

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 8TH, 15TH, 22ND & 29TH OF JANUARY 2019 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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

<u>WARRANT</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
55358	FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK	PAYROLL & NOD FEE \$89,480.07
55359	VISA #1	RAPID FAX \$13.99
55360	VISA #2	PARTS SHIPPING & ONSTAR DATA PLAN \$68.51
55361	VISA #3	USPS- PLANNING \$196.05
55362	WOODPECKER TRUCK & EQUIP, INC	'19 INT'L TRUCK- LEASE \$2,210.41
55363	HUFFMAN GROCERY	EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY HAMS \$845.40
55364	3-V DISTRIBUTING	FSH SANDER; CHUTE ASSY; FREIGHT \$21,680.00
55365	360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES \$421.35
55366	ALAN BOOMER	DOUGLASS WEED DISTRICT \$2,505.38
55367	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	ACETYLENE & RENTAL FEE \$23.45
55368	ARCASEARCH CORPORATION	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES \$1,584.00
55369	BLACKFOOT CFT	DEC-18 \$3,505.22
55370	BROADWATER COUNTY	CONTRIBUTION - BARRUS \$25,000.00
55371	BRUCE WIGHT	DOUGLAS WEED DISTRICT \$3,829.44
55372	BUTTE PRODUCE	DRUMMOND SENIOR CENTER SUPPLIES \$424.13
55373	C J CANNALIATO	ENGINEERING AND MILAGE \$1,993.07
55374	CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL	EXCAVATOR \$1,144.07
55375	CENTURYLINK	EMERGENCY SERVICE BUNDLE SRVC \$415.80
55376	CENTURYLINK	FCP PHONE \$58.30
55377	COLETTE ADELE FADNESS	AREA V MILEAGE \$208.84
55378	COMDATA	DECEMBER BILLING \$3,050.47
55379	COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC	DECEMBER- HEATHER HILL \$100.00
55380	CULLIGAN	HOT-N-COLD RENTAL \$32.50
55381	DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACTED SERVICES \$1,640.94
55382	DOUG GRAYBEAL CONSTRUCTION	PHILIPSBURG AMBULANCE SHED \$65,704.00
55383	DRUMMOND AMBULANCE ASSOC	SUPPLIES \$174.25
55384	DRUMMOND COMMUNITY HALL	RENT \$300.00
55385	ENERGY PARTNERS LLC	ANNUAL TANK RENTAL AND FILL UP \$832.65
55386	EVA NEGUS	MIDDLE FORK WEED DISTRICT \$1,502.90
55387	FICKLER OIL CO. INC.	SUPPLIES \$1,996.08
55388	GENERAL DISTRIBUTING CO.	CO2, HP, ACETYLENE \$169.88
55389	GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE \$415.41
55390	GRANITE DISPOSAL	SERVICE \$260.00
55391	GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES \$800.25
55392	HESS & SONS, LLC	MIDDLE FORK WEED GRANT \$1,158.00
55393	HIGH TECH LINEN	RUGS \$130.38
55394	HOGAN'S RANCH & BUILDERS	SUPPLIES \$93.64
55395	HUFFMAN GROCERY	MEALS/CARE OF PRISIONER \$707.05
55396	HUFFMAN GROCERY	DRUMMOND SENIOR CENTER SUPPLIES \$315.40
55397	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES \$939.69
55398	JENSEN RANCH COMPANY	DOUGLAS WEED GRANT \$243.46
55399	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	ROAD DEPT SUPPLIES \$94.97
55400	JOHNSON CONTROLS	SERVICE REPAIRS \$908.49
55401	K L S HYDRAULICS	SUPPLIES \$290.13
55402	KIM PAWLAK	CAKE - OUTGOING OFFICIALS \$18.99
55403	LONGFELLOW FUNERAL HOME	VETERANS BENEFITS \$300.00
55404	MACO	INMATE MED BUDGET PROTECTOR \$131.76
55405	MAPS INC	CONTRACTED SERVICE \$1,434.50
55406	MCCATTLE RANCH COMPANY	UPPER VALLEY WEED DISTRICT \$1,147.50
55407	MCGOWAN WATER COND, INC	SALT AND RENTAL \$40.90
55408	MIDWEST LABORATORIES, INC	SERVICES \$229.00
55409	MONIDA HEALTHCARE NETWORK	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES \$734.20
55410	MONTANA ASSOC OF COUNTIES	DIRECTORY \$30.00
55411	MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH	SUPPLIES \$118.60
55412	MT CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES	SIGNS \$1,527.25
55413	MONTANA ELECTRONICS CO, INC	TECH SERVICES \$65.00
55414	MONTANA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACAD	BASIC CORONER TRAINING \$118.00
55415	MOUNT POWELL TIRE	TIRE CHAINS \$1,051.00
55416	MSU EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS	BOOKS/GUIDES \$94.75
55417	MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	SALARY SHARE/HAUPTMAN \$2,322.78
55418	MUNIS FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	UPPER VALLEY WEED DISTRICT \$2,970.00
55419	NAPA AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES \$20.87
55420	NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL	RECORD BOOK AND PINS \$40.95
55421	NEAL'S PHOTO SERVICE	SUPPLIES \$16.00
55422	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO	PLOW BLADE AND REFLECTORS \$4,247.95
55423	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	DECEMBER STATEMENT \$4,984.25
55424	PATRICIA BAUER	AREA V MILEAGE \$124.26
55425	PFENDLER ELECTRIC	LIGHT AT JAIL \$85.00
55426	PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	ADS \$1,219.50
55427	PHILIPSBURG SR CITZ CENTER	PRISIONER MEALS- NOV \$196.00
55428	PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF	WATER & SEWER FOR DCEMBER \$435.50

55429	PINTLER PETROLEUM	#2 DYED DIESEL	\$2,026.95
55430	QUILL CORPORATION	EXTENSION SUPPLIES	\$55.48
55431	REGISTRATIONMAX, LLC	FAIR ENTRY REGULAR PLAN	\$150.00
55432	REPUBLIC SERVICES #889	PICK-UP SERVICE DECEMBER	\$6,057.40
55433	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$4,386.01
55434	ROBERT CONNORS	SNOW REMOVAL- RIDDICK FIELD	\$200.00
55435	ROBIN BAUER	MIDDLE FORK WEED GRANT	\$1,407.35
55436	ROCKY MOUNTAIN SCALE WORKS	SCALE CALIBRATION & PARTS	\$834.87
55437	SAFEGUARD QBS	CLAIM WARRANTS	\$269.52
55438	SHARON MUNGAS	UPPER VALLEY WEED DISTRICT	\$1,602.50
55439	SOLE STONE	DRMD AMB BILLING & SUPPLIES	\$453.62
55440	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	SUPPLIES	\$141.33
55441	STATE TREASURER	ANNUAL REPORT FILING FEE	\$1,700.00
55442	SUNNY CARNAGEY	MIDDLE FORK WEED DISTRICT	\$665.85
55443	SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$225.00
55444	TERRY JO VIETOR	CRIME CONTROL	\$403.31
55445	TRANSUNION SOLUTIONS	SEARCHES AND REPORTS	\$75.00
55446	TUNING FORK RANCH	DOUGLAS CREEK WEED GRANT	\$811.02
55447	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$961.65
55448	VICKI HARDING	SUPPLIES	\$24.40
55449	WESTERN MT MENTAL HEALTH CNTR	COUNTY SHARE	\$1,274.00
55450	WESTERN STATES EQUIPMENT	EDGES, FILTERS, & OIL	\$1,736.80
55451	WESTTEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$667.00
55452	WILLIAM DINGWALL RANCH	DOUGLAS WEED DISTRICT	\$2,610.70
55453	WILLIAM WRATH	MIDDLE FORK WEED DISTRICT	\$2,143.04
55454	WOODLAND CREATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$393.43
55455	ZUERCHER	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$1,500.00
		CLAIMS FUND TOTAL	\$293,948.76

WARRANT/NOD	JOB TITLE	AMOUNT	
	ADLER, SCOTT C	COMMISSIONER	\$2,193.64
	ALT, PAUL	ROAD SUPERVISOR	\$5,955.83
	ANDERSON, MELINDA K	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY	\$1,160.49
	BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V	\$697.44
19164	BECKER, KYLAH L	DISPATCHER	\$2,004.65
	BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	\$4,055.17
	BONNEY, BARTON C	COMMISSIONER	\$2,080.16
	BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN	\$2,454.95
	BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER	\$5,057.77
	BRADSHAW, BLAINE C	COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$8,107.05
	BUTLER, JODI L	SOLID WASTE	\$2,724.96
19166	BUTLER, JODI L	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$400.00
	CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N	DISPATCH	\$2,927.44
	CAYKO, NICKIE N	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,213.84
19167	CAYKO, NICKIE N	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$430.00
	DAY, JAN P	DEPUTY CLERK	\$1,488.90
	DAY, NELS R	DES COORDINATOR	\$1,174.25
	DUNKERSON, WAYNE S	SHERIFF	\$4,548.84
	FADNESS, COLETTE A	AREA V AIDE	\$295.22
	FRATZKE, DEBBIE	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	\$1,992.58
	GRAHAM, SARAH E	CLERK & RECORDER	\$3,376.96
19168	GRAHAM, SARAH E	VACA/SICK PAYOUT	\$1,797.25
	HARDING, JEAN M	DISPATCHER	\$2,913.92
	HARDING, VICKI B	TREASURER	\$4,488.20
	HENNAGER, DEANNA L	DISPATCHER	\$2,248.20
	HOEHNE, JOHN W	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,870.99
19169	HOEHNE, JOHN W	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$430.00
	HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,276.00
19170	HOLLAND, BRAD J	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$430.00
	HULTMAN, TY R	DEPUTY	\$3,762.16
	JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,536.40
19171	JACOBSON, STEVEN	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$430.00
	KAHOE, MICHAEL	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	\$4,440.24
	KANE, KATHERINE	DISPATCHER	\$1,205.01
	KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE	\$3,008.88
19172	KENDALL, JOHN S	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$400.00
	KINGREY, ELWYN	JUNK VEHICLE	\$402.21
19165	LARDY, JAMES D	SITE RELIEF	\$1,211.44
	LATRAY, DANETTE L	TREASURER DEPUTY	\$3,376.96
	LOOBEY, THERESA R	TITLE CLERK	\$2,619.12
	MCDONNELL, FRED N	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$689.79
	MCLURE, BLANCHE A	CLERK & RECORDER	\$4,454.87
	OLSEN, RICK C	DEPUTY	\$4,087.15
	OSTLER, JASON K	DEPUTY	\$3,605.76
	OWENS, NANCY	RELIEF	\$156.00
	PALMER, KAREN P	COUNTY AGENT SEC	\$2,399.04
	PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY	\$2,970.24

	PAWLAK, KIMBERLY	FLOATING CLERK	\$1,626.38
	PETERS, DEBORAH A	DISPATCHER RELIEF	\$727.70
	PETERS, STEVEN D	DEPUTY	\$3,465.15
	SHEPARD, RAYLENE O	DISPATCHER	\$2,365.65
19173	SHEPARD, RAYLENE O	VACA/SICK PAYOUT	\$1,262.04
	SLAUGHTER, BILL L	COMMISSIONER	\$2,077.86
	SMITH, REBECCA	DEPUTY CLERK AND RECORDER	\$1,750.43
	SMITH, THADDEUS M	DEPUTY	\$3,773.97
	STEPHENSON, CHRIS D	SEASONAL ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$300.15
	VIETOR, TERRY J	CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE	\$1,179.20
	WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,444.00
19174	WALDEN, JAMES L	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$430.00
	WEST, WILLIAM H	DAM TENDER	\$329.86
	WILKINS, KENNETH D	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,285.58
19175	WILKINS, KENNETH D	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$430.00
	WILKINSON, BARBARA A	JUSTICE CLERK	\$1,322.33
	53 EMPLOYEES	TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	\$146,320.27

<u>WARRANT</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
19164	KYLAH BECKER	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19165	JAMES LARDY	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19166	JODI BUTLER	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19167	NICKIE CAYKO	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19168	SARAH GRAHAM	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19169	JOHNNIE HOEHNE	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19170	BRAD HOLLAND	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19171	STEVE JACOBSON	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19172	JOHN KENDALL	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19173	RALENE SHEPARD	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19174	JAMES WALDEN	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19175	KEN WILKINS	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19176	AFLAC INS	\$205.81
19177	CHRISTMAS CLUB	\$1,955.00
19178	COLONIAL	\$18.75
19179	FIT	\$9,160.27
19179	MEDICARE	\$4,105.62
19179	P.E.R.S.	\$17,617.11
19179	PERS RETIREE	\$434.93
19179	SHERIFF RETIRE	\$5,487.69
19179	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$17,554.84
19179	UNEMPL. INSUR.	\$1,878.37
19180	IUOE 400	\$407.20
19181	MACO DENTAL	\$2,242.00
19181	MACO VISION	\$487.00
19181	MACOHCT	\$40,482.00
19181	UNUMLIFE	\$726.95
19182	PEBSC	\$4,450.00
19183	SIT	\$5,798.00
19184	UNION - PENSION	\$518.98
19185	WORKERS' COMP	\$16,750.53
	TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES	\$130,281.05

GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

January 1, 2019

No regular session was scheduled or held.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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January 2, 2019

The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in special session in the Commission Office of the Granite County Courthouse with Chairperson Bill Slaughter and Commissioners

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Scott Adler and Charles Hinkle attending. Also attending was Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Charles Hinkle was welcomed as the new member of the Board. Charles Hinkle had taken the oath of office on December 28, 2018 with other elected officials, and the oath was administered by current Third Judicial District Court Judge Ray J. Dayton. The Board was reorganized and Bill Slaughter was elected chairperson for 2019 on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Commissioner Adler stated that public comments must be confined to the subject on the agenda and not be allowed to be diverted to personal attacks.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt was not able to meet with the Board due to an equipment breakdown which required his attention. The Board discussed that Paul Alt must return telephone calls to people who call him. John Spaeth met with the Board and made a comment regarding a letter he had sent to the Board stating his objection to Paul Alt receiving a substantial raise. Commissioner Adler asked John Spaeth if this was about Paul Alt getting a raise or is this personal? John Spaeth denied that it was personal. Commissioner Adler asked John Spaeth why he had no problem with what the Commission had offered Mark Teague, yet he has a problem with a raise for Paul Alt. Commissioner Slaughter responded that the Board is trying to keep up with the current market for road superintendents. John Spaeth commented that he did not feel that it was proper to add the Solid Waste position to the Road Superintendent position with an additional salary. Commissioner Slaughter reminded John Spaeth that it was on the agenda and considered three times; and that Paul Alt is doing it for \$15,000.00, as opposed to the previous solid waste director who made \$34,000 including benefits. Discussion was held that there are currently six vacancies for road superintendents in the state. John Spaeth commented that the Henderson Creek Road, which he drives every day, had been in better condition in the past than it is now. John Spaeth commented that some road employees are on Facebook during work hours. John Spaeth voiced his opposition to the Board giving the Road Superintendent a large increase in base pay. The Board responded that a raise is being considered to get the salary up to a median rate with road superintendents in similar size counties in Montana.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.59 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 10.92 inches below full pool with an estimated 20 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 20 cfs over the weir. Commissioner Adler moved to make no change in the outflow and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for December 18, 2018. The minutes were approved as revised on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no Board discussion or public comment. The motion carried. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

The Board discussed the bid award and contractual agreement for the new Philipsburg Ambulance Garage Project. Through the complete, public bidding process, a single bid was received that was timely submitted by Doug Graybeal Construction of Hall in the amount of \$110,114.00 to complete the building project, had been opened and read aloud at the December 18, 2018 session. Doug Graybeal met with the Board and stated that he would rather not do the project in phases. Patrick Little with the Philipsburg Volunteer Ambulance attended and noted that there is \$25,500.00 this fiscal year in the Philipsburg Ambulance budget for the new ambulance garage and that he would like the building to be completed at one time, not in phases as was suggested here. Doug Graybeal noted that it is inefficient for a contractor to do a job in phases, which involves storage of materials that would obstruct proper use of the building as an ambulance garage. The Board discussed that the Philipsburg Ambulance budget would need an additional approximately \$85,000.00 to complete the building. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that it is lawful to do an interfund loan to complete the project, with payments over four years; it could be done through a Resolution of the Board. Patrick Little noted that revenue should increase with more people completing the current EMT class. Commissioner Hinkle moved that the funds (\$85,114.00) be taken from the PILT Fund at no interest to complete the ambulance garage project to be repaid over the next four fiscal years with the \$25000 being paid

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this current fiscal year from the Philipsburg Ambulance budget (\$25,000 paid this current fiscal year from the ambulance association's budget towards the building project and the \$85,114 paid in three additional payments over the next three years). A written Resolution would need to be adopted increasing the ambulance association's current fiscal year budget and authorizing the loan with repayment from PILT funds. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. Commissioner Adler stated that he feels that the county is not a bank and he is not in favor of a loan from another fund. Patrick Little commented that there is currently not a place to consistently hold EMT trainings. There was no further public comment. The motion carried with Commissioners Slaughter and Hinkle voting in favor of the motion and Commissioner Adler voting against the motion. Commissioner Adler moved to award the bid to Doug Graybeal Construction in the amount of \$110,114.00. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no Board discussion and no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw drafted the contract between Granite County and Doug Graybeal Construction and the contract was signed today and an original copy given to Doug Graybeal and one original contract was retained by the County. Doug Graybeal was given authorization to commence the project once his certificate of liability insurance and workers' compensation coverage was provided to the county. The performance bond obtained by Doug Graybeal construction would also be provided to the county.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2019-5 "A Granite County Resolution Authorizing The Lease of A 2019 International Truck From Woodpecker Truck & Equipment Inc." Commissioner Adler moved to adopt Resolution 2019-5 and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no Board discussion or public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered the lease documents for the 2019 International Truck to be leased from Woodpecker Truck & Equipment Inc. of Pendleton, Oregon. The lease documents were approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no Board discussion or public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board met with Deputy Clerk and Recorder Becky Smith to discuss the PHEP (Public Health Emergency Preparedness) Coordinator position, which is currently vacant due to Becky Smith's resignation. Becky Smith, former PHEP Coordinator, reported that the grant funded position through the Montana Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is funded through the end of the current fiscal year, but that next year if there are increases in wages and health insurance, the grant amount would not be sufficient. She noted that the annual PHEP grant is \$29,000.00 and the starting wage is \$15.59/hour for the one-half time (20 hours per week) position. The Board discussed how to proceed with the position and Becky Smith indicated that it could be a work from home position and she agreed to check with DPHHS to see if this PHEP position could be a contracted position. She explained the duties and the importance of the position to new Commissioner Charles Hinkle. The Board discussed that the position would end if the grant funding ended. Becky Smith volunteered to assist during the transition to a new PHEP Coordinator. Chairperson Slaughter tabled the matter pending the receipt of further information.

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON Granite County Hospital District, was not able to meet with the Board at the appointed time.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: The Board agreed to send a letter to Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper regarding some questions which she had voiced at a public meeting.

The session adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

January 8, 2019

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

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt did not attend the meeting as he is traveling to pick up a new 2019 International snow plow truck.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.59 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 10.92 inches below full pool with an estimated 20 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 20 cfs over the weir. Commissioner Adler moved to make no change in the outflow and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. Commissioner Adler noted that there seems to be little moisture in the current snowpack. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

As public comment, Bill Kleinhans met with the Board and commented on Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt's possible wage increase. He stated that proposed salary is a comparable salary to comparable size counties and Paul Alt has received a good performance evaluation. He feels that the Commissioners were elected to do the job and they are doing it.

The Board considered the Interlocal Agreement proposed by the Montana Department of Justice between the Montana Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division, and Granite County for the purpose of setting forth a framework under which Granite County will provide employees to perform certain tasks relating to the titling and registrations of motor vehicles, and provide physical space in the county seat. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the agreement and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. Commissioner Adler indicated that the agreement has been reviewed and approved by MACo and many other county treasurers and county attorneys. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

The Board moved to the District Courtroom of the Granite County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m. to make a decision on the petition to withdraw a portion of Lower Rock Creek from the Granite County Hospital District. In addition to the three Commissioners, County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe attended. A public hearing on the petition had been scheduled, advertised and held on October 3, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Drummond Community Hall in Drummond. A transcript of that hearing is included in the Board minutes on that date.

Commissioner Slaughter started the meeting by requesting that County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw read the statute relating to the petition. County Attorney Bradshaw reviewed that the Commission received the petition on September 4, 2018 and a public hearing was held in Drummond on October 3, 2018. County Attorney Bradshaw read Montana Code Annotated Section 7-3-2156, subsection one (1) which and states in the last clause of that subsection, that the petition is accepted only ". . . on the grounds that such area will not be benefited by remaining in said district." He stated that it is the Commission's job today to make a decision on the petition and comments that go outside of the meaning of that clause will not be considered. Also, all of the comments received have been typed up and will be reviewed here today.

Commissioner Slaughter introduced Commissioner Chuck Hinkle and noted that Commissioner Hinkle was not in office at the time of the hearing, but he will be a part of this process today. Commissioner Slaughter called for further public comment or additional public comment on the petition related to the statute. He noted that all comments received previously have been typed up and will be reviewed later today. He requested that people stand and speak clearly. He asked for additional (new) public comment at this time.

A.J. Michnevich, a resident property owner living in the Lower Rock Creek area, reiterated that Lower Rock Creek people do not benefit from being in the hospital district as they go to Missoula for all medical services, including hospital and flu shots. He pointed out that only Lower Rock Creek people pay additional taxes to Clinton Rural Fire for fire protection services and certain other emergency services and they are also paying an additional mill levy for a service that they do not use; they would like to be relieved from paying two taxes for the same service. There was no additional comment.

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Commissioner Slaughter requested that County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw read the following bullet points (summarized from oral comments received by the Board from the public during the public hearing and written comments received by the Board from the public following the public hearing) in opposition to the petition:

- Some of the residents from Lower Rock Creek that signed the Petition to Withdraw have used the Granite County Hospital District's (GCHD) services with there being two in the past 18 months
- We all pay taxes we may not directly benefit from but pay them anyway for the indirect benefit of the betterment of the county and its residence. (example School Districts)
- As a matter of fairness, sometimes there is not a direct benefit, but there is an indirect benefit
- GCHD's Granite County Medical Center (GCMC) is a great facility and proud to have it and if a Lower Rock Creek resident were in an accident or illness while in or near Philipsburg then they could the GCMC.
- Logistics of the small communities have not changed for many years—same as when they petitioned to create the GCHD.
- The rural lifestyle speaks to the reality that services are limited, but still a benefit.
- Many residents around Granite County have primary care doctors in Missoula, Anaconda and Butte, but still benefit from the GCHD
- GCMC is important for emergencies, short term hospitalization, and the nursing home.
- It is clear that the residents would benefit and have benefitted by Hospital and clinic services.
- Lower Rock Creek residents have several issues with Granite County, such as road conditions, ambulance and fire coverage, trash etc. and are simply using this issue to make a point to the Commissioners.
- Over the years, there have been visits to GCHD's facilities from the 59825 Clinton/Lower Rock Creek zip code and two from within area withdrawing have used GCHD's services in past 18 months
- County residents should be willing to share expenses as well as benefits for the good of all county residents.
- The GCHD's nursing home is there for all in the GCHD who need to use it and provides excellent care (example given of one's mother in the nursing home, but the mother was not from Lower Rock area).

Commissioner Slaughter asked if any Commission member had comments on the above points and there were none.

Commissioner Slaughter requested that County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw read the following bullet points (summarized from oral comments made by the public during the public hearing and written comments received by the Board from the public following the public hearing) in support of the petition:

- There is no actual benefit to those in Lower Rock Creek.
- No un-contradicted testimony before the Board of County Commissioners showing that the petitioning area would benefit by remaining in the hospital district.
- Lower Rock Creek Residents pay 8.79% levy to Clinton for additional services because if they ever needed help it wouldn't come from Drummond or Philipsburg.
- Paying 4.85% levy of taxes to GCHD for services not receiving.
- GCMC is needed for remainder of current GCHD (like Philipsburg and Drummond), but not for those on the petition because of no services or facilities of GCHD in Lower Rock Creek area.
- The people of Lower Rock Creek area, as generally represented at the public hearing on the Petition, believe they do not receive any benefit.
- In addition to what Lower Rock Creek property owners all pay in taxes to GCHD, they also pay to Clinton Rural Fire District for services such as medical calls.
- There is a political fight for limited Granite County resources and services, but Lower Rock Creek area is left out of the equation as they are out in the boondocks.
- There is no benefit as Lower Rock Creek is closer to Missoula and those in the Lower Rock Creek area go to Missoula for medical services.

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- One who has lived in Lower Rock Creek area for 40 years with lots of health problems, 100% of the time has gone to Missoula and never to Drummond or Philipsburg to use GCHD's facilities or services.
- No ambulance service from Granite County serves Lower Rock Area, ambulance is private company that comes out of Missoula.
- There is no current benefit to those on Lower Rock Creek and doesn't see one in the future as no plan to provide facilities or increase services in Lower Rock Creek area.
- Of the patient visits to the GCHD facilities or services in last 18 months as discussed by the GCHD, only two are verified from the area petitioned to be withdrawn from the GCHD
- Geographically separated from existing facilities and services provided by the Hospital District
- More comprehensive medical services in Missoula area than provided by GCHD
- Easier to access medical services in Missoula, especially in winter due to treacherous roads

Commissioner Slaughter noted that all the public comments received have been included in the bullet points. Commissioner Adler commented that he has spoken with the ambulance people and the Drummond ambulance service does go in to Lower Rock Creek, with three calls there last year, and he has seen it there.

County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw asked each Commissioner as to the specific findings they were in agreement with and the basis for that agreement. Commissioner Adler stated that the findings explain themselves and he believes there are no benefits provided to residents of the Lower Rock Creek area because of the distance, except the ambulance service, as he previously stated. However, it should be noted that the ambulance service is an entity of Granite County, not the GCHD. Commissioner Hinkle stated that he agrees with all the supporting statements and as a new Commission, he listened to the public hearing held on October 3, 2018 and has reviewed all of the public comment regarding the Petition; and he believes there is no public benefit per law based upon the public comment of those residing in the area proposed to be withdrawn from the GCHD. Also, he noted that the amount of the hospital district funded by Lower Rock Creek is minimal, at about \$6,000.00 per year, and the rest of the district easily handle taking over paying for those lost tax revenues. Commissioner Slaughter concurred with Commission Adler that, based upon the law and the public comment, this area of Lower Rock Creek does not benefit from remaining in the district because of the distance to use the services. He further stated that he understands the public comment given in that, "There is a good reason to support all services in the county," but that is not the issue and those comments do not comply with the statutory criteria of being benefited or not benefited by remaining in the district. He noted that none of the comments by the public or by the Commission reflect the great services provided by the Granite County Hospital District and he does not believe that a decision today to grant the petition to withdraw and is not a reflection on the services provided by the GCHD because he truly believes the GCHD provides quality health care services.

Commissioner Hinkle moved to accept and approve the petition to withdraw certain portions of Lower Rock Creek from the Granite County Hospital District. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. As discussion, Commissioner Hinkle noted that he supports the hospital. He stated that he totally supports the hospital and noted that the Board recently voted to upgrade the Philipsburg ambulance garage, which is part of the infrastructure of the hospital. Commissioner Adler had no comment. Commissioner Slaughter noted that he had discussed with local landowner and attorney, Chuck Johnson, that some comments have been made that it is good to support all services in the county for the good of all of the people in the county, but that argument does not comply with the statute cited by the county attorney, and Chuck Johnson agreed. Commissioner Slaughter stated that he will vote in favor of the petition as services are not available to those people on Lower Rock Creek and a lot of it is due to geographic location and has nothing to do with the great services provided by the district. Commissioner Slaughter requested that Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe read the motion: "Commissioner Hinkle moved to accept and approve the petition to withdraw certain portions of Lower Rock Creek from the Granite County Hospital District." There was no further Board discussion and no public comment on the motion. The motion carried unanimously and Commissioner Slaughter stated that the petition is approved.

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Kathleen Bartlett commented that the snow plowing is better this year on Rock Creek Road (lower Rock Creek), although they could drop a little more sand to help the road thaw. Commissioner Slaughter noted that the county is in the process of upgrading its equipment.

Blaine Bradshaw stated that he will draw up a Resolution regarding the vote today and the withdrawal will become effective January 1, 2020 per statute, the Montana Code Annotated. Commissioner Slaughter noted that the Resolution would be done during public meetings and the public would have an opportunity to comment. Carl Sundstrom inquired if there was any long term bonded indebtedness and County Attorney Bradshaw indicated that he did not know of any and that the current mill levy is not bonded indebtedness.

Susie Browning asked if Lower Rock Creek people will still be responsible for taxes for the hospital district in November 2019. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw responded that they would, but not for the entire term of the newly passed mill levy via election commencing July 1, 2019. He noted that the Department of Revenue had indicated that it may be taken off prior to that, but he cannot speak for the Department of Revenue. There was no further public comment. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Members of the public signing in were Carolyn Persico, Tim Allen, Carl Sundstrom, Katie Quam, E. Gagliano, A. J. Michnevich, Cynthia Breindel, Jerome Breindel, Kristi Mainwaring, John Barbara, Gail Leeper, Maria Stoppler, David Breitzman, Kathleen Bartlett, Henry Bartlett, R. Motta, and Susie Browning.

The Board returned to the Commission Office in the Granite County Courthouse to continue the regular session.

Julie Jaksha, Regional Small Business Development Director, and Adam Benson, Director of Loan Services, met with the Board to give an update of Headwaters RC&D programs in the seven county region. Also attending was Drummond Mayor, Gail Leeper. Julie Jaksha presented a handout of information regarding Headwaters programs including new business startups, availability of new loans to start small businesses, first time home buyer education courses and counseling on small business development. Discussion was held on local businesses, the lack of rental housing, lack of child care, improvement of the Philipsburg Airport, lack of a grocery store in Drummond, tourism, grass fed beef opportunities, wood product development and economic development in general. Adam Benson reviewed the loan programs available for economic development, typically in association with a local bank but not in competition with the local bank. Tax Increment Financing Districts were discussed, including how a district is financed. The thrust of the programs is to retain and create jobs, according to Julie Jaksha. Mayor Leeper, an RC&D board member, noted that Granite County and Philipsburg have not had a representative on the RC&D board for some time and they are entitled to representation.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2019-1 "A Granite County Resolution Establishing Regular Commission Meeting Dates, And Regular Courthouse Office Hours For Calendar Year 2019." There was no Board discussion or public comment.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2019-2 "A Granite County Resolution Establishing Mileage, Lodging And Per Diem Rates For Business Travel And Providing For An Effective Date." There was no Board discussion or public comment.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2019-3 "A Granite County Resolution Establishing The Daily Rate And Daily Rate Of Credit For Incarceration And Providing For An Effective Date." There was no Board discussion or public comment.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2019-4 "A Granite County Resolution Denying The Petitions To Establish Portions Of Lucky And Hilltop Lanes Within Granite County As County Roads." There was no Board discussion or public comment.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2019-6 "A Granite County Resolution Authorizing An Increase To The County's Philipsburg Ambulance Association 2019 Fiscal Year Budget With A Loan Transfer From PILT Funds And Loan Repayment Schedule." There was no Board discussion or public comment.

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Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: The Board received correspondence from the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) regarding house move planned for January 15, 2019, from Montana Highway One to Brown's Lake in Powell County. The Board notified MDT that it had no objection and notified Sheriff Scott Dunkerson of the planned move.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 2, 2019, meeting. The minutes were approved as revised on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Pintler District Ranger Cameron Rasor did not meet with the Board as scheduled.

DES Safety Coordinator Rick Day met with the Board to request approval of the proposed Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) by-laws and roster. Rick Day noted that the LEPC was created in 2008, but no by-laws were adopted at that time. He has worked with County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw on the by-laws. Commissioner Hinkle moved to accept the by-laws and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the LEPC roster as presented and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The Board also considered Task Order No. 10 with Great West Engineering of Helena in the amount of \$24,999.99, the amount of the grant from Montana DES and FEMA, to update the Hazardous Mitigation Plan and scope of work for the county and the incorporated town of Philipsburg and Drummond. Rick Day plans to have a small committee meet in four different areas of the county to facilitate the completion of the plan. Commissioner Adler moved to approve Task Order No. 10, including the scope of work, with Great West Engineering of Helena. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Rick Day reported that a future grant application is planned to remodel the Emergency Operations Center at the Granite County Jail, and if so, this grant application matter would be noticed on the Board's agenda.

Phil Boettcher/Garnet Range LLC, a local landowner who has property near Garnet, met with the Board to request assistance to access a cabin he states he owns by tax deed, and the cabin is on mining claim property owned by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Phil Boettcher presented a folder of material to each Commissioner. He reviewed that he bought a cabin in the Garnet ghost town area through a tax deed and he does not have vehicular access to the cabin because of BLM's year around locked gate on BLM property. Commissioner Adler inquired whether Phil Boettcher had contacted the BLM directly and Phil Boettcher noted that he has visited with the BLM regarding access to the cabin and that he did not get very far. Also, he reported that other parties have access across BLM public ground in the same area. Phil Boettcher noted that the BLM is scheduled to have a new master plan for the area in the near future. He stated that he is caught between paying taxes to Granite County on the cabin and not having access to the cabin. Commissioner Slaughter suggested that Phil Boettcher write an official letter to the BLM and receive a written response; at that time the county would be in a better position to provide assistance if it is still needed. Commissioner Adler agreed that Phil Boettcher should make the original official documented written approach to the BLM regarding the status of the cabin and access to the cabin. Discussion was held on the status of the mining claims in the area. The Board invited Phil Boettcher to return with the additional information when he receives it and ask for assistance from the county if needed and the Board would decide if such assistance would be given by the county. Also attending was Rita Boettcher.

The Board considered further information received from the Montana Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS) on the PHEP (Public Health Emergency Preparedness) coordinator position. The information indicated that compliance with the program can be accomplished using an independent contractor, rather than a county employee, and that several counties in Montana are considering it. DPHHS recommended that the independent contractor be someone that is not an independent contractor for the PHEP program in another Montana county. Commissioner Adler moved that the county PHEP program be publicly advertised for proposals from independent contractors. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was

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no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The Board agreed to publicly advertise for proposals from independent contractors to operate the county PHEP program.

The session adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt was absent today. Commissioner Hinkle made a motion to increase salary \$5,000 immediately and re-advertise position. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw stated that the job cannot be re-advertised. Commissioner Hinkle amended motion to increase Paul Alt's salary to \$4,000 starting immediately and depending on satisfactory performance increases of \$4,000 in July 2019, \$3,000 in 2020 and \$3,000 in 2021. No second was made, so the motion died. Commissioner Slaughter moved to remove Road and Bridge Superintendent, Paul Alt, from probationary pay and increase salary \$7,000 immediately and after a satisfactory performance increase salary another \$7,000 on July 1, 2019. No second, was made so the motion died. Commissioner Adler made a motion to increase salary \$5,000 immediately. Commissioner Adler rescinded his motion. Commissioner Slaughter moved to remove Road and Bridge Superintendent, Paul Alt, off of probationary pay and increase salary \$7,000 immediately and increase salary an additional \$7,000 on July 1, 2019 so long as he is given a satisfactory performance review at that time. Paul Alt's pay as Solid Waste Supervisor would remain the same. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. Commissioner Hinkle stated this position would not be covered under the County matrix system.

Comment:

- Susie Browning had heard Commissioner Slaughter say Paul Alt is on probation, but that probation only lasts for 6 months. Mr. Slaughter then interjected that he meant that Mr. Alt is currently on probationary pay. Susie Browning also noted that in past Commission minutes there is no mention of probation salary, also there is no mention about going back to revisit salary. This year's 2.1% COLA gave Paul Alt a \$1,470 increase in salary. Susie supplied comparisons from counties across the state regarding road supervisor salaries. She would like commission to reconsider the salary increase. Susie thanked Commissioner Adler for getting this subject on the agenda.
- Tim Allen questioned if motion trying to establish base salary for road supervisor generally or for Paul Alt. The stated motion is worded poorly.
- Rodney Hobough questioned Paul Alt's glowing evaluation, when citizens are not seeing roads being properly maintained. Why is gravel being hauled from different pits? The Commission responded that different gravel pits have different quality gravel. Are road employees happy with Paul Alt as their supervisor? Commission Slaughter responded that they are happy with him. Rodney Hobough asked for a job description for the Road and Bridge Superintendent. He is disappointed the Commission is considering such a large salary increase at one time.
- Dan Villa asked why was this Road & Bridge Superintendent position was created in the first place. Commission responded they needed person in charge to oversee things, order and get parts. Why wasn't this position offered to someone already on the crew? The savings in salary and a truck would have been huge for the county. Commission Adler stated the position was offered in house to road crew members and no one applied.
- John Spaeth believes the present base salary along with solid waste salary is sufficient for this county. The Commission should re-evaluate salary after 2 or 3 years.

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- Dick Motta thought this was about Paul Alt receiving a salary increase, not setting the base salary for the Road and Bridge Superintendent. Why wasn't this set when Paul Alt's probationary period was over and then included in the current budget when it was set? What will happen when budget will be depleted? Commissioners stated this should have been done when the probationary period was over and that a line item in the fund may have to be done, however it will be within the road fund. Is Paul Alt still supervisor of county land fill and will he be asking for a raise there? What hours does Paul work? Commission stated no and he's on call 24/7. It was suggested that the Commission should combine road and bridge superintendent with solid waste manager.
- Elena Gagliano said on December 18, 2018 Paul Alt's salary was discussed, when was his performance evaluation? Commission stated at least 2 weeks before. Elena Gagliano said she heard no one comment that Paul Alt is doing a good job. Roads are in poor condition, doesn't return calls, etc. Between what the public sees and what commission says his performance is, there is a difference. Elena Gagliano does not agree with the salary raise.

After all the public comment was given, Commissioner Slaughter called for a vote. The motion carried and passed 2-1. Commissioner Slaughter and Commissioner Adler voted for the motion, Commissioner Hinkle voted against the motion. County Attorney Bradshaw was asked and agreed to draft the written employment contract.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.59 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 10.92 inches below full pool with an estimated 20 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 20 cfs over the weir. Commissioner Hinkle moved to make no change in the outflow and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed county claims for December 2018. The claims were approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff/Coroner Scott Dunkerson met with the Board to present his written wage increase proposal dated 12-13-2018 for dispatchers in order to keep dispatchers. The increase would be approximately \$23,000 per year. Sheriff Dunkerson stated that part of his dispatch salary would come from 911 funds. A resolution to increase the Sheriff's budget for wages, to adjust the matrix for dispatchers, and to authorize transfer funds from Sheriff's 911 Fund to pay for the wage increase needs to be drafted. The County Attorney said he would draft the Resolution consistent action of the Board. Commissioner Adler moved to increase the dispatchers salary by \$1.00 per hour for all dispatchers (entry level with corresponding two percent increases for each step across the pay matrix) in addition to the and graveyard shift increase of \$1.00 per hour and \$.60 per hour for the swing shift as of January 1, 2019, and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bruce Wiederspiel's Family Transfer Hardship Request matter was discussed. Please refer to the Planning Board's Memorandum, with recommendations dated January 7, 2018 (actually 2019 as that was a typo) for background on this matter, and this Memorandum is copied below this current paragraph. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, County Planner Linda Bouck, Edwin and Michele Churchill were present. Ed and Michelle Churchill, realtors for Mr. Wiederspiel, attended on behalf of Mr. Wiederspiel since he was not able to be present. Mr. Wiederspiel was on his way back from the Galapagos Islands. Mr. Churchill indicated he was not able to meet with the Planning Board at their January 3, 2019 public meeting as he had been in an accident so he sent in a letter with attached medical records. It should be noted that these medical records are confidential, are not public records, and will not be disclosed to the public. Mr. Bruce Wiederspiel had purchased land 10 years ago, and the land backs up to forest service land. There is no intent to further subdivide the land in question. Commissioner Slaughter closed the meeting to the public due to the hardship request being requested for medical reasons and this medical information is private information, and that Mr. Wiederspiel's privacy rights outweighs the public's right to know. Regarding Mr. Wiederspiel's medical records, these are held confidentially by the County. However, there is no financial distress due to the cancer. Bruce Wiederspiel doesn't want to wait until October 2019 to sell as he has a buyer now. The sale needs

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to take place this month as there is a 1031 exchange planned by the Buyer. The Commission finds no credible hardship in this case from them to recommend to the Granite County Clerk & Recorder to allow Mr. Wiederspiel's wife to record the deed at this point—this deed would be regarding this land at question which is a parcel of land recently created via the family transfer exception to the subdivision laws. The Commission agreed with the Planning Board's Memorandum, with recommendations, discussed above. The meeting was opened back to public. Commissioner Hinkle moved to go with recommendation of the planning board to deny the hardship to Mr. Bruce Wiederspiel. County Attorney Bradshaw stated if there is no hardship there would be evasion of the subdivision regulations and laws in this matter. Commission Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously to deny the hardship request.

The Granite County Planning Board's Memorandum dated January 7th is copied below:

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners
From: Planning Board
Date: January 7, 2018 [corrected year is 2019]
Re: Wiederspiel Family Transfer

Per your request, the Planning Board reviewed the Wiederspiel Family Transfer for subdivision evasion at their meeting on January 3, 2019. The Wiederspiel Family Transfer was completed in October of 2017. As has always been the policy for Granite County, should a deed on a family transfer be submitted for filing within 2 years of the date of the family transfer filing, a review for evasion is completed. Although no deed has been submitted, Mr. Wiederspiel requested a determination with consideration for a personal hardship. Unfortunately no one representing Mr. Wiederspiel was able to attend the meeting and no information for consideration of a hardship was presented.

The Board considered the information and evidence on hand.

- A family transfer was completed in October 2017.
- As part of this family transfer, a 195 acre parcel was created under the family transfer exemption. It was made known to the property representative that this parcel would be subject to evasion review should they try to sell it within 2 years of the filing date.
- The 40 acre parent parcel that was remaining, once the 195 acre family transfer parcel was removed, retained the right for immediate sale.
- The 40 acre parent parcel was sold in late 2017, early 2018.
- In 2018 a formal family transfer policy was put into place by Granite County. This now requires no sale of any parcel before 2 years. Mr. Wiederspiel is not subject to this requirement. He is subject to the previous requirement of review for evasion within 2 years.
- Mr. Wiederspiel requested to allow for a hardship to sell the parcel to the Granite County Board of Commissioners on December 11, 2019. The Board of Commissioners sent the request to the Granite County Planning Board for consideration of an evasion and as to whether a hardship was present.
- The Planning Board reviewed the request on January 3rd at their meeting.
- One of the Planning Board members noted this property has been on the market for the past 3 years. Additionally the parcel was not taken off of the market following the family transfer.
- No representative for Mr. Wiederspiel attended the meeting and no information on a hardship was submitted for review.
- Given the evidence before them, the Planning Board determined the attempted sale of the parcel to be an evasion of the subdivision and platting act. They believe the parcel was created for sale purposes only and to evade subdivision and subdivision requirements. Their recommendation is to deny the hardship and inform the owner that any attempt to sell the property prior to October of 2019 will result in legal action by Granite County for evasion.

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- Following the meeting, a voice mail was received by the Granite County planning office. The voice mail had been left in the middle of the meeting and not received by staff until after the meeting. This voice mail was from Ed Churchill, representative for Mr. Wiederspiel, stating he had been in an automobile accident and was unable to attend the meeting.
- On Monday, January 7, 2019, planning staff received an email from Mr. Churchill, sent on Friday, January 4, 2019, with the hardship evidence and a letter of explanation. This information is all attached for your review. As the Planning Board did not receive it, they did not consider it.

Given the evidence before them, the Planning Board recommends denial of the hardship and inform the owner that any attempt to sell the property prior to October of 2019 will result in legal action by Granite County for evasion.

End of Memorandum

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The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2019-1 “A Granite County Resolution Establishing Regular Commission Meeting Dates, And Regular Courthouse Office Hours For Calendar Year 2019.” Commissioner Adler moved for adoption of Resolution 2019-1 and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2019-2 “A Granite County Resolution Establishing Mileage, Lodging And Per Diem Rates For Business Travel And Providing For An Effective Date.” Commissioner Adler moved for adoption of Resolution 2019-2 and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2019-3 “A Granite County Resolution Establishing The Daily Rate And Daily Rate Of Credit For Incarceration And Providing For An Effective Date.” Commissioner Adler moved for adoption of Resolution 2019-3 and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2019-4 “A Granite County Resolution Denying The Petitions To Establish Portions Of Lucky And Hilltop Lanes Within Granite County As County Roads.” Commissioner Hinkle moved for adoption of Resolution 2019-4 and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2019-6 “A Granite County Resolution Authorizing An Increase To The County’s Philipsburg Ambulance Association 2019 Fiscal Year Budget With A Loan Transfer From PILT Funds And Loan Repayment Schedule.” Commissioner Hinkle moved for adoption of Resolution 2019-6 and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. Commissioner Adler is against taking the money out of PILT. The motion carried 2-1. Commissioner Slaughter and Commissioner Hinkle voted for the motion and Commissioner Adler voted against the motion.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2019-7 “A Granite County Resolution Granting The Petition, Received By The County On September 4, 2018, To Withdraw Certain Area of Lower Rock Creek From The Granite County Hospital District.” Matt Pierce with MAPs has drafted the maps depicting the area to be withdrawn to be attachments of the Resolution. These maps will be posted on the County’s website, under Notices. The maps will be posted this week so the public may review them prior to passage of this Resolution next week. It should be noted the intent of petition was to include all of Idle Ranches Subdivision on Lower Rock Creek, and so all of the land in the subdivision will be included in the area to be withdrawn. There was no public comment.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 8, 2019, meeting. The minutes were approved as revised on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

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Public Comment: None

Correspondence: None

The session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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January 22, 2019

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

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and stated that it will be 10 days before new snow plow blade is here. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw presented the Commission with a draft, written employee contract agreement between the county and Paul Alt which would be placed on the agenda in the near future. Chuck Houtz, a local resident who resides on East Fork Road, attended and stated that the county road department broke a post while plowing snow, within county right-of-way, on East Fork Road. While Mr. Houtz, with other individuals, were putting in new post, a Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative's telephone line was cut. From Mr. Houtz' statement, it appears he was directing this new post installation. Blackfoot then made the repairs to its telephone line. Neither Chuck Houtz, nor the individuals with him during the past installation, attempted to locate the telephone line prior to digging. There is some question as to whether Blackfoot had an encroachment permit to install the telephone line in the location of where it was cut. This matter will be looked into further. Mr. Houtz has now received a bill from Blackfoot in the amount of \$8,742.92 to repair the damaged phone line. Commissioner Slaughter called Butch Friede, County's representative to Blackfoot, to ask him to contact Blackfoot and have the invoice dismissed. Commissioner Hinkle moved that if Butch Friede cannot get Blackfoot to dismiss invoice, the Commission will have the County Attorney write a letter to Blackfoot that the invoice will not be paid as the telephone line, where it was cut, is in the county right-of-way without an encroachment permit being granted, so the county had no notice of the line. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Tri-County Sanitarian Chad Lanes stopped by to introduce himself to Commissioner Hinkle.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.59 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 10.92 inches below full pool with an estimated 20 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 20 cfs over the weir. Commissioner Adler is concerned the gage is not working properly since the reading has not changed for 3 weeks. The Commission will contact USGS. Commissioner Hinkle moved to make no change in the outflow and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

District Ranger Cameron Razor and Sara Rouse met with the Commission on extending the road maintenance project since there is money remaining. Commissioner Adler moved to modify agreement with U.S. Forest Service for Meyers-Little Hogback Road Maintenance and Sediment Reduction Project to March 31, 2021 instead of December 31, 2018. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. During discussion, Commissioner Hinkle stated that he does not agree with this extension. He believes this is taking out of fire money which is Congress' way of controlling local governments all the while mismanaging the forest. Commissioner Slaughter

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thanked Cameron Razor for doing a great job. The motion passed 2-1. Commission Slaughter and Commission Adler voted for the motion. Commissioner Hinkle voted against the motion.

Cameron Razor further stated that the Forest Service currently has approximately \$200,000 to spend on local road improvements damaged by recent fire suppression efforts. He proposed to modify existing agreement between the County and Forest Service for work on the following roads this summer: Viking Lane, the road across East Fork Dam, Carpp Ridge Road, and Upper Willow Creek Road due to damage done from fighting fires in 2017. Only county road in this list would be Upper Willow Creek Road. The Forest Service has received a bid to make the repairs to the road across East Fork Dam (\$40,000-50,000 range), and he knows the work that needs to that road. Regarding Viking Lane, if county improves that road up to county standards with Forest Services funds, Forest Service would plan to convey forest road and trail easement to the county and the county would maintain the road. Commissioner Adler and Commissioner Hinkle expressed they are against the county taking over ownership and maintenance of Viking Lane. Commission Slaughter stated there are local families who use this road to access their homes and there is a need for emergency vehicles to get in there so this is an important county issue. The Commission asked for more information on this project. Commissioner Hinkle asked Cameron Razor if he would have this money if there were no forest fires from 2017. Cameron Razor said no. It was pointed out that the County gets an administration fee for handling this work and may hire local contractors for these projects. This matter of the agreement modification with the Forest Service, for additional road work to be completed, would be placed on a future Commission agenda for a decision. The Commission also tabled the "Schedule A" agreement renewal at this time.

Ron Beck, member of with Philipsburg Ice Association (PIA), met with the Board and let them know that their organization has not been able to acquire property adjoining the ice rink to store their two storage trailers. Therefore, they will need, as previously and recently authorized by the Commission, to lease county property for outside storage. Ron Beck submitted a letter stating they will store locked trailers year around, moving twice a year-to unload (October) and load (March). The PIA will be liable for the trailers and their contents. An ice hockey tournament is happening soon, so they will move the trailers in the next couple of days. Commissioner Adler notified Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt. The County Commission agreed to send a timely letter to the Philipsburg Ice Association confirming and outlining the terms of the lease agreement.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 15, 2019, meeting. The minutes were approved as revised on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and seconded by Commissioner Adler. Revision: Road and Bridge Superintendent end of first paragraph add: This position would not be covered under the County's matrix system. The motion carried unanimously. Commission Adler stated that Paul Alt should have been here to represent himself for the decision on his salary. In the future, the Commission would like to see County Attorney Bradshaw's comments on the minutes.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2019-7 "A Granite County Resolution Granting The Petition, Received By The County On September 4, 2018, To Withdraw Certain Area of Lower Rock Creek From The Granite County Hospital District." Matt Pierce with MAPs has drafted the maps depicting the area to be withdrawn to be attachments to the Resolution. These maps will be posted on the County's website, under Notices. It should be noted the intent of petition was to include all of Idle Ranches Subdivision on Lower Rock Creek, and so all of the land in the subdivision will be included in the area to be withdrawn". Commissioner Adler is concerned passing this resolution granting the withdrawal will break up the County unity, and his decision has changed now that he's had more time to consider the decision. He feels there is a benefit to Lower Rock Creek residents by remaining in the Granite County Hospital District. Commissioner Hinkle moved for adoption of Resolution 2019-7 and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. Patti Kanduch asked if the county supplies road work on Lower Rock Creek. The Commissioners stated that yes; however they get taxed for road like the rest of the county. The motion passed 2-1. Commissioner Slaughter and Commissioner Hinkle voted for the motion. Commissioner Adler voted against the motion.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2019-8 “A Granite County Resolution Increasing Granite County Sheriff’s Budget For Dispatcher Wages For Fiscal Year 2019 To Increase All Granite County Sheriff Office’s 911 Dispatcher Wages With The Funds Being Transferred From The Granite County Sheriff’s 911 Fund”. All commissioners indicated their general approval of this increase, hoping this will help stop the high turnover in keeping dispatchers. There was no public comment.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2019-9 “A Granite County Resolution Establishing A Budget For Granite County’s Forest Management Advisory Committee (FMAC) For Fiscal Year 2019”. Commissioner Hinkle stated that \$2,500 budget for 6 months through June 2019 and \$5,000 budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. Claims should be approved by Chair of FMAC before being submitted to Clerk & Recorder’s Office for final approval by the Commission and payment. There was no public comment.

Forest Management Advisory Committee (F-MAC) Chairperson Patti Kanduch presented the F-MAC By-Laws. Commissioner Hinkle moved to accept the Forest Management Advisory Committee (F-MAC) By-Laws with revisions. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. As discussion, Commissioner Slaughter stated he saw one change that is needed to No. 1, Mission, Goals and Operating Principles; under Operating Principles, first paragraph, and this paragraph needs to be reworded to clarify that the F-MAC is an advisory board under the direction of the County Commission. Elena Gagliano, as an F-MAC member, stated she does not agree with the draft by-laws since the F-MAC is under County Commission, and is like the entity in Ravalli County, as that group is not a non-governmental, consensus group or entity. Many changes must be made to by-laws to fit this advisory board. Sarah Graham should not be attesting resolutions since she is not attending meetings. Commissioner Slaughter stated that Sarah Graham is attesting to his signature, not the document. Commissioner Slaughter said that changes need to be made and taken back to F-MAC Board membership to be accepted, and then get back on the Commission’s agenda for final approval of the by-laws. Commissioner Hinkle withdrew his motion and the matter was tabled until a later date.

Public Comment: Elena Gagliano stated that Patti Kanduch should be on the agenda when giving F-MAC report. Forest Service meets regularly with Commissioners and will not meet with F-MAC. There is no cross mix of people from Granite County on this board. Elena Gagliano feels Granite County boards need updated training on how county boards work. Commissioner Slaughter said that MACo offers board training and the County could offer this to the board volunteers. Elena Gagliano brought up to Commission a year ago that Granite County website is not user friendly, nothing has changed. Commissioner Slaughter agrees and will get Webgrain on agenda. Why is Commission not meeting next week? Commissioner Adler stated that there was no meeting due to scheduled court case. Weekly ad in paper for Commissioner Agenda is not posted in Huffman’s Grocery and there’s no phone number for Mike Kahoe in the advertisement so that the public may contact him with questions.

Also as public comment, Dick Motta stated that the Clerk & Recorder attest should be changed on Commissioner minutes.

Correspondence: None

Local Health Officer Issue: Dr. William Reiter was not available to attend today. His assistant notified the Board that Dr. Reiter says not to worry about the Health Officer position. Also, Dr. Reiter received a grant which may benefit the County. Commission will reschedule with Dr. Reiter in February.

The session adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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January 29, 2019

No regular session was scheduled or held.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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