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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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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 6TH, 13TH, 20TH AND 27TH OF FEBRUARY 2018 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2018 WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

WARRANT		AMOUNT	
54092	FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK	PAYROLL & NOD FEE	\$98,684.60
54093	KATHY ROTH	DVA REFUND	\$673.00
54094	SARAH E GRAHAM	ELECTION TRAINING	\$418.26
54095	VISA #1	SUPPLIES	\$128.92
54096	VISA #2	SNOW PLOW PUMP	\$587.29
54097	360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	JANUARY STATEMENT	\$1,373.67
54098	ADLER TOWING	SERVICES	\$400.00
54099	ALL AMERICAN GARAGE DOORS LLC	REPAIR SHOP DOORS	\$470.50

54100	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	ACETYLENE	\$21.80
54101	ANACONDA LEADER	LIBRARY BALLOTS	\$56.95
54102	ANNIE YOUNG	SUPPLIES & REPAIRS	\$331.62
54103	BANDY APPRAISALS	NEW HALL SHOP	\$400.00
54104	BARNEY CONRADS CUSTOM ST LLC	RENT	\$275.00
54105	BECKY SMITH	TRAVEL	\$192.92
54106	BISON FORD	GCSO VEHICLE	\$37,980.16
54107	BLACKFOOT CFT	JANUARY BILLING	\$3,894.24
54108	BLANCHE MCLURE	POSTAGE	\$57.63
54109	BOB BARKER CO INC	INMATE SUPPLIES	\$111.23
54110	BOB'S QUALITY AUTO	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$803.60
54111	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$405.32
54112	CENTURYLINK	ME EMERGENCY BUNDLE SERVICE	\$415.80
54113	CENTURYLINK	FCP PHONE	\$57.18
54114	COMDATA	JANUARY BILLING	\$3,365.98
54115	COMPLIANCE MONITORING SYSTEMS	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$75.00
54116	CULLIGAN	HOT-N-COLD RENTAL	\$20.50
54117	DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$2,933.40
54118	DONALD NOLAN DAVIES	INTERIM BILLING	\$3,375.00
54119	DRUMMOND AMBULANCE ASSOC	SUPPLIES	\$1,892.36
54120	DRUMMOND COMMUNITY HALL	RENT	\$600.00
54121	ELMER COBLENTZ	WORK ON WALLS HALL SHOP	\$965.00
54122	ENERGY PARTNERS LLC	ANNUAL TANK RENTAL	\$100.00
54123	ESTOP BUSINESS LICENSING	LICENSE RENEWAL	\$890.00
54124	FASTENAL	SUPPLIES	\$94.52
54125	GALL'S LLC	UNIFORMS	\$141.14
54126	GARDEN CITY FUNERAL HOME	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$200.00
54127	GENERAL DISTRIBUTING CO.	CO2, HP, ACETYLENE	\$128.96
54128	GRANITE COUNTY SHERIFF	PETTY CASH	\$476.00
54129	GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	TITLING FEE	\$402.15
54130	GRANITE DISPOSAL	HAUL REFUSE	\$465.00
54131	GRANITE PHARMACY	INMATE MEDICATION	\$63.85
54132	GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$11,096.80
54133	HEALTHCARE BILLING, INC	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$306.09
54134	HIGH TECH LINEN	RUGS	\$175.64
54135	HOGAN'S RANCH & BUILDERS	SUPPLIES	\$176.67
54136	HUFFMAN GROCERY	INMATE MEALS	\$1,326.12
54137	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES	\$166.12
54138	I STATE TRUCK INC	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$519.59
54139	IBS, INC	SUPPLIES	\$406.17
54140	INLAND TRUCK PARTS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$1,637.78
54141	INTOXIMETERS, INC	24/7 SOBRIETY	\$63.00
54142	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	\$784.92
54143	JOHNSON CONTROLS	PARTS - BOILER	\$571.56
54144	K & N ELECTRIC MOTORS INC.	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$400.00
54145	K L S HYDRAULICS	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$67.70
54146	MACO	INMATE MED BUDGET PROTECTOR	\$100.44
54147	MAPS INC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$1,248.50
54148	MARGARET TALLON	TRAVEL	\$32.70
54149	MCGOWAN WATER COND, INC	SALT & SOFTENER	\$47.40
54150	MED-TECH RESOURCE	MEDICAL SUPPLIES - PVA	\$1,332.80
54151	MONIDA HEALTHCARE NETWORK	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$14.36
54152	MTAIRPORT MANAGEMENT ASSO	ANNUAL DUES	\$50.00
54153	MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH	SUPPLIES	\$133.97
54154	MT CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES	FCP SIGN - REPAIR	\$524.50
54155	MONTANA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACAD	TRAINING	\$625.00
54156	MONTANA LTAP	MACRS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	\$300.00
54157	MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE	NOTARY RENEWAL	\$25.00
54158	MOUNTAIN SUPPLY	PRESSURE SWITCH & GAUGE	\$74.86
54159	MOUNTAIN WEST COOPERATIVE	\$58.40	
54160	MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$2,275.00
54161	MT DEPT OF AGRICULTURE	TRAINING	\$100.00
54162	NORTHWEST PARTS & EQUIPMENT	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$116.82
54163	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	JANUARY STATEMENTS	\$6,231.09
54164	PATRICIA BAUER	MILEAGE	\$60.77
54165	PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	ADS	\$299.00
54166	PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF	WATER/SEWER	\$446.50
54167	PINTLER PETROLEUM	FUEL & SUPPLIES	\$4,428.54
54168	PINTLER VETERINARY	HALL - FERAL CATS	\$1,780.00
54169	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$5,924.09
54170	REYNOLDS RADIATOR SERVICE	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$250.00
54171	RIVERSIDE MARKET	SUPPLIES	\$55.69
54172	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	SUPPLIES	\$80.22
54173	STATE OF MONTANA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	\$1,000.00
54174	SUPPLYWORKS	INMATE SUPPLIES	\$199.83
54175	SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$225.00
54176	TEC THE ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS	HALL SHOP - LIGHTING	\$13,252.20
54177	TERRY JO VIETOR	PHONE & POSTAGE	\$112.01

54178	TIRE RAMA	TIRE & SIPING	\$397.93
54179	TRANSUNION RISK SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$36.29
54180	TUFF COUNTRY AUTO BODY	VEHICLE DAMAGE REPAIR	\$2,072.57
54181	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONES	\$569.37
54182	VICKI HARDING	SUPPLIES	\$22.75
54183	WESTERN STATES EQUIPMENT	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$1,642.50
54184	WESTTEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$650.00
54185	WOODLAND CREATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$404.83
54186	BILL SLAUGHTER	TAKING CARE OF CATS	\$168.95
54187	REPUBLIC SERVICES #889	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$7,421.80
		CLAIMS FUND TOTAL	\$236,418.39

WARRANT/NOD	JOB TITLE	AMOUNT	
	ADLER, SCOTT C	COMMISSIONER	\$2,235.37
	ALT, PAUL	ROAD SUPERVISOR	\$5,833.33
	ANDERSON, MELINDA K	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY	\$1,212.87
	BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V	\$582.28
	BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	\$3,981.67
	BONNEY, BARTON C	COMMISSIONER	\$2,102.27
	BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN	\$2,611.20
	BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER	\$4,955.60
	BRAACH, LEE	SITE RELIEF	\$423.87
	BRADSHAW, BLAINE C	COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$7,945.07
	BURGMEIER, OLIVIA G	HEALTH AIDE	\$112.53
	BUTLER, JODI L	SOLID WASTE	\$2,796.64
	CAIN, RONALD J	RELIEF DEPUTY	\$456.96
	CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N	DISPATCH	\$2,550.24
	CAYKO, NICKIE N	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,312.00
	CONRADS, ORWOLL B	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$1,385.28
	CROSS, AUSTIN M	DISPATCHER	\$2,349.35
	DAY, JAN P	DEPUTY CLERK	\$1,458.28
	DAY, NELS R	DES COORDINATOR	\$1,179.76
	DUNKERSON, WAYNE S	SHERIFF	\$4,406.90
	FADNESS, COLETTE A	AREA V AIDE	\$493.55
	FRATZKE, DEBBIE	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	\$1,955.83
	GRAHAM, SARAH E	DEPUTY CLERK & RECORDER	\$3,307.50
	GREANY, KYLE L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,249.72
	GROSVOLD, LACIE J	CLERK	\$1,188.37
	HAMILTON, MARIANNE	RELIEF CLERK	\$202.98
	HARDING, JEAN M	DISPATCHER	\$2,142.24
	HARDING, VICKI B	TREASURER	\$4,331.67
	HENNAGER, DEANNA L	DISPATCHER	\$2,463.32
	HOEHNE, JOHN W	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,729.68
	HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,460.50
	HOUSE, ROBBI	TREASURER'S OFFICE	\$2,923.76
19034	HOUSE, ROBBI	VACA/SICK PAYOUT	\$7,740.97
	HULTMAN, TY R	DEPUTY	\$3,606.71
	JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,656.08
	KAHOE, MICHAEL	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	\$4,763.76
	KANE, KATHERINE	DISPATCHER	\$334.24
	KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE	\$3,027.20
	KINGREY, ELWYN	JUNK VEHICLE	\$415.24
	LATRAY, DANETTE L	TREASURER DEPUTY	\$3,307.50
	LEHNEN, VICTORIA A	DISPATCHER	\$2,461.76
	LOOBEY, THERESA R	TITLE CLERK	\$2,809.68
	MCDONNELL, FRED N	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$1,066.88
	MCLURE, BLANCHE A	CLERK & RECORDER	\$4,331.67
	O'DELL, SARAH L	AREA V AIDE	\$33.55
	OLSEN, RICK C	DEPUTY	\$3,448.36
	OSTLER, JASON K	DEPUTY	\$3,300.00
	OWENS, NANCY	RELIEF	\$322.77
	PALMER, KAREN P	COUNTY AGENT SEC	\$2,522.64
	PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY	\$3,185.04
	PAWLAK, KIMBERLY	FLOATING CLERK	\$2,135.51
	PETERS, DEBORAH A	DISPATCHER RELIEF	\$1,254.75
	PETERS, STEVEN D	DEPUTY	\$3,362.85
	RUSSELL, JAMES R	DEPUTY	\$3,674.90
	SLAUGHTER, BILL L	COMMISSIONER	\$2,065.09
	SMITH, REBECCA	PHEP COORDINATOR	\$1,480.72
	TALLON, MARGARET	COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIALIST	\$156.00
	VIETOR, TERRY J	CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE	\$1,154.40
	WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,379.50
	WEST, WILLIAM H	DAM TENDER	\$284.89
	YOUNG, ANN D	COUNTY HEALTH NURSE	\$5,967.00
	60 EMPLOYEES	TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	\$156,590.25

WARRANT	AMOUNT
19034 <i>ROBBIE HOUSE</i>	<i>SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"</i>
19035 AFLAC INS	\$302.92
19036 CHRISTMAS CLUB	\$1,880.00
19037 COLONIAL	\$18.75
19038 FIT	\$9,927.63
19038 MEDICARE	\$4,372.66
19038 P.E.R.S.	\$20,217.48
19038 PERS RETIREE	\$402.58
19038 SHERIFF RETIRE	\$5,146.91
19038 SRS RETIREE	\$59.93
19038 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$18,696.90
19038 TRS	\$26.55
19039 IUOE 400	\$456.65
19040 MACO DENTAL	\$2,314.00
19040 MACO VISION	\$514.00
19040 MACOHCT	\$47,533.00
19040 UNUMLIFE	\$746.45
19041 PEBSC	\$6,450.00
19042 SIT	\$6,329.00
19043 UNION - PENSION	\$616.82
TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES	\$126,012.23

GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

February 6, 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 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: Plans for repair of Mullan Road this summer and the professional appraisal received on property recently purchased at Hall which will be submitted to the county's insurance company. Commissioner Adler moved to write a letter to the Forest Service regarding reimbursement to the county for forest fire fighting expenses, when information is put together by Paul Alt. Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.37 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 13.56 inches below full pool at an outflow of 30 cfs through the power plant and over the weir. Commissioner Bonney recommended that the outflow be left at 30 cfs for at least another week. Commissioner Bonney moved to maintain the lake level and the outflow the same and Commissioner Alder seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Sapphire Wilderness Study Area and current recommendation letter from the Board to U.S. Senator Steve Daines requesting further public input was discussed. Chairperson Slaughter explained that the purpose of the meeting today is to review the letter previously written to Senator Daines regarding his bill (S. 2206). He thanked the public for how knowledgeable they were on educating the Commission on this matter. Chairperson Slaughter reviewed the letter and how the Board may affect the Forest Service's land use planning. Commissioner Bonney noted that the north half of the study area could potentially be wilderness area, it is rocky and vertical, and the south half more suited for multiple uses, including recreation. Commissioner Adler indicated that the Forest Service cannot take care of what they have now; once Forest Service comes in, they stop everything and it is not good for either side. Chairperson Slaughter noted that he had learned from the public that there is no confidence in the Forest Service. He stated his belief that Senator Daines is willing to keep part of the Sapphire Wilderness Study Area (SWSA) as wilderness and he does not feel that there is a reason to fight about it, as there are good points on both sides. He noted that the Commission had requested that people sign up to be on a county advisory committee. Commissioner Bonney moved to leave the letter as written and Commissioner Adler

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seconded the motion. Commissioner Adler indicated that it is better to avoid the word wilderness because it is so controversial. At Chairperson Slaughter's request, Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe read aloud the letter dated December 19, 2017, from the Board to Senator Daines requesting more public comment on the bill. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that Senator Daines had explained to him that the SWSA could be entirely removed from the bill. Chairperson Slaughter requested public comment on the motion. Public comment: Todd Bahsteter; open it up. Chuck Lizer; open it up. Neal Olson; open it up. Nate Marletto, business owner; open it up. Dennis Linneman; release it so it can be managed, it can't be managed now, only when released. Gary Donahue; it should be open. Dick Motta noted that the Commission declined to provide a copy of a hard copy of the letter which was read, in full, to the entire group. Jack Roche; open it up. Pat Connors; open it up, it's time. Stan Spencer; motion straddles the fence, would like to see the county commissioners become an active participant; supports taking it out; currently in discussion in congress; how much time do we have. Tom Mickey; for opening up the area. Elena Gagliano; should revise the letter to support Senator Daines' bill, it is being introduced tomorrow. Grant Ellison, would like it to be open, as people get older cannot walk far into the wilderness. Patti Kanduch; open it up. Bill Antonioli said he appreciates that there has been a lot of public comment, Daines' bill does not open it up, but allows the Forest Service to put it in the Forest Plan, nothing changes as far as mining and motorized recreation goes, maybe some of it should be considered for wilderness, but some should not; theoretically, it should be managed as it was in 1977; the bill will not open up one square foot. Bill Antonioli expressed his support for Daines' bill and requested that the Commission send a new letter expressing such support. Dan Conn; agrees with Bill Antonioli that the letter should be redrafted to support the bill. Janey Schweitzer, take wilderness study designation off the area, take a strong stand. Heidi Hinkle; in support of changing the letter to support the bill in order to better manage our forests. Chuck Hinkle; agrees with his wife. Nathan Smith; supports the bill while we have a voice. Sue Peterson; supports the letter and forming a committee; in favor of a committee like they have in other counties and collaborate with all interested parties; motorized vehicles now have access to 95% of public land. Backcountry Horsemen support the letter. Comment from unidentified person; letter is too wishy-washy. Pat Haffner, Frenchtown, change letter to support bill, if it is not changed it will languish for another 40 years. Don Verlanic; in favor of opening it up. Chris Marchion said he supports the letter as written, may have more leverage if the SWSA is separated; committee is a good idea; estimates that probably July or August before congress makes a decision, or it could take two or three years with congress. Zack Porter, Montana Wilderness Association, said that the committee is designed to address the SWSA, not the forest plan; there is no vote taking place tomorrow on the bill, only a hearing; encouraged the Board to stick with motion as made and letter as written; WSA will change overnight if bill passes. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw advised that the committee will be discussed as the next agenda item. Dan Nash; should support Daines' bill. Sue Peterson read the advertisement for the committee (which discusses the scope of the committee's advisory powers) from the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper. Dan Sorum; here to support bill. Bill Antonioli noted that Chris Marchion said at a previous meeting that none of the timber base is in the WSA, but half of the timber base in the county was removed by the Rock Creek moratorium in the 1970's and 1980's; what's best for Granite County has not been resolved and the best way to do that is to change the letter. Don Prinkki stated that multiple use was a workable solution and he's in support of getting the letter revised to get clarity on the issue. Tom Rue said he supports Senator Daines' offer to get the SWSA out of the bill, but he would support the bill. Chuck Lizer said he supports the bill to get things moving. Dave Stone, Anaconda Sportsman, is always for access provided it does not affect wildlife; advised revising the letter in support of Daines' bill. Stan Spencer urged the Commission to support the bill; if SWSA is removed and if committee decides to take another option, there is time for the Commission to change its mind; he appreciates the Board taking the time; need to do what is best for Granite County. Zack Porter said the letter written in December was a cautious approach and he advised the Board to stand by the current letter; most land use legislation takes about 8 years, and it takes time to get the support of the entire

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congressional delegation. Dan Sorum said he packs into the Sapphires and there is 158,000 acres of wilderness already in the Pintler Wilderness Area. Commissioner Adler stated his opinion that we have waited long enough and if we delay we will not have a voice. Chairperson Slaughter indicated that if the letter is revised, it should remove the wilderness label. Commissioner Bonney agreed that the letter should be specific as to what the Board wants. Commissioner Slaughter called for a vote on the motion. The motion died. Commissioner Adler moved to revise the letter to support Senator Daines' bill (S. 2206) and Commissioner Bonney added a note that there will continue to be an advisory committee. Attorney Bradshaw reviewed the process to date and he restated the motion would be to draft and send a letter of support regarding Senator Daines' bill (S. 2206). Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. Chairperson Slaughter reiterated that there will be an advisory committee. The motion carried unanimously. Those signing in were Duncan Adams with *The Montana Standard* newspaper, E. Gagliano, Gail Leeper, Dick Motta, Dave Stone, Chris Marchion, Dale Harthan, Sue Peterson, Patti Kanduch, Chuck Hinkle, Denyse and Chuck Lizer, Heidi Hinkle, Pat Connors, Stan Spencer, Don Prinkki, Dennis Linneman, Neal Olson, Charles Wiech, Tom Mickey, Rodney Hobough, William A. Sorum, Ron Hain, Pat Haffner, Grant Ellison, Jack Roche, Jeremy Leach, Don Ruana, Dan Nash, Daniel Sorum, Nathan Smith, Nate Marletto, Gary Donahue, Jay Krieg, Scarlet Guilbert, John Hensen, Todd Bahsteter and Dan Conn.

The Board discussed reconsideration of the proposed Wilderness Study Advisory Committee. Discussion was held on the purpose of the advisory committee and for assurance that it will have an effect on the Forest Service planning process. The Board agreed that the scope of the committee would be to affect Forest Service management and make recommendations on Senator Daines' bill as it progresses. Commissioner Adler moved to continue the discussion on the SWSA label and advise the Forest Service management as the bill progresses. Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. No discussion among members of the Board. Public comment on the motion: Advertise that the purpose is to advise on forest management going forward; committee should be chosen immediately to begin the process. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw clarified that the committee may morph into a more formal committee recognized by the Forest Service, but that would be considered at a later date. Zack Porter noted that history is being rewritten from the Board's previous actions. Stan Spencer noted that a plan can be made without including the Forest Service. Elena Gagliano noted that Kerry White had advised that a committee could be involved in many facets of forest management. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2018-4 "A Granite County Resolution Appointing A Special Deputy County Attorney For Current County Commissioner Matter." County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw indicated that Ken Varnes had requested the resolution, but he believes that the attorney general's office has authority to act without the resolution. Commissioner Bonney moved to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried with Commissioner Adler abstaining from the vote. Elena Gagliano attended.

The Board reviewed the pending case before the Montana Water Court (Case 76GJ-40) and discussed mediation and other related expenses. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw explained that there are objections by Esther McDonald and Verlanic Ranch. Retired District Judge Loren Tucker, who is a water law expert, has agreed to be the mediator at \$200 per hour. The mediation is court ordered. Jim Struna, Carl Nelson Ranch Company, has withdrawn his objection. Chairperson Slaughter inquired why a previous court ruling was not effective. Attorney Bradshaw responded that throughout the water rights process there can still be objections at every step of the process. He explained that there will be expenses for the mediation and the additional legal counsel of attorney/consultant, Susan Callaghan. Retired Judge Tucker, the mediator, is requesting a \$1,000 deposit be paid for mediation by each party. Commissioner Bonney moved to support the mediation, with its

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associated expense, and other related expenses of the case. Chairperson Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON Granite County Hospital District, met with the Board and presented the monthly financial update. It included a projected cash available of negative \$195,864, projected deposits of \$488,000, accounts payable of \$146,000, with projected cash reserves of \$146,136 (12 days of operation). She reviewed an aging of accounts receivable which indicated that 86% of revenue is within 31 days. Also included was an administrator's report dated January 30, 2018. She reviewed a report which indicated that Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Montana chose to exit the Medicare Advantage Market in Granite County and 31 other rural Montana counties, leaving Humana as the only Medicare Advantage plan offered in Granite County. Discussion was held on why the PERS payroll had not been being transferred from the district's account and Marie Stoppler responded that it is now being done manually. Additional donations are being sought for a scaled down CT scan and talks have been held with Granite Mountain Bank regarding the possibility of a loan. A bid request for the CT machine will be out soon and building may be scaled back to not include the X-ray machine. Plans are moving forward on a mill levy election of \$400,000 for three years to be held in conjunction with the upcoming school election.

Rick Day, county DES/Safety Coordinator, met with the Board to review the draft After Action Report on Flint Creek Dam (P-12107) at Georgetown Lake Table Top/Functional Exercise. He reviewed that on December 2, 2017, the county conducted the Functional Exercise and the After Action Report is required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Committee (FERC). He reviewed the draft report with the Board and County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw. Rick Day reviewed the required items to be included in the report and that a second notification chart is being considered for a non-failure dam event. The improvement plan was reviewed in detail. Rick Day reviewed the timeline for the submission of elements related to the report. He also reviewed a draft letter in response to FERC's letter dated 1-16-2018 and the Board agreed to send the letter. Commissioner Bonney moved to accept the After Action Report as revised today and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

The Board reviewed the request by Mapping and Planning Specialists (MaPS) for a 9-1-1 ALI audit to match emergency dispatch records with telephone company records. A written proposal from Matt Pearce with Mapping and Planning Services (MaPS) estimated the cost of the audit at \$3,000 to \$4,000 with completion prior to the end of the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The Board reviewed the 9-1-1 budget with approximately \$283,439 remaining in the 9-1-1 emergency communications budget. The Board agreed to proceed with the ALI audit on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Bonney. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Matt Pearce will be notified of the decision.

Public Comment: Tom Rue met with the Board and County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw to inquire about Resolution 2018-4, which was adopted earlier today, and whether there was public pressure to adopt the resolution. Attorney Bradshaw responded that he believed there was some public pressure.

Correspondence: The Board sent a letter to U.S. Senators Steve Daines and Jon Tester regarding the Board's decision to support Senator Daines' bill, S. 2206.

The session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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February 13, 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 Commissioner Scott Adler attending. Commissioner Barton Bonney was absent this day. 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: The purchase of bolt bins, a welder and cutting supplies (he will get bids from three suppliers), sand supply for winter, and equipment breakdowns.

Sheriff Scott Dunkerson met with the Board to advise that he plans to advertise internally for a temporary deputy sheriff due to a vacancy.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.37 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 13.56 inches below full pool at an outflow of 30 cfs through the power plant and over the weir. The Board reviewed a written recommendation from Commissioner Bonney to make no change to the outflow at this time. Chairperson Slaughter moved to maintain the outflow at the current rate and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Draft board minutes for January 2018 were reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the draft January 2018 Commission minutes and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on Granite County's cost reimbursement policy for the Drummond and Philipsburg Volunteer Ambulance Associations, including stipends or other benefits. Patrick Little with the Philipsburg Ambulance met with the Board and reported that he is looking for minutes from the associations meetings regarding having Jason Wingo construct the new building and he is tracking down the three proposals which Jason Wingo said he had obtained. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw agreed that the documentation regarding the building should be obtained. Patrick Little indicated that it is likely that additional funds may be needed to complete the building and he has requested an estimate from Jason Wingo on the remaining work. Attorney Bradshaw advised that public bidding be done on the remaining work to be completed, even in phases, on the building. The Board requested an accounting of what has been done to date on the building and an accounting of how much it will cost to complete the building. Patrick Little expressed frustration regarding access to the county's ambulance building and the Board offered assistance if it is needed. Possible fundraising to complete the ambulance building was discussed. The Board agreed to work with the ambulance association with the current fiscal year's budget and on next fiscal year's budget. The Board offered a heated location at the County's Road Department shop in Philipsburg to temporarily store the main ambulance until the new building is completed. Patrick Little noted that electronic trip reports are now required and are made using a tablet computer. He reported that the Philipsburg group is not in favor of a stipend, but they may have some requests for support in the future. The Board received a report that the Drummond Ambulance Association is not in favor of a stipend, but they also may have some requests for support in the future. Patrick Little and Jason Wingo will meet with the Board next week regarding progress on the new ambulance building construction and the building budget.

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The Board reviewed claims for January 2018. Commissioner Adler recused himself from voting on any claims for Adler Towing. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the claims, except for one claim for Home Health Aide mileage for \$1.09 which was denied, and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON of the Granite County Hospital District, and County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw met with the Board and the Board reviewed two resolutions from the Granite County Hospital District. The first resolution "Board of Trustees, Granite County Hospital District, Resolution 2017-2, A Resolution Calling For A The Granite County Commissioners To Place A Tax Levy For The Granite County Hospital District On The Ballot For An Election To Be Held On June 5, 2018 In Connection With The County-Wide Primary Election" was reviewed and the Board noted that it requested a mill levy commencing on July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 for approximately 31.74 mills to raise \$400,000.00 for three fiscal year starting on July 1, 2019. Maria Stoppler noted that the requested levy is approximately 10% of the district's total budget and she noted that the district has come a long way in the past three years. She expressed her appreciation to the Board for its support. Attorney Bradshaw advised the Board to have a Resolution regarding the mill levy election, for two readings, on the Board's agenda and the Board could adopt or reject such a Resolution. Commissioner Adler moved to have County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw draft a Resolution for the Board's agenda to hold the requested levy election. Chairperson Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. The Board also reviewed the second district resolution "Board of Trustees, Granite County Hospital District, Resolution 2017-03, A Resolution Calling For A Trustees' Election." Commissioner Adler moved to accept the district's Resolution 2017-03 requesting a trustee's election by mail ballot and Chairperson Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. A copy of district Resolution 2017-03 will be given to Election Administrator Blanche McLure. District Clerk David B. Lee and Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

Joe Ashor, Bureau of Land Management Field Manager of Missoula, canceled his appointment on the agenda due to an urgent family matter. The appointment will be rescheduled.

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

Correspondence: None.

The session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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February 20, 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 Commissioner Scott Adler attending. Commissioner Barton Bonney was absent this day. Also attending was Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.

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Chairperson Slaughter stated that the Commissioners all took an oath to support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Montana which guarantees that a person is not guilty of a crime until proven guilty in a court of law. He noted that he has Commissioner Bonney's proxy to vote on this matter. Chairperson Slaughter moved that Commissioner Adler not be suspended from office and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Bonney by proxy. The motion carried with Chairperson Slaughter and Commissioner Bonney, by proxy, voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Adler abstained from voting.

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Manager Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. Items included: A review of two encroachment permit applications; extra snow plowing following the snow storm and wind over the past week-end, predominately in the north part of the county.

The Board considered the transfer of funds from the Emergency Fund (Fund 2960) to the Road Fund (Fund 2110) for work completed on roads during the 2017 forest fires. The Board agreed to transfer \$34,561.00 from the Emergency Fund to the Road Fund on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Chairperson Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper attended and noted that there is a new gas tax distribution which must be budgeted for by local governments.

The Board discussed setting a spring date for the sale of surplus county vehicles and equipment with Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt. The Board agreed to set the sale in June of 2018. A list of surplus vehicles and equipment will be prepared in May of 2018. Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper requested that it be an agenda item at the time the list is made and the Board agreed that it would be. Discussion was held regarding an old truck and plow, and whether they are owned by the Town of Drummond or the county and ownership will be further investigated.

Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper and Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board to discuss sand/salt supply for next winter. She requested that a pile of salt/sand be placed at the Drummond solid waste transfer facility for the town's use next year. The Board agreed to consider the request and to work out the details.

Gail Leeper, Drummond Chamber of Commerce, met with the Board to request exemption of the Old School House Museum, west of Drummond High School, from solid waste disposal fees. Gail Leeper noted that there is a solid waste fee of one unit at the historic school building. Chairperson Slaughter noted that if in the future a large project is undertaken at the school house, that solid waste disposal would be charged by the ton. Commissioner Adler moved to remove the solid waste fee for the Old School House and Chairperson Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper met with the Board to request an update on delinquent tax letters which were to be sent. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Treasurer Vicki Harding attended. Treasurer Harding reviewed her list of delinquent taxes and indicated that only one property in Hall would be eligible for a county tax deed and that it involves a separate liquor license. Commissioner Adler moved to expend funds for a title search on the property and Chairperson Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Election Administrator Blanche McLure met with the Board to canvass the votes from the February 13, 2018 "Special Referendum on Proposed Creation Of Philipsburg Area Community Library District With Mill Levy" election. Treasurer Vicki Harding was the third elected official, with Commissioners Slaughter and Adler, for the canvass. Barbara Cahill attended. The results were declared official as follow:

SPECIAL PHILIPSBURG LIBRARY DISTRICT MILL LEVY ELECTION

FEBRUARY 13, 2018

						TOTAL
REGISTERED VOTERS	1,397					
VOTED	700					
SCHOOL DISTRICT#	1					
PERCENT VOTED	50%					
CREATION OF PHILIPSBURG AREA COMMUNITY LIBRARY DISTRICT WITH MILL LEVY						
FOR	487					487
AGAINST	212					212
<i>undervote</i>	<i>1</i>					<i>1</i>
	<u>700</u>					<u>700</u>



Patrick Little with the Philipsburg Ambulance and Jason Wingo with The Electrical Connections (T.E.C.) of Philipsburg met with the Board regarding the new ambulance building project status and budget. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Chairperson Slaughter reviewed the current Philipsburg Ambulance budget, including capital outlay, and expenses on the building to date this fiscal year, according to Jason Wingo’s accounting, totaling \$164,781.00; with \$133,482.00 paid to T.E.C. from the Philipsburg Ambulance Fund. Jason Wingo stated that the cost to finish the project is \$45,588. Jason Wingo estimated that he donated \$53,799.94 to this project and he noted that he has donated to many other projects over the years. Attorney Bradshaw emphasized that there are laws and financial regulations which must be followed when expending public money. Jason Wingo offered to present copies of all receipts to date and the Board agreed that it is necessary that the Board has them. Attorney Bradshaw stated that the problems created here cannot be retroactively corrected, but that any further work on this project going forward must be publicly bid and that the original work on the building should have been publicly bid. Jason Wingo noted that plumbing is roughed in at the foundation, but fixtures are not installed. Jason Wingo noted that some concrete needs to be poured and the insulation finished; the building materials are sitting there; and sheet rock, mud room and training room remain to be completed. Jason Wingo stated that he had gotten a quote through Butte Insulation for the insulation. Attorney Bradshaw emphasized that public bids must be obtained for all remaining work or materials must be purchased through a government purchasing cooperative which creates an exemption from the public bidding requirements under state law. Patrick Little noted that the ambulance had been sitting

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outside for months and supplies were freezing up, and it is now temporarily stored in the heated county road shop garage. Jason Wingo indicated that he would donate some items to complete the project and that some items have been purchased and are on site. Patrick Little reviewed the current ambulance budget and he noted that expenditures are within the budget. He estimated that there is \$21,000 in the budget to finish the building. Clerk and Recorder Blanche McLure joined the conversation regarding the budget, cash flow, revenue and cash reserve. Patrick Little reviewed the benefits of having a new building for storage of vehicles, a training room, and supplies that don't freeze in the ambulance when it is parked outside. Attorney Bradshaw stated that any further construction items which are not donated, must be publicly bid. He again noted that purchases from governmental public cooperatives do not require public bidding, even if purchased as part of large project. The Board agreed that the insulation should be purchased through a government purchasing cooperative in order to allow the ambulance service to get into the new building, but that all other work is to be immediately stopped until the Board receives detailed information on the project to date. The action was taken on a motion by Commissioner Adler and second by Chairperson Slaughter. There was no further discussion. The motion carried. Jason Wingo with T.E.C. will be notified of the decision by a letter from the Board. Patrick Little discussed building a budget for the next fiscal year.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.37 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 13.56 inches below full pool at an outflow of 30 cfs through the power plant and over the weir. The Board reviewed a written recommendation from Commissioner Bonney to make no change the outflow at this time and to carefully review the situation next week. Commissioner Adler moved to maintain the outflow at the current rate and Chairperson Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2018-5 "A Granite County Resolution Calling For An Election On A Proposed Tax Levy For The Granite County Hospital District With The Election To Be Held In Conjunction With The Primary Election On June 5, 2018." The Board discussed that the Resolution is for a levy of \$400,000 for three years, which is up \$20,000 from the \$380,000 from the previously voted levy. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, Granite County Hospital District CEO/DON Maria Stoppler and district board member Ken Burd, and Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* attended. All those present were given a printed copy of the draft resolution.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2018-6 "A Granite County Resolution Authorizing Amended Budget for Travelers Home Road Flood Mitigation Project In Order To Complete The Project And Authorizing Budget Expenditure." County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. There was no public comment.

The Board held an executive session for a personnel matter which was closed to the public at the request of the employee.

DES/Safety Coordinator Rick Day met with the Board to request the appointment of a courthouse representative to the Granite County Safety Committee. The Board appointed Becky Smith, PHEP (Public Health Emergency Preparedness) Coordinator, to the Granite County Safety Committee on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Chairperson Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the finalization of a design for the county seal logo. The Board selected a design by Leslie Conn of Heritage Photo in Philipsburg on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Chairperson Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Public Comment: Extension Agent Ben Hauptman met with the Board to discuss getting a weed spraying pickup hauled to Auburn, Washington, to have the spray unit retrofitted. He will contact local trucking companies to obtain the best price.

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Correspondence: A letter was sent from the Board to Jason Wingo doing business as The Electrical Connections (T.E.C.) of Philipsburg regarding the new ambulance garage building on Town of Philipsburg property. This said letter was carbon copied to Patrick Little, President of the Philipsburg Ambulance Association. The letter reviewed the necessity of public bidding on projects over \$80,000.00 and that all work on the project be immediately halted except for the purchase of insulation for the building so long as the insulation is purchased through an approved government purchasing cooperative and the insulation is being installed by donated labor.

The session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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February 27, 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 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: Copies of two applications for encroachment permits were received by Paul Alt.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.33 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender’s report. The lake is approximately 14.04 inches below full pool at an outflow of 30 cfs through the power plant and over the weir. Commissioner Bonney moved to maintain the outflow at the current rate and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed applications received for appointment to the Granite County Forest Management Advisory Committee. Sue Peterson read a letter aloud regarding the appointment of a Forest Management Advisory Committee, which included a Checklist for Community-based Collaboration. Chris Marchion spoke about his experience with collaborative groups which had been successful. He recommended an organized collaborative. Chairperson Slaughter recalled previous discussion regarding involvement in the Forest Service’s management through a committee and he noted that it appears to him that there is an ability to have a seat with the Forest Service on the Forest Management Plan. Commissioner Adler indicated that the committee would be a learning experience for everyone and that other people can be called in by the committee for information. He feels that it should be made up of Granite County residents who will advise the Commission. Chris Marchion indicated that there is uncertainty in whether Senator Daines’ bill (S. 2206) will pass and he is part of significant opposition to it. He said that he would be happy to work with the committee to provide history and information. Chairperson Slaughter indicated that regardless of whether Daines’ bill (S. 2206) passes, the bill has started a necessary conversation. Chris Marchion stated that the Forest Service is not likely to get involved in this political issue and the committee may instigate other collaboration with other interests out there. He noted that he would have the ability to facilitate the group. He noted that even if Daines’ bill passes it will be a long time before the Forest Service takes any action to make changes until they can be incorporated in the Forest Plan. He applauded the Board for not just taking a political stand. Chairperson Slaughter noted that this is a Granite

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County citizen advisory committee. Commissioner Adler noted that eight applications were received from Granite County residents, including Denyse Lizer. There was discussion about having someone other than a committee member take minutes of meetings and that all interests need to be represented. The Board appointed the following as members of the committee: Elena Gagliano, Sue Peterson, Bill Antonioli, Patti Kanduch, Charles Lizer, Chuck Hinkle, and Jim Davis. The Board encouraged that the members of the Committee recruit additional members for the Board to appoint additional members, up to a maximum of 12 members. Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. Chris Marchion suggested a review so that the advisory committee is not heavily loaded on one side and for the Board to exercise its authority to appoint a balanced committee. Sue Peterson noted that some members may be anti-government and attempt to block any progress. The motion carried. Sue Peterson commented that she feels that Senator Daines needs to have public comments and hearings on his Wilderness Study Area bill. Chris Marchion commented that Anaconda-Deer Lodge County recently sent a letter requesting that Senator Daines have some public hearings on the Wilderness Study Area issue. Signing in for this meeting were Sue Peterson, Bill Clark, Fran Galvin, John Ohrmann, Chris Marchion and Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper.

The Board discussed having an independent financial audit of the new Philipsburg Ambulance Building Project. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Commissioner Bonney moved to obtain an independent auditor, at the expense of the county, to do a complete construction and financial audit of the new Philipsburg Ambulance building. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. Attorney Bradshaw noted that in his opinion an audit is advisable. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Commissioner Adler moved to send T.E.C. (The Electrical Connections) a receipt in the amount of \$53,799.94 for those items which Jason Wingo had delineated as donated by T.E.C. to the new ambulance building project. Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2018-5 “A Granite County Resolution Calling For An Election On A Proposed Tax Levy For The Granite County Hospital District With The Election To Be Held In Conjunction With The Primary Election On June 5, 2018.” County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, Granite County Hospital District CEO/DON Maria Stoppler, John Barbara, Kristi Mainwaring and Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended. Maria Stoppler noted that there is approximately a \$2.00 difference from the current mill levy. Commissioner Bonney moved for adoption of Resolution 2018-5 and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2018-6 “A Granite County Resolution Authorizing Amended Budget for Travelers Home Road Flood Mitigation Project In Order To Complete The Project And Authorizing Budget Expenditure.” County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. There was no public comment. Commissioner Bonney moved for adoption of Resolution 2018-6 and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion carried.

The Board discussed an invoice in the amount of \$506.60 from The Electrical Connections (T.E.C.) of Philipsburg for work done at the Public Health Nurse Office at Granite County Medical Center. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and noted that the medical center is responsible for reasonable maintenance of the building, which is owned by the county. The Board contacted Public Health Nurse Annie Young by speaker telephone about the chain of events regarding the installation of an outlet connected to the emergency generator. She related that she had requested an estimate from T.E.C. for the installation to maintain required temperatures for vaccines and the work was completed before she received the estimate and any authorization from the County. The Board discussed that T.E.C. must receive specific authorization before proceeding on future projects. Also, the Board agreed that it would pay the invoice, but only when the punch list from November 2017 for the courthouse lighting project is completed. T.E.C. will be notified of the Board’s

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decision and also be requested to submit copies of all invoices to date for the new Philipsburg Ambulance building.

The Board discussed a mileage policy for county employees which would be limited to not include mileage in towns within Granite County. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. During the meeting, the Board contacted Public Health Nurse Annie Young by speaker telephone for further information, as the issue mainly involved public health aides mileage within town. The Board determined to have this issue again on an upcoming Board meeting agenda for more discussion and decision, once more information is obtained. Attorney Bradshaw agreed that once the policy was determined at an upcoming meeting, he would draft a proposed, written policy for the Board's consideration.

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

Correspondence: None.

The session adjourned at noon.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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