\$1,500.00
		CLAIMS FUND TOTAL	\$241,719.01

<u>WARRANT/NOD</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
	ADLER, SCOTT C	COUNTY COMMISSIONER	\$2,131.97
	ALT, PAUL	ROAD SUPERVISOR	\$5,833.33
	ANDERSON, MELINDA K	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY	\$955.56
	BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V	\$558.82
	BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	\$3,932.65
	BONNEY, BARTON C	COMMISSIONER	\$2,040.94
	BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN	\$2,121.60
	BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER	\$4,955.60
	BRAACH, LEE	SITE RELIEF	\$599.63
	BRADSHAW, BLAINE C	COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$7,867.93
	BURGMEIER, OLIVIA G	HEALTH AIDE	\$245.52
	BUTLER, JODI L	SOLID WASTE	\$2,796.64
19015	BUTLER, JODI L	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$400.00
	CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N	DISPATCH	\$2,439.36
	CAYKO, NICKIE N	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,213.00
19016	CAYKO, NICKIE N	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$430.00
	CONRADS, ORWOLL B	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$781.56
19017	CONRADS, ORWOLL B	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$430.00
	CROSS, AUSTIN M	DISPATCHER	\$1,886.19
	DAY, JAN P	DEPUTY CLERK	\$1,458.28
	DAY, NELS R	DES COORDINATOR	\$1,150.14
	DUNKERSON, WAYNE S	SHERIFF	\$4,406.90
	FADNESS, COLETTE A	AREA V AIDE	\$261.90
	FRATZKE, DEBBIE	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	\$1,933.08
	GRAHAM, SARAH E	DEPUTY CLERK & RECORDER	\$3,307.50
	GREANY, KYLE L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,580.20
19018	GREANY, KYLE L	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$430.00
	GROSVOLD, LACIE J	CLERK	\$1,124.04
	HAMILTON, MARIANNE	RELIEF CLERK	\$95.52
	HARDING, JEAN M	DISPATCHER	\$2,139.04
	HARDING, VICKI B	TREASURER	\$4,331.67
	HENNAGER, DEANNA L	DISPATCHER	\$2,413.75
	HOEHNE, JOHN W	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,831.03
19019	HOEHNE, JOHN W	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$430.00
	HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,496.50
19020	HOLLAND, BRAD J	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$430.00
	HOUSE, ROBBI	TREASURER'S OFFICE	\$2,669.52
	HULTMAN, TY R	DEPUTY	\$3,606.71
	JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,272.64
19021	JACOBSON, STEVEN	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$430.00
	KAHOE, MICHAEL	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	\$4,349.52
	KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE	\$3,027.20
19022	KENDALL, JOHN S	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$400.00
	KENDALL, JOY J	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$151.70
	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	\$519.78
	MCLURE, BLANCHE A	CLERK & RECORDER	\$4,331.67
	MCLURE, WADE CHARLES	CUSTODIAN RELIEF	\$1,152.21
	O'DELL, SARAH L	AREA V AIDE	\$267.51
	OLSEN, RICK C	DEPUTY	\$3,736.78
	OSTLER, JASON K	DEPUTY	\$3,300.00
	PALMER, KAREN P	COUNTY AGENT SEC	\$2,303.28
	PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY	\$2,908.08
	PAWLAK, KIMBERLY	FLOATING CLERK	\$1,492.29
	PETERS, DEBORAH A	DISPATCHER RELIEF	\$599.76
	PETERS, STEVEN D	DEPUTY	\$3,653.86
	RUSSELL, JAMES R	DEPUTY	\$3,603.57
	SLAUGHTER, BILL L	COMMISSIONER	\$1,997.00
	SMITH, REBECCA	PHEP COORDINATOR	\$1,234.40
	TALLON, MARGARET	COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIALIST	\$260.00
	VIETOR, TERRY J	CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE	\$1,154.40
	WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,429.00
19023	WALDEN, JAMES L	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$430.00
	WEST, WILLIAM H	DAM TENDER	\$322.52
	YOUNG, ANN D	COUNTY HEALTH NURSE	\$5,967.00
	58 EMPLOYEES	TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	\$145,218.61

<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
19015	JODI BUTLER	SEE"GROSS PAYROLL"
19016	NICKIE CAYKO	SEE"GROSS PAYROLL"
19017	ORWOLL CONRADS	SEE"GROSS PAYROLL"
19018	KYLE GREANY	SEE"GROSS PAYROLL"
19019	JOHNNIE HOEHNE	SEE"GROSS PAYROLL"

19020 BRAD HOLLAND	SEE"GROSS PAYROLL"	
19021 STEVE JACOBSON	SEE"GROSS PAYROLL"	
19022 JOHN KENDALL	SEE"GROSS PAYROLL"	
19023 JIM WALDEN	SEE"GROSS PAYROLL"	
19024 AFLAC INS		\$302.92
19025 CHRISTMAS CLUB		\$1,850.00
19026 COLONIAL		\$18.75
19027 FIT		\$11,029.35
19027 MEDICARE		\$4,042.88
19027 P.E.R.S.		\$17,796.73
19027 PERS RETIREE		\$314.70
19027 SHERIFF RETIRE		\$5,266.87
19027 SOCIAL SECURITY		\$17,286.12
19027 TRS		\$44.25
19027 UNEMPL. INSUR.		\$1,569.19
19028 IUOE 400		\$565.50
19029 MACO DENTAL		\$2,314.00
19029 MACO VISION		\$514.00
19029 MACOHCT		\$47,533.00
19029 UNUMLIFE		\$831.25
19030 PEBSC		\$3,650.00
19031 SIT		\$5,774.00
19032 UNION - PENSION		\$610.42
19033 WORKERS' COMP		\$18,588.26
	TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES	\$139,902.19

GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

January 2, 2018

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.

Election of Presiding Officer: Commissioner Adler moved to elect Commissioner Slaughter as the Presiding Officer, Chairperson of Board of County Commissioners, and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Commissioner Slaughter expressed recognition that for the past two years Commissioner Bonney has done a great job as Chairperson. Chairperson Slaughter noted that Commissioner Bonney was respectful, everyone got to speak and he listened to other commissioners' views.

The Board received a telephone call regarding a private vehicle damaged by a county snowplow on December 29, 2017. A settlement agreement (release) will be on the Commission's next agenda for decision.

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Manager Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. Items included the door expansion at Hall road shop to be on agenda next week.

The heating system installation for the recently purchased road department shop in Hall was discussed. Commissioner Adler moved to approve heating system invoice from Mile High Heating LLC of Butte in the amount of \$6,500.00 for the Hall Road shop and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

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 Bonney moved to make no change in the outflow and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Chairperson Slaughter asked Commissioner Bonney to remain as point person on the lake outflow. Commissioner Bonney agreed.

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The proposed easement between Granite County and Kris J. & Kimberly M. Kahle was reviewed and discussed. County Attorney Bradshaw was present and explained all the relevant issues and the law on point. Commissioner Adler moved to deny the proposed easement between Granite County and Kris J. & Kimberly M. Kahle and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2018-1 "A Granite County Resolution Establishing Regular Commission Meeting Dates, And Regular Courthouse Office Hours For 2018." County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw will change the Chairperson to reflect Commissioner Slaughter. Dick Motta commented that he would like public notice in the *Philipsburg Mail* of all meetings. County Attorney Bradshaw will send Mr. Motta the Attorney General's opinion that hearings have to be published in newspaper, however not weekly commission meetings. Chairperson Slaughter told Mr. Motta that he could get on the agenda for specific comments on the resolution.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2018-2 "A Granite County Resolution Establishing mileage, Lodging And Per Diem Rates For Business Travel And Providing For An Effective Date." County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw will change the Chairperson to reflect Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2018-3 "A Granite County Resolution Establishing The Daily Rate Of Credit For Incarceration And Providing For an Effective Date." County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw will change the Chairperson to reflect Commissioner Slaughter. Sheriff Scott Dunkerson stated that the state has capped rate for incarceration at \$69.00/day. Sheriff Dunkerson did a worksheet and \$69.00/day for 2018 would cover the expenses. There was no public comment.

Public Comment: Dick Motta stated concerns with open meeting and public notice laws that the county is not following. He asked County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw if he had opinions from Attorney General on these matters. He said that the agenda is neither being posted on public post boards nor was it being published weekly in the newspaper. Attorney Bradshaw responded that Montana law does not require regular public meeting agendas to be published in the newspaper, only posted. He also said that minutes should be available immediately, not after being approved. He would like to receive procedures for open meetings with the new laws from the Montana Association of Counties.

Also during public comment, Clerk & Recorder/Assessor Blanche McLure and County Treasurer Vicki Harding met with the Board regarding the closure of the DOR office in the county. They noted that Granite County has 12-13 special districts and Clerk and Recorder McLure would like to hire a full time position in the future to cover additional duties. The Board requested that she budget for a new position and create a job description for the position in the Clerk and Recorder's Office. It was noted that any more discussion or the decision on the matter would be placed on the Board's regular meeting agenda.

Correspondence: Treasurer Vicki Harding reviewed a letter from the Town of Drummond regarding tax deeds. There are five possible properties that could be taken for tax deed, which would help Drummond's cash flow if property was sold. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw will do research to see what steps the county would take to do tax deeds. Treasurer Harding agreed to write a letter to Mayor Gail Leeper.

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON Granite County Hospital District, met with the Board and presented the monthly financial update. She reviewed the financial report dated 1-2-2018 including a checking account balance of negative \$97,000, projected deposits of \$447,200, projected cash requirements through 1-15-2018 of \$125,000 for projected cash reserves of \$135,200 (11 days of operation). She presented and reviewed the administrator's report dated December 19, 2017.

The session adjourned at noon.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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January 9, 2018

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

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Manager Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. Items included: Water pressure is very low, then runs out of water at Hall Road Shop. Commissioners requested that Paul Alt have someone look at the water system as it had been investigated previously. Property Appraiser Bill Bandy of Deer Lodge will be here Thursday, January 11, 2018 to appraise shop buildings at Hall for insurance. Compactor is frozen at Philipsburg Solid Waste Site, but will be repaired.

The door expansion for the road department shop in Hall has been installed. Commissioner Bonney moved to approve door expansion invoice for the Hall Road shop and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

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 Bonney moved to make no change in the outflow and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2018-4 "A Granite County Resolution Authorizing Submittal of TSEP Infrastructure Grant Application Regarding Bridges." There was no public comment.

Settlement Agreement/Release Regarding Liability of County Employee: Chairperson Slaughter closed the session to respect the employee's right to privacy. The session was then reopened. Commissioner Bonney moved to pay \$1,500 for the damaged vehicle so long as vehicle owners sign a full release drafted by the County Attorney. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. This vehicle's owners did sign the release. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

County Public Health Nurse Annie Young met with the Board and she has updated the Home Health Aide Job Description. She noted that she is having trouble hiring aides with no set hours or benefits. She requested to hire one aide with 20 hours a week and a raise in pay. The Board requested that she get on agenda next week to discuss Home Health Aide challenges and budget. PHN Young was contacted by a licensed clinical counselor and licensed addiction counselor that wants to provide mental health and other counseling services for Granite County. The counselor would be in Drummond every other Monday to start. She would like to use Public Health Office in Drummond. PHN Young would like counselor to provide suicide prevention with schools in Granite County. Chairperson Slaughter inquired if the county charged minimal or no rent for space to encourage the counselor to provide services in the area, what kind of contract can the county get for her services. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw suggested that there would need to be a rental agreement and a separate agreement for services with the counselor.

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Jason Wingo with The Electrical Connections of Philipsburg, met with the Board regarding the new Philipsburg Ambulance Shed Construction Contract. There is \$120,000 budget for the building. The project has been formally budgeted which was approved by the Board of County Commissioners for over two years, and the location of the new ambulance shed was established by formal Resolution of the County Commission and Town of Philipsburg. He offered the contract to 3 construction companies; Creek Side Construction, Walden Construction and InKlein Construction. Jason Wingo stated that all 3 contractors declined verbally. The Board requested that he get it in writing from the contractors that they declined the job. Job was awarded to TEC from Philipsburg Ambulance Association Board during and Ambulance Association board meeting. Commission requested a copy of the ambulance board's minutes showing TEC was awarded the contract. The Commission also requested a total of invoice to date and gift contributions as TEC was donating certain labor as well others were also. Jason Wingo noted that he brings all invoices to county to pay and ambulance president Patrick Little is aware of all invoices. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw stated that the contract was legally required to be put out for public bid (and it was not) as the project was over \$80,000 and if there is any work remaining on the project, that should be put out to public bid as well. Jason Wingo indicated that everything has been awarded and the project was started around Thanksgiving. Dick Motta wanted to know if any of the jobs had been put out for public bid. The Commission stated no. On another subject, Jason Wingo is installing 6 lights at Hall Road Shop instead of the 3 that were on bid. County will receive a rebate from NW Energy that will cover the cost of the extra lights, according to Wingo. Commission requested that Jason Wingo speak with Road Superintendent Paul Alt regarding the lighting installation.

Engineer Bill Lloyd, Great West Engineering of Helena, met with the Board and stated there are no TSEP planning funds left, therefore Resolution 2018-4 is not necessary. He reported that the Walberg Bridge has posted load limits due to 4x12 timber deck and if the county used a different deck he could change the load limits and could remove posted limit signs. The last load rating was in 1992. Commission is not interested in removing posted limit signs. At this time, no changes will be made to the bridge.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2018-1 "A Granite County Resolution Establishing Regular Commission Meeting Dates, And Regular Courthouse Office Hours For 2018." Commissioner Adler moved for adoption of Resolution 2018-1 and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Dick Motta commented that all meetings should be published in the newspaper according to law and he objects to the passing of this resolution.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2018-2 "A Granite County Resolution Establishing mileage, Lodging And Per Diem Rates For Business Travel And Providing For An Effective Date." Commissioner Adler moved for adoption of Resolution 2018-2 and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Dick Motta commented that all meetings should be published in the newspaper according to law and he objects to the passing of this resolution.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2018-3 "A Granite County Resolution Establishing The Daily Rate Of Credit For Incarceration And Providing For an Effective Date." Commissioner Bonney moved for adoption of Resolution 2018-3 and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. It was noted that Sheriff Dunkerson was in last week and he has completed the state worksheet. The motion carried unanimously. Dick Motta commented with his legal opinion that all Board meeting agendas should be published in the newspaper according to law and he objects to the passing of this resolution.

Election Administrator Blanche McLure met with the Board to request the purchase of a DS450 ballot counter for elections. These counters are better at counting folded ballots which occur with absentee and mail ballots. ES&S will take the DS200's back that were purchased last year and give us a trade-in towards the new machine. Election budget does not have enough for the purchase, so Blanche McLure would like to use PILT, so that the new machine could be used for training and the Primary Election. She noted that 34% of county voters are absentee voters. Commissioner Bonney moved to replace DS200 counters with a DS450 counter to be paid out of PILT and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

House District 64 Representative Kerry White met with the Board and gave a discussion on the Sapphire Wilderness Study Area. Many people from Granite County and surrounding counties attended the discussion. Due to the large number of people attending, the meeting was moved into the District Courtroom on the second floor of the Courthouse. Representative White gave background about himself and some statistics regarding burning and logging within the wilderness study area. One point he made is the health effects due to letting lands burn when there is a fire. It causes unhealthy breathing and premature mortality for firefighters and rescue people. There are 43 Wilderness Study Areas and 7 managed by the Forest Service. He said that if a county has a Growth Policy that through coordination with cooperating agency and public discussion that could be a possible solution to future management of the Sapphires. If the lands are released from the study it can still be roadless area and local government and public can have input in future management. After Representative White spoke there were many comments from the public for and against U.S. Senator Steve Daines' proposed bill (U.S. Senate Bill 2206) to release the wilderness study areas. Those who signed the sign-in sheet were: Dan Stone, William Geer, Frances Galvin, William Clark, Chris Marchion, Michael Chandler, Heidi Hinkle, David Pugh, Dennis Linneman, Dale Harthan, Mark Ransford, Jeani Adams, Jenne Pugh, Kathleen Sweet, Sherry Bechtold, Dick Motta, Ryan Sulyst, Daniel Conn, Ben Hauptman, Linda Ransford, Wendy LaBahn, Dennis Cox, Todd Bahsteter, Dave Harris, Kim Skinner, Bill Antonioli, Susan Antonioli, Emily Petrovski, Scott Dunkerson, Richard Willett, Sue Mullen, Keith Antonioli, Kyle Comings, Ken Brown, Ron Paige, Judy Paige, Fred Lurie, John Ohrmann, Alec Underwood, Zack Porter, Patti Kanduch, Tammie Kanduch, Stan Spencer, Sue Peterson, Rick Shaw, Chuck Hinkle, Gary Adams, Pat Connors, Andrea Hess, Tom Mickey, Kent Ellis, Elena Gagliano. The following are comments from the public: Public is tired of forest service mismanagement. Example, letting the forest fires just burn this past summer. We need to have more logging in this area to create jobs and help forests with dead trees. Trails are blocked with downed trees. Should get committee going to manage our resource in the county. Forty years is too long for wilderness study area, this needs to be released. More good forest management and logging needs to be used as a management tool. Some people would like two more public meetings. If land is released is county prepared to pay for maintenance on the land? According to Rep. White the county would not pay for maintenance. Other counties have working groups that gets contributions to pay for maintenance. Why isn't everybody in state notified of these bills and public meetings? This was met with response from Rep. White and Emily Petrovski, *Philipsburg Mail*, that it has been in several different newspapers and online. Other public comments: We need to go back to maps and look at changing boundaries. Don't believe forest fires are a problem. These wilderness areas belong to the nation, not just Granite County. An estimated 42,000 people used recreational area last year. Granite County should have its own study on wilderness areas and decide if they should be released. Commissioner Adler offered to head a committee of volunteers from the audience to discuss the pros and cons of Senate Bill 2206 and to begin to craft input in the forest management plan for the Sapphire area. A public meeting of the committee will be set in the future, if formed by the County Commission.

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

Correspondence: None.

The session adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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January 16, 2018

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

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Manager Paul Alt's report is postponed until next week. The Board will speak with him next week regarding a monthly review of the current fiscal year's road budget.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.46 feet today, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 12.48 inches below full pool at an outflow of 30 cfs through the power plant and over the weir. Commissioner Bonney moved to make no change in the outflow and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Vicki Harding met with the Board and presented financial reports for August through November 2017. August report included a cash analysis, CD investments of \$529,775.45, STIP investments of \$7,345,962.49, a checking account register, pledged securities held at Glacier Bank in the amount of \$500,000.00 and pledged securities held at Granite Mountain Bank in the amount of \$440,000.00. The September report included a cash analysis, STIP investments of \$6,678,074.02, CD investments of \$529,775.45, the checking account register, pledged securities held at Glacier Bank in the amount of \$500,000.00 and pledged securities held at Granite Mountain Bank in the amount of \$440,000.00. The October report included a cash analysis, STIP investments of \$6,559,791.06, CD investments of \$529,775.45, the checking account register, pledged securities held at Glacier Bank in the amount of \$500,000.00 and pledged securities held at Granite Mountain Bank in the amount of \$440,000.00. The November report included a cash analysis, STIP investments of \$7,785,805.94, CD investments of \$529,775.45, the checking account register, pledged securities held at Glacier Bank in the amount of \$500,000.00 and pledged securities held at Granite Mountain Bank in the amount of \$440,000.00. Commissioner Adler inquired why payroll is substantially higher each month. Treasurer Harding stated that Granite County Medical Center (GCMC) is withholding PERS from employee checks, but is not sending the money to PERS. The Board requested that Treasurer Harding write a letter to the Granite County Hospital District board regarding GCMC not having their PERS account swept by the entity.

Uncollected Property Taxes Within Town of Drummond: County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Mayor Gail Leeper attended. Treasurer Harding stated if county goes through the process to receive a tax deed, the taxes will not be paid; the taxes will only be paid if the county sells the land at public auction. The process for a tax deed: Time period is 36 months, notify owners by certified letter, and county must do a resolution. Commission asked Mayor Leeper if the Town of Drummond would like the land donated regarding such tax deed land within the town limits. Mayor Leeper said they would look at case by case whether the County should donate the applicable land to the town or sell at public auction. Commissioner Adler moved to have Treasurer Harding send a notice of tax lien letter to all eligible in Drummond with unpaid past due taxes and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The Commission would like a list from Treasurer Harding of uncollected taxes in the Town of Philipsburg and the county, and to be on agenda for January 23, 2018, to discuss.

The Board reviewed county claims for December 2017. Commissioner Adler recused himself from voting on all claims for Adler Towing. Commissioner Bonney moved to pay the December 2017 claims and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

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Drummond and Philipsburg Ambulance Associations Sheila Manley, Frank Prince and County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw met with the Board. Maximum Stipend is \$3,000.00 (or 25 percent of the person's net income, whichever is greater) for Good Samaritan Law (limited liability) to still apply. Stipend above \$600.00 during the year would require the County to send that person a 1099. Drummond Ambulance stated the stipend comes with strings and they would rather look at other things: coats, shirts, equipment, etc. Also, need to keep classes going yearly to get younger volunteers. The Commission asked the associations to do research and talk to their volunteers to come up with things they could use or need for the ambulance volunteers. The Commission totally supports the ambulance associations. Commissioner Bonney moved to continue this discussion on stipend and other reimbursement to February 13, 2018, and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

County Public Health Nurse Annie Young met with the Board and explained that needs exceed the funds available. She is working with Joe Gilboy to increase Area V funds. Also, the budget from state and federal funds is \$3,000 less. She reported that Joe Gilboy indicated that Granite County should be getting money from Powell County to deliver meals to Helmville. Annie Young reported that the 3 aides that are maxed out with clients and she is in need of one more aide. She is educating the aids to better utilize schedules and working to educate the community on the difference between home health and public health. Also, she would like to see if community will support certain programs. Commissioner Adler stated that we should focus on Granite County residents, not out of county, like Helmville. Annie Young will look into transit van at Granite County Medical Center. A conference call with Joe Gilboy, Area V Agency on Aging of Butte, was held and he stated that funds go to Senior Centers for meals and should be getting reimbursed from Senior Center for Area V delivering meals. The Board requested that Joe Gilboy to get on the agenda for next week for further discussion. Annie Young requested that the wage for an aide to go from \$10.23/hour to \$12.00/hour. Commission Bonney moved to continue job description discussion to next week and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Chairperson Slaughter would like to have a podium constructed for the Commission Office to facilitate communication when a large group of people is in the room. Commissioner Bonney moved to request the Drummond High School shop class build a podium with a limit of \$100.00 and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. The Commission would like the podium to be completed in two weeks.

Public Comment: County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw was in attendance. Dick Motta gave the Commission documents regarding open meeting laws, public participation and the right to know. He commented that the Commission doesn't provide agenda to the newspaper as required. He would like the agenda in the Philipsburg Mail every week. County Attorney Bradshaw disagreed and there is a relevant Montana Attorney General Opinion from 1998 that contradicts Mr. Motta's legal conclusion. The Commission offered to publish a weekly ad in the Philipsburg Mail that shows the direct link to the county's website and to the agenda, and also list the public places where the agenda is posted. Dick Motta commented that minutes and public records should be available immediately in any form. County Attorney Bradshaw agreed to contact the Montana Attorney General's Office to get an updated legal opinion on the matter.

Also during public comment, Charles and Heidi Hinkle inquired about the status of Wilderness Study Area committee. They commented that they don't feel that anyone outside of the county should be on the committee and the Commission agreed. The Hinkle's wanted to know if there would be different areas (forestry, logging, recreation, etc.) represented. Commissioner Adler stated that he will be contacting people who signed up for the committee and will finalize members next week as scheduled on the agenda.

Correspondence: None.

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The session adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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January 23, 2018

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 Bart Bonney attending. Chairperson Bill Slaughter 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 the session.

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Manager Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. Items included: The replacement of old equipment and reimbursement to the road budget for work done during the 2017 forest fires.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.38 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. at an outflow of 30 cfs. The lake is approximately 13.44 inches below full pool at an outflow of 30 cfs through the power plant and over the weir. Commissioner Bonney recommended that no change be made and moved to make no change in the outflow. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Treasurer Vicki Harding, Philipsburg Mayor Dan Reddish and Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper met with the Board to discuss uncollected property taxes for the Town of Philipsburg. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Treasurer Harding noted that two letters regarding tax lien notices in Drummond came back as undeliverable. She reviewed the list of delinquent taxes for Philipsburg, Drummond and Hall, and noted that she sends delinquent notices in June of each year to all tax delinquent property owners. Discussion was held on the process that the Treasurer goes through regarding tax assignments and tax deeds. Commissioner Bonney moved to move forward with tax lien and tax deed process on all delinquent tax property in the county. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. Mayor Reddish commented that he is in favor of this process. The motion carried. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

The Board discussed placing a weekly advertisement in the Philipsburg Mail with Granite County's website information and link to the Commission's agenda and where the agenda is posted in the county. Elena Gagliano commented that agendas prior to 2009 are not on the county website and that the website could be improved to include more information. Dick Motta commented that the minutes should be printable on standard letter size and not legal size paper. He also questioned who should be attesting the minutes and County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw agreed to research the matter. Chairperson Adler agreed that the county will move forward to improve the website. Dick Motta commented that he feels that the Commission agenda should be published in the local newspaper. Attorney Bradshaw stated that he disagrees that the agenda must be published in the newspaper, but it must be posted in places around the county. He noted that every county attorney in Montana is interpreting this law the same way that he does. Montana law at MCA 2-3-103 encourages public participation, according to Dick Motta. Attorney Bradshaw indicated that MCA 7-1-2121 has been the topic of an attorney general's opinion, which he feels is on point and is contradictory to Mr. Motta's position. Dick Motta commented that public

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postings can be done in addition to publication in order to encourage public participation. Attorney Bradshaw stated that he is firm on his opinion regarding MCA 7-1-2121. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper noted that the Montana Newspaper Association's attorney does not believe that agendas for local government must be published. Dick Motta reviewed legislative intent regarding public participation. Commissioner Bonney moved that a weekly advertisement be placed in the Philipsburg Mail newspaper with the county's website, link to the commission's agenda and where the agenda is posted. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion carried.

Joe Ashor, Field Manager with the BLM Missoula Office, canceled his appointment on today's agenda due to the temporary federal government shutdown. He will reschedule the appointment.

Engineer Jeremiah Theys, with Great West Engineering of Helena, met with the Board to discuss the Flint Creek Dam Gabion Repair and Valve Repair Project. The alternative analysis has been completed by the engineering company regarding the feasibility of replacing the valve and the gabion baskets, and it was reviewed by the Board. Gabion alternatives considered were a cost estimate for new welded wire gabions at an estimated cost of \$97,175, shotcrete at a cost estimate of \$271,176, and grouted riprap at a cost estimate of \$290,577. Advantages, disadvantages and lifespans were considered for each alternative. Valve replacement alternatives considered were a gate valve and a throttling knife gate valve. Jeremiah Theys noted that a butterfly valve is not appropriate in this application and they cannot find a manufacturer who will warranty a gate valve under these conditions. To do the replacement of the valve, a pipe plug will be necessary and two alternatives were discussed; an inflatable pipe plug at a cost estimate of \$31,625 or a blind flange at a cost estimate of \$30,590.00. Jeremiah Theys reviewed the options of having an inflatable pipe plug or a blind flange installed and he recommended that it be done by a contractor, rather than by the county. He also recommended that the county purchase the valve separately and have it available to the contractor. Total construction costs comparisons were \$122,705 for the gate valve and \$201,940 for the throttling knife gate valve. Commissioner Bonney moved preliminarily to go with the new wire welded gabions (#9 wire) and the throttling knife gate valve, and allow the contractor to choose the pipe plug alternative. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. The motion carried. Jeremiah Theys agreed to draft a letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding the selected alternatives to be considered for a final vote at the regular session next week. On another subject, Commissioner Bonney moved to sign the grant authorization for the DNRC Planning Grant for the Flint Creek Dam Spillway Project. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. The motion carried. Also, Jeremiah Theys notified the Board that the FERC is going to require an evaluation of the Flint Creek Project's ODSP (Owner's Dam Safety Program) and he recommended that the Board consider it in on a future agenda.

The Board held a telephone conference call with Marah Connole, licensed addiction counselor of Helena, regarding the lease of space in the county public health building in Drummond. A lease, aka rental agreement, drafted by County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw was reviewed with Public Health Nurse Annie Young. Commissioner Adler expressed his concern that he does not want the county to be liable. Attorney Bradshaw reviewed details of the proposed rental agreement and noted that any future agreement for services to the county would be a separate agreement. Marah Connole agreed that she will check with her liability insurance to verify that she will be covered for personal and professional liability. The Board suggested a rental rate of one dollar through the end of June 2018. Marah Connole indicated that she would be able to start about the middle of February, depending on how fast she can complete the paperwork for coverage by insurance companies. Discussion was held on a damage deposit and it was agreed that \$200 would be reasonable. Attorney Bradshaw would make the changes discussed to the draft rental agreement and forward it to Annie Young and Marah Connole for their review and final approval.

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Commissioner Bonney moved to accept the rental agreement as to be modified with a \$200 damage deposit and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Joe Gilboy, Southwest Montana Aging and Disability Services and Public Health Nurse Annie Young met with the Board regarding Area V Agency on Aging funding. Joe Gilboy explained how funds could be utilized in the county, including the programs offered for nutrition and the county home health program. He indicated that the home health funds can be budgeted at the county's discretion. Discussion was held on reimbursement for meal delivery to the Helmville area, which is in Powell County. Joe Gilboy agreed to investigate some reimbursement through the Powell County Council on Aging or possibly through the Drummond Senior Citizen's Center, which provides the meals. Discussion was held on the most responsible way to get meals delivered to the Helmville area and to address the situation prior to the new budget year. Joe Gilboy indicated that he may have funds in the overall budget to reimburse some expenses for meal delivery in Powell County. He also indicated that the Granite County Medical Center (GCMC) is considering offering a meal a week and he plans to get all parties (Senior Citizen's Centers, Public Health and GCMC) together to discuss how an additional meal can be offered. PHN Annie Young commented that some home health clients are taken out of town for services which are offered within the county. Joe Gilboy stated that the home health program is locally operated.

The Board agreed to postpone the revised position description for the Home Health Aide position with Public Health Nurse Annie Young until further information is available.

Public Comment: Dick Motta commented on the distribution of the Board's minutes and that draft minutes are public documents. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw explained that there is an attorney general's opinion that the minutes are not public until approved. Another opinion has been requested by Attorney Bradshaw which should contain any updated legislative changes. Attorney Bradshaw stated that he has advised the Commission to await the attorney general's opinion. It was also agreed that the county attorney would renew the request for a legal opinion from the Montana Attorney General which includes a request for an opinion on all the disputed legal issues.. Elena Gagliano cited MCA 2-6-1002 and noted some changes in the open meeting laws.

Correspondence: None.

Commissioner Bonney informed the Board that he will be out of the state from February 7 to February 25, 2018.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for December 2017. Commissioner Bonney moved for approval and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Dick Motta attended and requested a copy of those minutes. He also requested a copy of the draft minutes from today and the Board denied that request on the recommendation of Granite County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, who had advised the Board that draft minutes not be released until approved. Dick Motta inquired whether there would be a charge to put the approved minutes on a computer memory stick and the Board indicated that there would not be a charge for that.

The Board discussed the formation of a Wilderness Study Advisory Committee, which would be an informal advisory group to the Commission. Commissioner Adler introduced Peter Kolb, the MSU Extension Forestry Specialist, who gave some information on wilderness study areas. He noted that many fires start on federal land and move to private land, which creates a double whammy to private land owners who may have done fuel reduction and then suffer the consequences of a burnout. He reviewed that a wilderness study area is generally in a condition which does not have roads and with primary water features on them. The Sapphire WSA (SWSA) contains those features, limited forest production, and a chain of lakes. Definition of wilderness is "untrammled by man." Some

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WSA's have been used for mining or ranching in the past; once designated as wilderness no wheeled vehicles can be used, including mountain bikes. Forest fires in wilderness areas are a concern to adjacent private landowners. Every wilderness area has different specific designations. SWSA has over-abundance of fuels due to dead and dying lodge pole pine. There is a four-wheel track from Copper Creek over to Ravalli County. Many wilderness areas in Montana have burned and no chain saws can be used. There is a concern that wilderness areas are then cut off from any future development. SWSA is approximately 60% timber and 40% rocky area, which does not support tree growth. He presented information regarding the 2017 fire season analysis regarding tourism, which is the largest economic resource in Montana at this time. The percentage of people who come to backpack in wilderness areas is very small. Forest management in Montana is a year around activity and the biggest concern for sawmills is timber supply; private lands have been tapped hard due to the Forest Service reducing the number of timber sales. More sawmills will likely close due to the lack of timber supply. Fires reduce the amount of merchantable timber; 1/3 of merchantable timber has burned in the last 17 years. Many wilderness areas typically don't grow timber at an economically viable rate; SWSA is approximately 20% merchantable timber and current firefighting methods are controversial. Zack Porter indicated that grazing is routinely allowed in wilderness areas; he actively supports timber merchantable sales; much of the Sapphires have already burned; and firefighting is done in wilderness areas if private property is involved. Peter Kolb noted that there are multiple things to consider when making a wilderness designation; the community should do an investigation as to which parts of a study area are truly qualified for wilderness; consequences if an area is logged and consequences if designated wilderness; speak to 4-wheelers and other users of the area. Sue Peterson commented on Senator Jon Tester's Forest Jobs and Recreation Act, which went through extensive review and had the support of the Commission at that time. Peter Kolb noted that here has been a lot of debate on this area. Bill Antonioli commented that the map provided by Peter Kolb is great; the area has been studied since 1977; many roads in that area to fight the Sleeping Child Fire; and trapping has occurred in the area for many decades since then. Zack Porter noted that Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest has recommended that a large portion of the SWSA not be recommended for wilderness, unlike the Bitterroot Forest portion, which has been recommended for wilderness. Commissioner Adler noted that an advertisement will be placed in the local newspaper for people wanting to be on the committee. Commissioner Bonney moved to advertise for applications for committee members and to select the committee of six people with Commissioner Adler to be the chairperson. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. Sue Peterson noted that there are people who are for or against, so the committee should be evenly balanced. Bill Antonioli inquired whether the purpose of the committee is to advise the Commission on whether or not to support Senator Daines' bill and the Board agreed that is the purpose. Peter Kolb noted that there are forest collaboratives around the state which are beneficial to forest management. Bill Antonioli noted that there is some private property within the SWSA and he feels that it severely restricts what a private property owner can do in a wilderness area. Elena Gagliano commented that the Custer-Gallatin Working Group template is excellent regarding the composition of the committee. Peter Kolb suggested looking to the Deer Lodge Working Group as an example. Sue Peterson indicated that a collaborative group may be more than some people here today are interested in. Commissioner Adler thanked Peter Kolb for attending and presenting the information. Those signing the sign-in sheet were Eric Kenney, Elena Gagliano, Dick Motta, Susan Peterson, Danielle Tribble, Zack Porter, Chuck Hinkle and Heidi Hinkle.

Dylan McFarland, attorney for Kris J. and Kimberley M. Kahle, met with the Board through a telephone conference call to request reconsideration of a proposed easement across county property at the Flint Creek Dam at Georgetown Lake. Discussion was held that the county may erect a shop and place a loader or a motor grader on county property there. Dylan McFarland indicated that access to the Kahle property is important to them and that

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if an agreement can't be worked out that there would be no choice but file litigation. Discussion was held on whether or not a gate can be placed. Dylan McFarland indicated that the drain field on the property is west of the house. Discussion was held on alternate routes for access and Dylan McFarland indicated that the Kahle's are not willing to create a new access and are only willing to continue to use the access which they have used for years. Further consideration was continued until the regular meeting next week when Commissioner Slaughter can participate.

Temporary Chairperson Adler recessed the session at 4:00 p.m. to allow the Board to participate in the regular quarterly meeting of the Granite County Board of Health. Minutes of that meeting are kept separately.

Temporary Chairperson Adler reconvened the Board meeting at 4:50 p.m.

The session adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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January 30, 2018

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

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Manager Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. Items included: Finish work on the inside walls at recently purchased shop at Hall, two interviews are scheduled for relief solid waste transfer site attendants for tomorrow, and radio installation.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.34 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 13.92 inches below full pool at an outflow of 30 cfs through the power plant and over the weir. Commissioner Bonney recommended no change in the outflow with a careful review of the outflow and lake level next week. Commissioner Bonney moved to make no change in the outflow and to review the lake level next week. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Engineer Jeremiah Theys, with Great West Engineering of Helena, met with the Board by telephone conference call to discuss the Flint Creek Dam Gabion Repair and Valve Repair Project and to receive a final decision from the Board. He reviewed the alternative analysis prepared by the engineering company and the Board's preliminary recommendation from last week's session for the gabion repair utilizing nine gauge wire and the valve replacement utilizing a throttling knife gate valve. He recommended that the county not purchase a plug, which would likely be very rarely used, and that the contractor be responsible for dewatering the valve. Commissioner Bonney moved to finalize the selection of preferred alternatives as selected last week and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Chairperson Slaughter signed the letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) stating the Board's recommended alternatives. Jeremiah Theys noted that the process will be that the FERC has the authority to approve the recommended alternatives and once approved,

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engineering on the project will begin; then the FERC has the authority to approve the engineering plans prior to construction. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Dylan McFarland, attorney for Kris J. and Kimberley M. Kahle, met with the Board by telephone conference call to request reconsideration of a proposed easement across county property at the Flint Creek Dam at Georgetown Lake. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Discussion continued on the Kahle easement issue. It was Dylan McFarland's contention that there has been an easement essentially in place for many years and if an agreement can be reached it would avoid expensive and time-consuming litigation for both parties. Chairperson Slaughter indicated that there is an alternate access to the property just to the west of the Kahle's residence which would avoid the property's sanitary drain field and that the county has an obligation to stockpile material for a dam emergency on the county's land and possibly construct a building for road maintenance equipment in the future. Also, the Commissioners (Chairperson Slaughter and Commissioner Bonney) as a means to settle the ongoing matter, offered to improve the roadway one time (alternate access aka Boat Club Lane just to the west of the Kahle's residence) and install a culvert in the extended road in lieu of granting the easement across county property. It was noted that Commissioner Adler was not in favor of making this offer stated above. Also, the Board agreed to send a map to Dylan McFarland indicating where the drain field is situated on the Kahle property and requested Dylan McFarland inform the Board of where the well is located on the Kahle property. The Board deferred a decision pending a response from Dylan McFarland on their offer stated above.

Public Comment: Robbie House, title clerk in the Treasurer's Office who is retiring tomorrow, met with the Board at the Board's request. Chairperson Slaughter expressed appreciation, both from the Board and from the people of Granite County, for her many years of service to the county and to the people of the county. The appreciation was formalized on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Bonney. The motion carried unanimously. Robbie House expressed her gratitude to this Board of Commissioners for its support of county employees. A public retirement reception is planned for this afternoon in the main lobby of the courthouse.

Correspondence: None.

The session adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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