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the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Judge McLean thanked the Board for its consideration.

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

The session adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 3RD, 10TH, 17TH & 24TH OF APRIL 2018 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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

WARRANT		AMOUNT	
54408	RIVERSIDE MARKET	FINAL BALANCE	\$130.10
54409	BARNEY CONRADS CUSTOM ST LLC	REPAIR ANGLE PLOW	\$292.50
54410	MONTANA ELECTRONICS CO, INC	GRANT-ARBITRATOR CAMERAS	\$37,185.77
54411	VISA #1	COUNTY HEALTH SUPPLIES	\$148.46
54412	VISA #2	SUPPLIES & MACRS MTG	\$896.65
54413	VISA #3	COURTHOUSE FLAG	\$39.85
54414	POSTMASTER	PRIMARY ELECTION POSTAGE	\$568.00
54415	FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK	PAYROLL & NOD FEE	\$93,083.42
54416	KAREN PALMER	TRAINING	\$54.70
54417	360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	APRIL SUPPLIES	\$1,467.56
54418	ADAM MICHNEVICH	TRAVEL	\$160.77
54419	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	ACETYLENE	\$23.10
54420	ANACONDA LEADER	PRINTING - PRIMARY	\$3,292.16
54421	ANNIE YOUNG	TRAVEL	\$196.20
54422	BART BONNEY	TRAVEL	\$120.01
54423	BECKY SMITH	TRAVEL	\$50.70
54424	BILL SLAUGHTER	TRAVEL	\$244.27
54425	BILLINGS HOTEL & CONV CNTR	SHERIFF'S CONVENTION	\$420.04
54426	BLACKFOOT CFT	APRIL BILLING	\$3,897.82
54427	BLAINE BRADSHAW	COMMITMENT HEARINGS	\$65.40
54428	BOB BARKER CO INC	INMATE CLOTHING	\$54.51
54429	BUTTE PRODUCE	SUPPLIES	\$481.12
54430	CASCADE CO RGNL YOUTH SERV	YOUTH DETAINEE	\$5,812.60
54431	CENTURYLINK	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$415.80
54432	CENTURYLINK	FCP PHONE	\$57.03
54433	COLETTE ADELE FADNESS	MILEAGE	\$284.49
54434	COMDATA	APRIL BILLING	\$3,781.75
54435	COMPLIANCE MONITORING SYSTEMS	SUPERVISION	\$75.00
54436	CROP PRODUCTION SERVICES	WEED CHEMICAL SUPPLIES	\$18,814.61
54437	CULLIGAN	OUT OF TOWN WATER	\$10.00
54438	DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$1,534.00
54439	DONALD NOLAN DAVIES	AUDITOR	\$6,875.00
54440	DRUMMOND AMBULANCE ASSOC	SUPPLIES & MAINTENANCE	\$6,415.13
54441	DRUMMOND COMMUNITY HALL	RENT	\$300.00
54442	DUNNE COMMUNICATIONS	DISPATCH SCREEN	\$980.00
54443	EAGLE PRINTING SUPPLIES, LLC	VOTER REG APPS	\$160.73
54444	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	COUNTER & SUPPLIES	\$50,837.95
54445	ELIZABETH HILL	WITNESS	\$190.88
54446	FICKLER OIL CO. INC.	FUEL & SUPPLIES	\$2,602.12
54447	GEMPLERS INC	WEED SPRAYER SUPPLIES	\$262.25
54448	GENERAL DISTRIBUTING CO.	CO2,HP,ACETYLENE	\$188.40

54449	GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL	INMATE TABLE & BENCH	\$1,150.88
54450	GRANITE AMMUNITION	AMMUNITION	\$600.00
54451	GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$422.60
54452	GRANITE DISPOSAL	COURTHOUSE DUMPSTER	\$245.00
54453	GRANITE PHARMACY	INMATE MEDICATION	\$89.18
54454	GRANITE SPORTLAND	POLY BLADE	\$12.95
54455	GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$6,927.75
54456	HIGH TECH LINEN	RUGS	\$145.52
54457	HOGAN'S RANCH & BUILDERS	SUPPLIES	\$299.99
54458	HUFFMAN GROCERY	INMATE MEALS & SUPPLIES	\$1,195.81
54459	HUFFMAN GROCERY	DRMD SR SUPPLIES	\$325.53
54460	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SW,RD,DES SUPPLIES	\$137.52
54461	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EARMUFFS	\$44.98
54462	K L S HYDRAULICS	HOSE,SWIVEL,CRIMP ENDS	\$224.72
54463	KYLE ZIMMERMAN	TRANSPORT	\$425.00
54464	LANE & ASSOCIATES	DOT DRUG TEST	\$76.23
54465	LINDA SMITH	DRMD SR SUPPLIES	\$145.38
54466	MACO	INMATE MEDICAL BUDGET PROTECTOR	\$64.80
54467	MACO PCT	DEDUCTIBLE	\$2,000.00
54468	MAPS INC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$8,954.17
54469	MARGARET TALLON	TRAVEL	\$32.70
54470	MCGOWAN WATER COND, INC	SALT & SOFTENER RENT	\$38.90
54471	MSLA COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	TRAINING	\$50.00
54472	MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$132.91
54473	MONTANA WEED CONTROL ASSO	WEED CREW TRAINING	\$40.00
54474	MOUNTAIN SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$50.24
54475	MSPOA	CONVENTION REGISTRATION	\$235.00
54476	MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$2,275.00
54477	MT ASSO OF CLERKS OF DIST COURT	FY19 DUES	\$600.00
54478	MT CO ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION	CONVENTION REGISTRATION	\$205.00
54479	NAPA AUTO PARTS OF GREAT FALLS	FILTERS	\$51.24
54480	NORTHWEST PARTS & EQUIPMENT	WAFER FLAT COMBO	\$574.00
54481	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	APRIL STATEMENTS	\$4,083.64
54482	PATRICIA BAUER	TRAVEL	\$287.76
54483	PHILIPSBURG AMBULANCE	PETTY CASH	\$100.00
54484	PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	ADS	\$821.50
54485	PHILIPSBURG SR CITZ CENTER	INMATE MEALS	\$315.00
54486	PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF	WATER/SEWER	\$435.50
54487	PINTLER PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$2,086.67
54488	POSTMASTER	PO BOX FEE	\$116.00
54489	PROVIDENCE HEALTH & SERVICES	DOT TEST COLLECTION	\$65.00
54490	PYRAMID PRINTING	RUBBER STAMP - CC	\$40.00
54491	REPUBLIC SERVICES #889	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$5,990.40
54492	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$4,934.32
54493	RICK DAY	TRAVEL	\$83.94
54494	RIVERSIDE MARKET	DRMD SR SUPPLIES	\$197.11
54495	ROCKY MOUNTAIN SCALE WORKS	ON-SITE LABOR	\$435.00
54496	RUSSELL MORRISON	WEED TRAINING - MEALS	\$54.00
54497	RYAN LEPPALA	WEED TRAINING - MEALS	\$54.00
54498	SAFEGUARD QBS	CLAIM WARRANTS	\$225.39
54499	SIX ROBBLEE'S	COUPLERS	\$34.44
54500	SOLE STONE REIMBURSEMENT SERV	DVA SUPPLIES	\$809.96
54501	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	GCSH SUPPLIES	\$162.53
54502	STATE OF MONTANA	AUTOPSY	\$1,500.00
54503	STEVE HOGGATT	POWER RAKE	\$75.00
54504	STEVEN PETERS	TRAINING	\$516.16
54505	SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$225.00
54506	TERRY JO VIETOR	VICTIMS ADVOCATE	\$362.40
54507	TNT TRUCK PARTS	MAINTENANCE	\$301.00
54508	TRANSUNION RISK SOLUTIONS	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$75.00
54509	TRI-COUNTY SANITARIAN	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	\$14,436.10
54510	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	IDOC & ERECORDING	\$4,600.00
54511	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$901.66
54512	VICKI HARDING	TRAVEL	\$71.94
54513	WAGON WHEEL CAFE & MOTEL	VICTIMS ADVOCATE	\$159.95
54514	WEBGRAIN	WEB PAGE	\$63.75
54515	WESTERN STATES EQUIPMENT	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$676.00
54516	WESTTEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$650.00
54517	WOODLAND CREATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$360.02
		CLAIMS FUND TOTAL	\$316,549.99

<u>WARRANT/NOD</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ADLER, SCOTT C	COMMISSIONER	\$2,196.13
ALT, PAUL	ROAD SUPERVISOR	\$5,833.33
ANDERSON, MELINDA K	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY	\$1,038.78
BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V	\$675.27

BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	\$3,981.67
BONNEY, BARTON C	COMMISSIONER	\$2,082.65
BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN	\$2,148.80
BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER	\$4,955.60
BRADSHAW, BLAINE C	COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$7,945.07
BROWN, SAMUEL E	RELIEF JUDGE	\$242.28
BUTLER, JODI L	SOLID WASTE	\$2,542.40
CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N	DISPATCH	\$2,439.36
CAYKO, NICKIE N	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,060.00
19068 CONRADS, ORWOLL B	VACA/SICK PAYOUT	\$821.88
CROSS, AUSTIN M	DISPATCHER	\$1,688.80
DAY, JAN P	DEPUTY CLERK	\$1,458.28
DAY, NELS R	DES COORDINATOR	\$1,213.97
DORSHORST, CARLY M	CLERK	\$358.20
DUNKERSON, WAYNE S	SHERIFF	\$4,471.67
FADNESS, COLETTE A	AREA V AIDE	\$312.90
FRATZKE, DEBBIE	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	\$1,955.83
GRAHAM, SARAH E	DEPUTY CLERK & RECORDER	\$3,307.50
GROSVOLD, LACIE J	CLERK	\$1,217.20
HARDING, JEAN M	DISPATCHER	\$2,374.40
HARDING, VICKI B	TREASURER	\$4,331.67
HENNAGER, DEANNA L	DISPATCHER	\$2,197.57
HOEHNE, JOHN W	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,445.90
HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,060.00
HULTMAN, TY R	DEPUTY	\$3,546.88
JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,377.90
KAHOE, MICHAEL	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	\$4,349.52
KANE, KATHERINE	DISPATCHER	\$443.52
KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE	\$2,803.60
KENDALL, JOY J	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$52.72
KINGREY, ELWYN	JUNK VEHICLE	\$376.82
19067 LARDY, JAMES D	SITE RELIEF	\$282.08
LATRAY, DANETTE L	TREASURER DEPUTY	\$3,307.50
LEHNEN, VICTORIA A	DISPATCHER	\$2,762.64
LOOBEY, THERESA R	TITLE CLERK	\$2,565.36
MCDONNELL, FRED N	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$459.54
MCLURE, BLANCHE A	CLERK & RECORDER	\$4,331.67
19069 O'DELL, SARAH L	VACA/SICK PAYOUT	\$13.50
OLSEN, RICK C	DEPUTY	\$3,333.00
OSTLER, JASON K	DEPUTY	\$3,300.00
OWENS, NANCY	RELIEF	\$225.33
PALMER, KAREN P	COUNTY AGENT SEC	\$2,303.28
PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY	\$2,908.08
PAWLAK, KIMBERLY	FLOATING CLERK	\$1,726.37
PETERS, DEBORAH A	DISPATCHER RELIEF	\$1,260.32
PETERS, STEVEN D	DEPUTY	\$3,595.66
RUSSELL, JAMES R	DEPUTY	\$4,064.76
SLAUGHTER, BILL L	COMMISSIONER	\$2,065.09
SMITH, REBECCA	PHEP COORDINATOR	\$1,335.95
SMITH, THADDEUS M	RELIEF DEPUTY	\$2,951.20
TALLON, MARGARET	COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIALIST	\$260.00
VIETOR, TERRY J	CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE	\$1,154.40
WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,154.50
WEST, WILLIAM H	DAM TENDER	\$320.61
WILKINS, KENNETH D	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$2,398.50
YOUNG, ANN D	COUNTY HEALTH NURSE	\$5,967.00
60 EMPLOYEES	TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	\$142,354.41

<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
19067 JAMES LARDY	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19068 ORWOLL CONRADS	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19069 SARAH O'DELL	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19070 AFLAC INS	\$205.81
19071 CHRISTMAS CLUB	\$1,780.00
19072 COLONIAL	\$18.75
19073 FIT	\$8,939.76
19073 MEDICARE	\$3,972.44
19073 P.E.R.S.	\$17,524.27
19073 PERS RETIREE	\$346.10
19073 SHERIFF RETIRE	\$5,267.86
19073 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$16,985.94
19073 TRS	\$44.25
19074 IUOE 400	\$349.75
19075 MACO DENTAL	\$2,314.00
19075 MACO VISION	\$514.00
19075 MACOHCT	\$46,856.00

19075 UNUMLIFE	\$736.85
19076 PEBSC	\$4,375.00
19077 SIT	\$5,643.00
19078 UNION - PENSION	\$505.41

TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES \$116,379.19

GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

May 1, 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's meeting with the Board was deferred until next weeks' meeting. The Board noted that he is tracking flooding on Lower Rock Creek and other areas of the county today. Commissioner Bonney moved to purchase the refurbished Panasonic Toughbook31, auto charger, cradle and mount for an estimated cost of \$2,089.00 plus installation from DIS Technologies for the Road Superintendent's pickup truck. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Tom Mullen with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.27 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 14.76 inches below full pool at an outflow of approximately 48 cfs through the power plant and 52.2 cfs over the weir. The Board made no change in the outflow on the motion of Commissioner Bonney and a second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike Herzog with Western States Cat of Missoula met with the Board to finalize the lease/purchase documents for a 2018 Caterpillar 305.5E2 track excavator S/N: CR505344 at a price of \$66,544.00. The documents include provisions for a three year lease with monthly payments of \$1,144.07 and a final payment of \$33,704.07. Commissioner Adler moved to sign the lease/purchase documents and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Mike Herzog discussed the benefits of membership in the National Joint Powers Alliance, which eliminates the need to advertise for bids.

The Board discussed making the appointment of a Commissioner and the County Surveyor to make a site inspection and a report on three petitions received from Paul Alt et al. They are Petitions to Abandon, Vacate and Discontinue Use of County Roads in Maxville: First Avenue South from Montana Highway 1 to Maple Street, Oak Street from the alley between Block 9 and 10 to the alley between 19 and 20, and Division Avenue from Montana Highway 1 to Maple Street. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, Planning Director Linda Bouck and Larry DeMot attended. Linda Bouck reported that so many streets and alleys have been abandoned that some lots in Maxville have no access, but access is required according to county standards. She noted that Maxville, as an existing platted subdivision, contains individual lots unless the lots have been aggregated. She also noted that easements of 50' must be maintained to all lots. Linda Bouck reviewed a map of the streets and alleys in the area petitioned for abandonment and indicated that easements could be granted to maintain access. Larry DeMot explained where the property pins are located on property he recently purchased. Previously abandoned streets and alleys in Maxville were discussed. Attorney Bradshaw advised that the law requires one Commissioner, or someone in their place, and the consulting county surveyor Hans Bohrsen to make a site visit regarding the petitions and make a report to the Board. Due to the complexity of the issue with Paul Alt being a county employee, the Board agreed that a member of the planning board and the consulting surveyor, make the site visit and report. Commissioner Bonney moved to have planning board member Tom Sanders, in place of the Commissioner, and the consulting

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surveyor Hans Bohrsen make the site visit and the report. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Adler moved to allow Larry DeMot to temporarily park vehicles on the streets and alleys on his land in Maxville, with no permanent fencing, until a decision is made on the petitioned abandonment. Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Matt Pearce with MaPS (Mapping and Planning Services) met with the Board and reported that he updated the addressing software at the sheriff's office today and he has trained sheriff's department employees on using the software. He is continuing to update mapping while in the area.

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON of Granite County Hospital District met with the Board and gave the monthly financial update. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, Elena Gagliano and Dick Motta attended. She presented the financial report dated 5-1-2018 projected cash available as negative \$125,000, projected deposits of \$413,242 and projected cash reserves of \$163,242 (14 days of operation). Also presented was an Administrator's Report dated 4-24-2018, a utilization recap, an accounts receivable aging report (by last billed date), and proposed 2018 mill levy fact information and accomplishments. The estimated cost report anticipates a receivable of approximately \$18,000.00. Health fairs scheduled for May 9th in Drummond at the Senior Center and for May 16th at the Philipsburg Elementary School gymnasium. She noted that the construction of the new CT Scan is completely funded by private family foundation grants and not taxpayer dollars. She estimated that it costs \$11,500 a day to operate the facility. Elena Gagliano inquired whether there is a loan with the local bank and Maria Stoppler responded that it was conversation only in case it may be needed, but there is no loan at this time. Elena Gagliano inquired whether the Board had been updated regarding the CT Suite and the Board indicated that they have been updated regularly. Maria Stoppler responded that the engineers (Great West of Helena) and architects are taking care of all necessary permitting with the Town of Philipsburg.

The Board received notice from Rex Radtke, President of Willow Creek Dam Board, that a large amount of water will be immediately released from the Willow Creek Reservoir, but he does not consider it an emergency. The Board notified Sheriff Scott Dunkerson and Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator Rick Day of potential flooding.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for April 17 and 24, 2018. The minutes were approved with revisions on the motion of Commissioner Bonney and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

The Board considered the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) creating the Pintler Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC) Board aka Pintler LAC (PMH-LAC). The document had been previously executed by the Board of Commissioners of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that the Board adopted Resolution 2017-8 last May and that this is a simple document, which requires no funds, finalizing the agreement with Anaconda-Deer Lodge County. Commissioner Bonney moved to adopt the MOU and advertise for its Granite County membership. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Commissioners Slaughter and Bonney voted in favor of the motion and Commissioner Adler voted against the motion. The document will be filed with the Granite County Clerk and Recorder and sent to Anaconda-Deer Lodge County.

Public Comment: The Board received a speaker telephone comment from Kenny Rockwell on the poor condition of Brewster Creek Road, including dust, and the main Lower Rock Creek Road. He indicated that he is not aware of any flooding in that area at this time.

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Also during public comment, Commissioner Adler notified the Board that he had a complaint from a citizen regarding the continuous odor from the carcass composting facility at Drummond. The Board agreed to investigate a solution.

Correspondence: Commissioner Adler noted that J. C. Holland of Drummond is retiring from his position the Montana Department of Transportation and he moved that the Board write a letter of appreciation for his cooperation and assistance to the county over the years. Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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May 8, 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 Barton Bonney attending. Commissioner Scott Adler 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's meeting with the Board was postponed to a later date.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.50 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 12 inches below full pool at an outflow of approximately 46 cfs through the power plant and 54.1 cfs over the weir. The Board made the decision to increase the outflow to a total of 30 cfs down the creek on the motion of Commissioner Bonney and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Tri-County Sanitarian Chad Lanes met with the Board for general discussion. Topics covered included the new assistant sanitarian; the carcass compost site in Drummond, reported odors, and an unusually high number of carcasses this year; possible expansion of the carcass compost site was discussed; Chad Lanes agreed to contact Mary Hendrickson with DEQ to determine if the carcass composting is being done correctly; Commissioner Slaughter agreed to contact the agricultural producers to see what their plans are; issues with sewage discharge that drains without septic systems were discussed; Chad Lanes noted that he does spot check septic system installations, even when done through the Certified Installer Program; Chad Lanes noted that a sewage problem at a Drummond motel was inspected last winter, was temporary and has been taken care of; creamery ice cream operation opening in Philipsburg; possible opening of Blue Stone Café; possibly a new bakery and an R.V. Park; food training will continue to be provided by the sanitarian's office; and the Board agreed to have a regular time on each month's agenda to meet with the sanitarian to improve communication. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

The Board considered a draft Non-Exclusive Lease Agreement between Granite County and Holy Family Church, an entity of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Helena, of Anaconda. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and presented the draft agreement. The term of the proposed lease agreement is from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2028, and it

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automatically renews unless either of the parties sends written notice to the other party. The Board indicated that it would prefer a three-year lease, which would automatically renew, and Attorney Bradshaw agreed to make that change to the document. Commissioner Bonney moved to approve the lease agreement as revised and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Gregory Cook met with the Board to discuss the Bear Gulch Road right-of-way and flooding concerns. Commissioner Slaughter read a letter from surveyor/engineer Gordon Sorenson dated July 8, 2016, regarding an inspection he had done of the road and a mine in the area. The letter reviewed the hazard of the county road being so close to the Komberec mining pit and potential violations of OSHA regulations. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Planning Director Linda Bouck attended. Attorney Bradshaw noted that he had contacted DEQ in the past and DEQ agreed to look at the site, but at that time DEQ indicated that the county is the enforcing agency and DEQ is not. Linda Bouck reviewed an agreement dated December 1, 1941, between Granite County and Star Pointer Exploration Company of Bearmouth which outlines the county road and the mining operation in that area. Commissioner Bonney moved to have contract surveyor Hans Bohrsen locate boundaries and roads in the area, specifically the Bear Gulch Road along the east boundary. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Gregory Cook read aloud the following statement:

I want to thank you for allowing me to speak today to voice concerns about roads that have recently closed.

In recent years there has been a population explosion not only up Felan Gulch but Packer, Ten Mile and other areas towards Garnet.

In Felan alone there are now:

11 year round residents

9 seasonal residents

And many recreational landowners

Many more up Packer, 10 mile and all areas towards Garnet.



The problems are:

Since the closure of the south end of the southbound one way, now all southbound traffic must use the roadway on the east side of Bear gulch, now a two way roadway.

The roadway is not wide enough with the curves and a fence recently installed up to the edge of the road that doesn't allow for widening or snow removal. I am perplexed as to why the county allowed this.

The crossover that the landowner and county installed so that southbound traffic and Felan gulch have access to the now two way road, has a culvert that is inadequate to handle the flow of water from 10 mile and bear creek. This flooding started on April 28th.

The culverts at either end of the one ways are three times larger and handle the water flow easily.

As a result the crossover has flooded and has eroded the roadway of the crossover and the now two way roadway on Packer Gulch side.

All traffic to and from felan and southbound from bear gulch areas must use this crossover due to the counties closure of the one way.

The traffic revision has caused confusion for the tourists and visitors to the area that do not live here.

~~No signage for the Water over roadway has been posted for public concerns. This could result in a liability as there has already been Ghost Town traffic asking directions.~~

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crossover road and that the Board and the road superintendent will be at the site this week; then to contact Komberec once the survey information is received. Gregory Cook indicated that the crossover road is getting worse by the day due to the runoff. Also attending were Lee Cook and Doug Emery.

Larry DeMot and Rae McKay met with the Board regarding current road abandonment issues at Maxville. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, Planning Director Linda Bouck and Planning Board member Susan Hale attended. Linda Bouck presented a map outlining which streets and alleys had been previously abandoned in Maxville that she could find. She reviewed the streets and alleys which are petitioned to be abandoned by Paul Alt et al. She noted that she had not been able to contact Planning Board member Tom Sanders and she recommended that Planning Board member Susan Hale go with contracted surveyor Hans Bohrsen to do the required inspection and submit a report on the petitions to the Board. Commissioner Bonney moved that Susan Hale replace Tom Sanders to do the inspection and report with the contracted surveyor. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Linda Bouck reviewed which lots in the petitions need to have access maintained according to county regulations. Larry DeMot stated that he would have access according to the real estate documents, but a portion of that appears to belong to Louis Polansky. Rae McKay reviewed that they have property on both sides of Maxville Road and that they signed easements with the title company, some of which they do not want. Attorney Bradshaw reviewed that the process is in the beginning stages and that the Board will await the inspection and the report before proceeding. Commissioner Slaughter inquired if it would be beneficial for the buyer and the seller get together. Rae McKay indicated that they paid for certain acres and received fewer acres. Linda Bouck noted that access must be provided as part of the sale, but it is between the buyer and the seller, not the county. Attorney Bradshaw again noted that this discussion is preliminary until the report is received. Larry DeMot stated that he does not want to cause any problems, but just wants to quietly run his business. Louis Polinsky reviewed some incidents which took place in the past and Attorney Bradshaw noted that those can be specifically addressed in the Board's resolution, when the process gets to that point. Louis Polinsky also commented on a district court case which gave all of Second Avenue South to him. Linda Bouck reviewed that road law is written that if the Commission is silent on the issue, that half of each abandoned street or alley goes to each adjoining land owner. Larry DeMot inquired how long this process is going to take and Susan Hale noted that she is available until June 7th to do the inspection and report with the contracted surveyor, but she will be out of state after that date. Linda Bouck reviewed that the Planning Board will likely give options to the Board and that many decisions will be between the purchaser and the seller.

The Board held an executive session regarding a county employee and Chairperson Slaughter closed the meeting to the public. Chairperson Slaughter found that the county employee's privacy rights outweighed the public's right to know.

The purchase of jump kits for EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) graduates was discussed. Commissioner Bonney moved to purchase the jump kits for graduates from the current class at Drummond and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Jeremiah Theys, with Great West Engineering of Helena, met with the Board to review a proposed DNRC/RRGL (Renewable Resource Grant) grant application in the amount of \$125,000.00 for improvements to the spillway and dam face of the Flint Creek Dam. The estimated cost for all the improvements totals \$435,000.00. Jeremiah Theys discussed alternatives for the improvements including no action, a short term alternative of surface patching and a long term alternative of structural rehabilitation; dewatering of the work area; monitoring of the west dam face and repair of the east side of the dam face. He also reviewed the cost benefit analysis of each specific alternative. He reviewed that the total

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cost to do all of the alternatives is \$435,000.00. The Board considered the option of obtaining an InterCap loan or other financing to do the entire project at once, rather than splitting it into two projects, to save on dewatering, mobilization and engineering costs which would be incurred by splitting the project into two projects. Jeremiah Theys recommended doing the entire project at one time if the county has the financial ability to do it as it would address all of the regulatory deficiencies which are known at this time. Engineering would be planned for the winter of 2018 and construction would be planned for the summer/fall of 2019. The Board agreed to submit the grant application to DNRC for \$125,000.00, with the intention to complete the entire project if the budget allows, on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Bonney. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

DES/Safety Coordinator Rick Day met with the Board to review a draft grant application to Philips 66 for a wireless smoke alarm system for the courthouse. The estimated cost is \$12,000 to purchase and install the system, including one year of monitoring at \$30.00/month. Commissioner Bonney moved to submit the grant application to Philips 66 and to have Rick Day act as the coordinator for the grant, if received. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Commissioners Slaughter and Bonney reported on the MACo (Montana Association of Counties) District Meeting which they attended yesterday at the Gallatin County Detention Center in Bozeman. Items discussed included the MACo organizations budget, elected officials training, and upcoming legislative issues.

Public Comment: Stephen Neal met with the Board regarding his solid waste fees on his home, his business in his garage (which has no running water), and his cabin at Kaiser Lake. The Board agreed that the garage should be removed from solid waste fees in the future on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Bonney. The motion carried.

Also during public comment, Ron Locke and Cheryl Locke met with the Board and he requested at least irregular maintenance on the Stewart Lake Road as he has a residence there and a school-age daughter. He noted that there are eight residences in that area now, it is a through road to Maxville and is a highly used recreational area with a shooting range. He stated that he is not requesting regular maintenance, but he would like periodic basic improvements and maintenance, on approximately 1½ miles of road from Philipsburg, to reach all current residences. He noted that there are times when it is likely that the sheriff or an ambulance could not get to those residences. Commissioner Slaughter noted that there is no road material readily available in that area and that material for any improvements would need to be hauled in, increasing the expense. Also, Commissioner Slaughter asked the question at what point are there enough residents to warrant regular road improvements and maintenance? He suggested that a public meeting may be in order to hear from people who use the road and that the Forest Service and the road superintendent would be invited. Ron Locke agreed to poll area residents to determine the best time for a public meeting and to report that information to the Board.

Also during public comment, Bret Bledsoe with the Natural Resources Conservation Service Office met with the Board and presented the most recent Montana Water Supply Outlook Report dated May 1, 2018. He highlighted that the Upper Clark Fork River basin has nearly set a new record for basin-wide peak snow water equivalent and that snowpack in the Peterson Meadows area is significantly above average. He noted that Ravalli County has declared a disaster and the forecast is that flooding will be worse than it was in 2011. He recommended that the water releases from Georgetown Lake be increased due to the most recent outlook report to maintain the reservoir below full pool in order to maintain control of the water level. The Board noted that an increase in outflow from Georgetown Lake had been made today.

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Correspondence: The Board agreed to write a letter of support for a grant application to the Montana Department of Transportation for the Drummond Volunteer Ambulance for a 4-wheel drive ambulance.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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May 15, 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.

Commissioner Slaughter recommended that the Board send a letter of appreciation to Sheriff Scott Dunkerson and members of the Sheriff’s Department, specifically including the officers and dispatchers, in honor of Officer Memorial Day (today) and Police Officer Week (this week). In an administrative action, Commissioner Bonney moved to send the letter and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Manager Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his weekly report. He is meeting with representatives of the Forest Service at the Flint Creek Campground today regarding plans for the campground rehabilitation. Discussion was held on possibly purchasing an additional rubber tire roller which can be pulled behind a motor grader. Paul Alt noted the receipt of a letter dated May 7, 2018, from the state Department of Environmental Quality requiring some modifications to the carcass compost site at Drummond.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.97 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender’s report. The lake is approximately 6.36 inches below full pool at an outflow of approximately 40 cfs through the power plant and 65.4 cfs over the weir. Commissioner Bonney noted that two adjustments were made last week to increase the amount of water going down the creek. He reported that ice off at the lake occurred on May 11, 2018. Commissioner Bonney moved not to change the outflow today. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The Board noted that Paul Alt has repaired the PVC pipe on the face of the dam, cleaned the culvert at the dam, and replaced the bolts in the piezometer covers on the dam.

Rick Day, county DES/Safety Coordinator, met with the Board to review water levels and flooding reports. Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Manager Paul Alt attended. Rick Day reviewed the weather report for later this week which calls for rainfall and snowmelt; also, the Clark Fork River is of concern near Drummond. An additional 20,000 sand bags were brought into the county last week from other counties; and sandbags and sand are available at three locations (Rock Creek Lodge, county road department shop at Hall, and in Philipsburg behind high school, west of football field) within the county free of charge. Discussion was held that many area creeks are running lower this week.

Treasurer Vicki Harding met with the Board regarding the new software at the two solid waste transfer sites, which has had occasional glitches. She noted that technical support is always available for the solid waste transfer site operators.

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The Board reviewed county claims for April 2018. Commissioner Adler recused himself from voting on any claims for Adler Towing as Adler Towing is on law enforcement's random rotation list. The claims were approved on the motion of Commissioner Bonney and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Rick Day, DES/Safety Coordinator, met with the Board regarding the Flint Creek Dam. He presented the draft Emergency Action Plan dated April 2018 for the Flint Creek Project and noted that once it is approved by the Commission that it needs to be approved by the FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission), and then printed and distributed to the required agencies. The Board reviewed the document page by page and clarifications were made. Rick Day noted that there are now two notification flowcharts, one for non-failure of the dam (green flowchart) and one for levels of high flow, potential failure and imminent failure (red and yellow flowchart). The Board noted that the plan is straight forward and easy to understand. The Emergency Action Plan dated April 2018 was approved, as clarified, on the motion of Commissioner Bonney and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The Board complimented Rick Day on his excellent work on updating the plan.

Rick Day, county DES/Safety Coordinator, met with the Board and presented for the Board's review the final After Action Review Report on the Functional Exercise conducted on December 2, 2017, on the Flint Creek Dam. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. The report was reviewed page by page by the Board. In an administrative action, the Board agreed as a safety precaution to store material (approximately 40 yards of sand, 40 yards of road mix gravel and 50 yards of riprap) at the Flint Creek Dam in case of an emergency by October 2018 on the motion of Commissioner Bonney and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Rick Day noted that the report had been previously approved and submitted.

Ron Krusemark and Caroline Madill, with Transatlantic Mining Corporation, met with the Board to request use of the Red Lion Road for a proposed gold mining operation at the Golden Jubilee Mine in the Red Lion area. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Ron Krusemark explained that Transatlantic is a Canadian mining firm which has entered into an agreement with the Gunsinger Group, the mine's owner, with plans to mine 200 tons a day, year around, with the ore transported to Golden Sunlight in Whitehall for milling. He anticipates having an exploration permit for the underground mining operation within 30 to 45 days. The Board reviewed the provisions of Resolution 2013-18 "A Granite County Resolution To Provide For Seasonal Limits On Use Of A Portion Of The Red Lion Road" and discussed whether other provisions would be necessary for year around mining. Attorney Bradshaw noted and clarified that a permit is required for use of this road during the winter months per Resolution 2013-8. A copy of the County's applicable permit application was given to Mr. Krusemark. Ron Krusemark stated that his firm will maintain the road and he estimated that the mine will employ approximately 25 miners, plus additional truck drivers, for at least two years. He requested that the Board write letters of support to the state Department of Environmental Quality and to the Forest Service. In an administrative action, the Board agreed to send the requested letters of support on the motion of Commissioner Bonney and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the financial audit of the Philipsburg Ambulance building. None of the information requested by auditor Tana Doyle CPA has been submitted by Jason Wingo of T.E.C. The Electrical Connections, who constructed the building. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw indicated that he anticipates that information is forthcoming and he recommended that the Board postpone any further action until the next regular meeting. The Board agreed.

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Becky Smith, Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Coordinator, met with the Board to present an agreement with state Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) for the continuation of funding for the county PHEP position. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the agreement (Task Order 19-07-6-11-024-0) and Commissioner Bonney seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. On another subject, Becky Smith reported that the Granite County Forest Management Advisory Committee voted last week to utilize recorded minutes as the official committee minutes, so there is no need for her to attend those meetings to take written summary minutes.

Commissioner Adler excused himself from the session at 2:00 p.m.

Public Comment: Jocelyn Dodge, Recreation Forester with the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest, met with the Board and reported that she met today at the site with the Job Corps, Forest Service engineers and county Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Manager Paul Alt regarding the reconstruction of the Flint Creek Campground. The Forest Service is planning to close and gate the road to the campground next week near Montana Highway One so that the survey stakes for the road realignment will not be removed. A combination lock will be installed by the Forest Service on the gate and the combination will be given to the Board for distribution to essential county employees. The Job Corps plans to begin construction on June 11, 2018, on the road realignment. Jocelyn Dodge anticipates that the Flint Creek Campground will be closed this year until October 1, 2018. She also anticipates that the gate will be available for use for this summer season and next, until the construction of the campground is totally completed, and then the gate will be removed. Rick Day, county DES/Safety Coordinator, attended to discuss the placement of the sign for the power plant as required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Jocelyn Dodge indicated that the Job Corps will hang the sign as part of the campground project. Commissioner Slaughter stated that the county will not tolerate any unnecessary gating of the road as the county has a right-of-way on the road through the campground to access the Flint Creek Power Plant.

The Board reviewed a proposal from Sharp Reflections of Anaconda to clean all the courthouse windows inside and out for \$2,244.00. In an administrative action, Commissioner Bonney moved to approve the proposal and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Correspondence: The Board wrote a letter of appreciation of Sheriff Scott Dunkerson, his officers and dispatchers, in honor of Officer Memorial Day (today) and Police Officer Week (this week). The Board wrote letters of support to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the Forest Service for the proposed Golden Jubilee Mine operation.

The session adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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May 16, 2018

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in special session in the District Courtroom of the Granite County Courthouse with Chairperson Bill Slaughter and Commissioners Scott Adler and Barton Bonney attending for the Federal Energy Regulatory

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Commission (FERC) annual on-site inspection of the Flint Creek Dam. Also attending were Granite County personnel, including on-call engineer Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering of Helena, dam tender Bill West, DES/Safety Coordinator Rick Day and Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe; Paul Tallon and engineer Ben Singer with Flint Creek Hydroelectric; FERC engineer Kelcy Adamec; and Norm Midthlyng with the U.S. Geological Survey.

Following the initial meeting at the courthouse to review the 2018 Owners Inspection Preparation Form (IPF), the group moved to inspect the Flint Creek Power Plant. The inspection concluded following the inspection of the Flint Creek Dam. No deficiencies requiring immediate attention were noted during the inspection by FERC engineer Kelcy Adamec, who will submit a written inspection report to the Board at a later date.

During the inspection, Jeremiah Theys reported that the two new knife gate valves have been ordered and construction implementation will be solicited. Construction sequence will be isolated into separate projects (purchase of valves, stilling basin repairs and installation of the valves) and flow to the downstream valve will be maintained to ensure flow to the power plant. It will be left up to the contractor to determine how that will be done. Jeremiah Theys is awaiting comments from DNRC on the stilling basin gabion repair and valve replacement project. It is likely that the stilling basin repairs will be done first, followed by the valve replacement, both late in the season during low water flows. Completed final plans must be submitted to the FERC for review at least 60 days prior to construction.

Jeremiah Theys reported that the grant application for \$125,000.00 has been submitted to DNRC for the spillway and dam face repair project. He noted that the county is committed to do the entire project, rather than divide it into two or more projects, to save on dewatering and mobilization costs. Design will be completed this winter with construction planned for late summer of 2019 on that project.

Kelcy Adamec reported that the 2016 Part 12 inspection is still under review at the FERC. She noted that flood elevation could increase the projected flood loading based on probable maximum flood, which could impact design in the future, but there is no need to change the dam operating regime at this time. Jeremiah Theys reviewed that the spillway capacity is up to a 500-year flood event. Kelcy Adamec requested an email stating which recommendations from the Part 12 inspection had been completed. They are that the PVC conduit across the face of the dam has been repaired, accumulated sand has been cleaned from the culverts above the left dam abutment, and new bolts were installed to secure the covers on the two piezometers in the road across the top of the dam. Mike Kahoe will submit the requested email to Kelcy Adamec.

Norm Midthlyng reported that snow on the solar panels of the USGS lake level gage caused a power outage last winter which set off an alarm notification to the sheriff's office when the batteries were changed. He noted that there is now a procedure in place so the alarm can be bypassed to maintain power during battery replacement. Rick Day noted that he will schedule regular battery replacement for the county's alarm systems.

Kelcy Adamec noted that the falling head test had been completed. Ben Singer reported that no significant time (24 hours or more) shut downs of the power plant occurred over the past year. Bill West reported that no overtopping of the spillway had occurred over the past year. Jeremiah Theys noted that once the spillway overtops that it must be regularly monitored at the inlet and if spalling of the concrete occurs he should be notified immediately.

Kelcy Adamec spoke with Rick Day, Ben Singer and Paul Tallon regarding the new EAP (Emergency Action Plan). She noted that Granite County should provide a new EAP copy for the powerhouse and all old copies should be discarded when the new copy is received. Kelcy Adamec noted minor voids in the downstream embankment consistent with those she observed in the past. She did not think they are cause for immediate concern, but Bill West should remain alert for any signs of progression or piping.

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Kelcy Adamec requested that the warning buoys in the lake in front of the upstream face of the dam, which had become disconnected during ice over, be put in place prior to the start of fishing season. Commissioner Bonney noted that ice off occurred at Georgetown Lake on May 11, 2018.

The session adjourned at 1:30 p.m. with lunch at the Seven Gables restaurant at Georgetown Lake.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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May 22, 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.

The Board noted the receipt of the Financial and Compliance Report (audit) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, from Donald Nolan Davies PC of Clinton.

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Manager Paul Alt was not available to meet with the Board. Commissioner Slaughter reported that two loads of riprap are necessary for the crossover road in the Garnet area; they will be purchased from Bob Weaver due to his location near the site to avoid long distance trucking of the material. Also, he reported that Drummond can purchase sand at Hall, and also that Drummond's street maintenance person will be trained on using the loader there. Commissioner Bonney reported that potholes are prolific on the paved portion of the road from the county line west to Edwards Lane at Georgetown Lake and likely will require hot mix patching.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.32 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 2.16 inches below full pool at an outflow of approximately 40 cfs through the power plant and 77.2 cfs over the weir. The outflow was increased four times recently. Commissioner Bonney recommended that the outflow be increased to a total of 90 cfs over the weir on Dave Amman of DNRC's recommendation that were based upon remaining snowpack levels and forecasted weather conditions. Commissioner Bonney moved to increase the outflow to a total of 90 cfs over the weir and leave the outflow the same (40 cfs) through the power plant. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The Board discussed getting the floating buoys strung across the lake in front of the upstream side of the dam as they had been dislodged during the winter ice over at the lake.

The Board discussed the contracted removal of trees, including dead and dying trees, at the Flint Creek Dam, upper area (west side) from the dam down to the stilling basin to the power line crossing, for safety during upcoming planned construction on the stilling basin. The removal of the trees was recommended by the county's on-call engineer Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering of Helena to provide a safe work environment, free of the threat of falling dead snags, for workers during planned construction on the stilling basin at the dam; and also to protect the power line from falling trees, which could cause a power outage or a fire. Commissioner Bonney moved that an advertisement be written for contracted logging work to remove the trees, including dead and dying trees, (approximately two logging truck loads) between the Georgetown Lake dam and the power line. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

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The Board discussed insurance renewal for Granite County airports in Drummond and Philipsburg. The renewal is the second year of a three-year policy at a fixed annual premium of \$3,199.00 with Berkley Aviation through Northwest Insurance Group, Inc. Commissioner Bonney moved to approve the insurance renewal and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Clerk and Recorder Blanche McLure met with the Board to discuss a proposed Family Transfer Policy. Planning Director Linda Bouck was not available to attend. Blanche McLure noted that there are no family transfer surveys pending at this time of which she is aware. Discussion was held on how the subdivision regulations could be evaded if a family transfer policy is not in place. Attorney Bradshaw read the entire proposed "Granite County Family Transfer Policy" and discussion was held on each paragraph and clarifications were made. Blanche McLure indicated that the policy is necessary as there is no current policy. A decision was tabled by the Board until the next regular meeting.

Retired District Judge Ed McLean met with the Board to request a longer term for the Non-Exclusive Lease with Holy Family Church of Anaconda for the chapel site on county land near the Flint Creek Dam at Georgetown Lake. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Judge McLean requested a term of 10-years, rather than the three years proposed. He noted that the chapel is heavily used in the summer months for one hour each Sunday and he would like to have the stability that it will continue to be available. The Board agreed with the request on the motion of Commissioner Bonney for a ten-year lease, automatically renewable in three year increments up to 7 times (21 years beyond original 10 year term), to include an annual report to the Board. The county may give notice that would terminate the automatic renewal provisions, and the county may also terminate the lease any time earlier if the property is needed for legitimate county purposes. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Attorney Bradshaw presented the revised lease for the Board and Judge McLean's review. Chairperson Slaughter and Judge McLean signed three copies of the lease to be sent to Holy Family Church in Anaconda with an executed copy to be returned to the county.

The Board met with a county employee who did not waive their right to privacy. Chairperson Slaughter closed the meeting to the public and the Board went into executive session.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for May 1 and 8, 2018. The Board approved the minutes, with clarifications, on the motion of Commissioner Bonney and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Dirkes met with the Board regarding progress on the financial audit of the new Philipsburg Ambulance building. Bill Dirkes reported that the ambulance association is meeting regularly. Chairperson Slaughter gave a history of the situation and indicated that questions were not being answered by Jason Wingo of T.E.C. The Electrical Connections to the Board's satisfaction, so the Board felt that the only way to get the information was to engage a financial auditor. Bill Dirkes requested a copy of what is being requested by auditor Doyle and Associates and the Board gave him a copy of the letter dated April 19, 2018 from auditor Tana Doyle CPA to Jason Wingo. Bill Dirkes inquired if there is any reason that the ambulances cannot be housed in the new building and the Board responded that there is not. Bill Dirkes indicated that the ambulances would be moved from the county road department shop in Philipsburg today. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw indicated that progress is being made on the matter and he requested that the Board postpone a decision until the next regular meeting. The Board agreed to the request and requested that Jason Wingo and his attorney Robert Medof meet with the Board next week with a progress report on the information requested by the auditor. Tom Mullen with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

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

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agenda.

Correspondence: None.

The session adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

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Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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May 29, 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. His report included the replacement of cattle guards, awareness of the Call Before You Dig regulation, that he will get a list of priorities of roads for chips this season, and schedule hot mix for repair of Georgetown Lake Road. Commissioner Bonney reported that he is organizing the use of a boat for the re-stringing of the warning buoys at Georgetown Lake in front of the upstream face of the dam, which were displaced during ice over at the lake. It was determined that the County will use two road department personnel, in addition to dam tender Bill West, to complete the project.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.62 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender’s report. The lake is approximately 1.44 inches above full pool at an outflow of approximately 40 cfs through the power plant and 93 cfs over the weir. Commissioner Bonney reported that no water is going over the spillway this morning. Commissioner Bonney moved that no change be made in the outflow and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the next step in the financial audit of the new Philipsburg Ambulance building with attorney Robert Medof and Philipsburg Volunteer Ambulance President Patrick Little. Robert Medof indicated that auditor Tana Doyle may revise her letter to Jason Wingo of T.E.C. The Electrical Connections, with the Board’s approval, to include only those items for which the county has paid. The Board reviewed the proposed revised letter from Tana Doyle to Jason Wingo of T.E.C., and Commissioner Bonney moved to approve this revised letter dated May 24, 2018, from auditor Tana Doyle CPA to Jason Wingo. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Discussion was held on outstanding payments due to subcontractors and the Board directed that any further bills are to come through Jason Wingo, as he is the project contractor, not sent directly to the county. The Board agreed that there is no reason the ambulances cannot be housed in the new building. Patrick Little reported that ambulance bylaws are being revised and in the process of approval by the association. Patrick Little noted that one of the two ambulances is being outfitted strictly for transport, rather than emergency response. The Board expressed appreciation for the work that the volunteer ambulance association does for the citizens of the county. Also attending was Adam Parke.

Planning Director Linda Bouck met with the Board to discuss a proposed Granite County Family Transfer Policy and application form. She reviewed the entire policy with the Board, and specifically discussed paragraph 7 “Family transfer exemptions will not be reviewed for adequate physical and legal access by all vehicles in all weather.” Linda Bouck

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noted that County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and the Montana Association of Counties land use attorney Tara DePuy advised that family transfers not be reviewed for access. The Board agreed to leave paragraph 7 as written. Commissioner Bonney moved for approval of the Granite County Family Transfer Policy and the application form. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

In an administrative action, Chairperson Slaughter signed the Amendment To Contract Modification For Contract Number A526-003-C between Granite County Public Health and the Area V Agency on Aging. The amendment reduces the budget for the line item "Health Promotion and Other" approximately \$300.00 due to a 3.2% reduction in state General Funds.

Election Administrator Blanche McLure met with the Board for the appointment of the County's Post-Election Audit Committee for the 2018 primary and general federal elections. The Board appointed Vicki Harding, Kim Pawlak and Ann Veis as Post-Election Audit Committee members on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Bonney. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

As public comment, Louis Polinsky met with the Board regarding two solid waste units on his cabin in the woods. The Board reviewed his tax statements and it appeared that two solid waste units had been applied to one piece of property and likely should have been on two individual pieces of property. Commissioner Slaughter conferred with the Treasurer's Office and resolved the matter by having the solid waste units applied to the appropriate properties.

The Board reviewed and approved the confidential minutes of the Executive Session held on May 22, 2018, with a county employee. Commissioner Bonney moved for approval and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Initial discussion was held on a possible random drug testing policy for county health and safety personnel. Sheriff Scott Dunkerson attended. Commissioner Adler reported that he has had public inquiries about the county's liability if illegal drugs or alcohol are involved when a county employee or volunteer is on duty and an accident occurs. The Board noted that random drug and alcohol testing currently occurs on county road department employees with a commercial driver's license (CDL) according to U.S. Department of Transportation policy. The Board agreed to request County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw draft a letter to be sent to all health and safety personnel that alcohol and illegal drugs are strictly forbidden when an employee or volunteer is on duty.

Public Comment: Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper met with the Board to request a joint session with the Town of Drummond in early June, including new Philipsburg Mayor Daniel Reddish. She suggested some agenda items for a joint meeting, including solid waste, sale of surplus county vehicles and equipment, and P.I.L.T. (Payments In Lieu of Taxes) funds. Mayor Leeper indicated that she has had questions from members of the public regarding past decisions and practices by the Board. Commissioner Slaughter responded that the purpose of a joint session is not for the Commission to defend decisions which have been made in the past, but to discuss items of joint interest to the towns and the county. Mayor Leeper requested that one more joint meeting be held to determine if there is public interest in continuing to hold joint meetings. The Board agreed to hold a joint session on Wednesday, June 13th at 6:30 p.m. in Drummond. On another subject, Mayor Leeper discussed improvements on the town's water tower, a flat bottom culvert over Bergman Slough near Drummond and a road approach. She is interested in potentially borrowing county P.I.L.T. funds or an Intercap loan as a source of funding those projects. The Board agreed to consider a potential on a future agenda after the county's long term budget needs are finalized.

Correspondence: None.

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The Board reviewed the Montana Association of Counties Joint Powers Agreement Property and Casualty Trust document, which had been recently revised. Commissioner Bonney moved to agree to the acknowledgement of the document and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Montana Association of Counties' (MACo) Workers Compensation Trust's Joint Powers Agreement and MACo's Property & Casualty Trust's Joint Powers Agreement which had been recently revised. Commissioner Bonney moved to agree to the revised documents and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Montana Association of Counties (MACo) Insurance Trust Administrator Shannon Shanholtzer, PayneWest Insurance Agent Rody Holman and PayneWest Insurance Senior Account Executive Lynn Thompson met with the Board for the annual MACo insurance review and renewal. Shannon Shanholtzer reviewed that there are 49 member counties and over 40 special districts in the MACo trusts. She reviewed the Property and Casualty Trust rate comparison for the county between the 2017-2018 fiscal year (\$134,912) and the preliminary rate for the 2018-2019 fiscal year (\$145,569), an increase of 7.9%, effective July 1, 2018. Shannon Shanholtzer noted that an increase of 7.9% is the average among all trust participants. Loss ratios, the comprehensive indemnification agreement, errors and omissions coverage, no liability coverage for use of drones (due to invasion of privacy issues), an increase in annual aggregate coverage limit to \$300 million, additional coverage for electronic vandalism, animals, crisis event, emergency evacuation expense, and cost to upgrade to green alternatives were reviewed. Commissioner Slaughter inquired whether the county is covered for employment-related legal issues and Rody Holman discussed that there is policy coverage for legal representation as it relates to employment practices and Shannon Shanholtzer reviewed that the MACo attorney must be consulted prior to any county employee termination in order for the insurance policy to provide compensation (indemnification) to the terminated employee if that should be necessary. Shannon Shanholtzer reviewed the loss control/risk management program, including new staff, MobileEye Program, regional trainings, upcoming refuse site guidelines, BRIT online safety training, contracted land use attorney and personnel services attorney. Shannon Shanholtzer noted that all these services are for the county's use and are included in the cost of the policies. She encouraged the county's use of these resources. Discussion was held on a claim which was previously settled without the county's knowledge. The Workers' Compensation Trust was reviewed, including that rates were reduced in every class code and the county's modification factor is .85, which should reduce the county's overall workers' compensation cost. Commissioner Bonney moved to renew the MACo insurance package for property and casualty and for workers' comp for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The session adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Blanche McLure, Clerk & Recorder

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