

March 26, 2019 continued...

The session adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD & 30TH OF APRIL 2019 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2019 WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

| <u>WARRANT</u> | | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
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| 55660 FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK | PAYROLL & NOD | \$95,000.66 |
| 55661 VISA #1 | PUBLIC HEALTH SUPPLIES | \$208.12 |
| 55662 VISA #2 | DATA PLAN | \$20.00 |
| 55663 VISA #3 | SUPPLIES & TRAVEL | \$214.61 |
| 55664 US POSTAL SERVICE | STAMPS- MOBILE HOME TAX | \$132.00 |
| 55665 VICKI HARDING | TRAVEL | \$584.65 |
| 55666 MACDC CONVENTION | 2019 MACDC CONVENTION-BOHRNSEN | \$300.00 |
| 55667 360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS | SUPPLIES | \$1,090.92 |
| 55668 A & M FIRE AND SAFETY, INC | FIRST AID SUPPLIES | \$468.25 |
| 55669 ALL AMERICAN GARAGE DOORS LLC | REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE | \$320.00 |
| 55670 AMERICAN WELDING & GAS | ACETYLENE & CYLINDER RENTAL | \$25.69 |
| 55671 ANACONDA LEADER | HOSPITAL BOARD ELECTION BALLOTS | \$361.30 |
| 55672 ANNA BERGERSON | JURY PANEL | \$35.20 |
| 55673 ANTHONY J LARDY JR | WITNESS | \$10.00 |
| 55674 MERLINS LOCK & KEY LLC | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | \$139.45 |
| 55675 ASHLEY KIEWATT | JURY PANEL | \$64.20 |
| 55676 ASHLEY TODD | JURY PANEL | \$12.00 |
| 55677 B.W. ST. CLAIR | GRANITE COUNTY TV DISTRICT | \$100.00 |
| 55678 BILL SLAUGHTER | TRAVEL | \$425.56 |
| 55679 BILL WEST | JURY PANEL | \$43.56 |
| 55680 BLACKFOOT CFT | MARCH BILLING | \$3,508.50 |
| 55681 BLAINE BRADSHAW | SUPPLIES | \$120.00 |
| 55682 BOB'S QUALITY AUTO | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | \$85.00 |
| 55683 BRIAN YARROW | JURY PANEL | \$85.08 |
| 55684 BUTTE PRODUCE | DRUMMOND SENIOR SUPPLIES | \$306.14 |
| 55685 C J CANNALIATO | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | \$653.76 |
| 55686 CARQUEST AUTO PARTS | MAINTENANCE & SUPPLIES | \$1,753.42 |
| 55687 CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERV | EXCAVATOR | \$1,144.07 |
| 55688 CENTURYLINK | MARCH BILLING | \$415.80 |
| 55689 CENTURYLINK | FCP PHONE | \$59.36 |
| 55690 CHARLES EAF PARKE | JURY PANEL | \$41.00 |
| 55691 CHRIS WALDEN | JURY PANEL | \$25.00 |
| 55692 COMDATA | MARCH BILLING | \$4,081.63 |
| 55693 COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS, INC | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | \$100.00 |
| 55694 CONNIE SCHIEDERMAYER | TRAVEL | \$23.20 |
| 55695 CONTROL SOLUTIONS | SUPPLIES | \$284.00 |
| 55696 CULLIGAN | HOT & COLD RENTAL | \$10.00 |
| 55697 DALE SICGFORD | JURY PANEL | \$12.00 |
| 55698 DANNA LANDRY | WITNESS | \$10.00 |
| 55699 DEBBIE FRATZKE | TRAVEL & SUPPLIES | \$456.36 |
| 55700 DIS TECHNOLOGIES | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | \$3,305.24 |
| 55701 DOUG GRAYBEAL | JURY PANEL | \$39.84 |
| 55702 DOUG GRAYBEAL CONSTRUCTION | P-BURG AMBULANCE SHED | \$27,893.00 |
| 55703 DRIVELINES OF MISSOULA | MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS | \$1,395.00 |
| 55704 DRUMMOND COMMUNITY HALL | RENT | \$300.00 |
| 55705 ELIZABETH BOHRNSEN | JURY PANEL | \$47.04 |
| 55706 ENERGY PARTNERS LLC | PROPANE | \$1,275.21 |
| 55707 FICKLER OIL CO. INC. | SUPPLIES | \$847.80 |
| 55708 GARDEN CITY FUNERAL HOME | VA BURIAL BENEFIT | \$300.00 |
| 55709 GENE MCFARLAND | JURY PANEL | \$80.44 |
| 55710 GRANITE AMMUNITION | SUPPLIES | \$600.00 |
| 55711 GRANITE COUNTY | FMAC COPIES | \$7.00 |
| 55712 GRANITE COUNTY HOSP DISTRICT | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | \$93.00 |

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| 55713 | GRANITE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | \$142.00 |
| 55714 | GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER | POSTAGE | \$363.31 |
| 55715 | GRANITE DISPOSAL | SERVICES | \$330.00 |
| 55716 | GRANITE PHARMACY | SUPPLIES | \$1,527.98 |
| 55717 | GRANITE PREPAREDNESS, LLC | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | \$2,957.19 |
| 55718 | GREAT WEST ENGINEERING | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | \$21,569.90 |
| 55719 | GUINN CORNER CONSTRUCTION | SNOW REMOVAL DRMD CO HEALTH | \$170.00 |
| 55720 | HARLOW'S TRUCK CENTER | REPAIR & MAINTENANCE | \$45.36 |
| 55721 | HEIDI HINKLE | SUPPLIES & FMAC MINUTES | \$328.91 |
| 55722 | HIGH TECH LINEN | RUGS | \$130.38 |
| 55723 | HILLSHIRE CONTRUCTION | SNOW REMOVAL | \$1,667.50 |
| 55724 | HOGAN'S RANCH & BUILDERS | SUPPLIES | \$27.71 |
| 55725 | HUFFMAN GROCERY | INMATE MEALS & SUPPLIES | \$706.66 |
| 55726 | HUFFMAN GROCERY | SUPPLIES | \$302.18 |
| 55727 | HUFFMAN GROCERY | SUPPLIES | \$140.94 |
| 55728 | I STATE TRUCK INC | REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE | \$294.93 |
| 55729 | INLAND TRUCK PARTS | REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE | \$496.69 |
| 55730 | JANEL H WALDBILLIG | JURY PANEL | \$12.00 |
| 55731 | JEAN WALLACE | JURY PANEL | \$38.10 |
| 55732 | JO LYNN MCCASLAND | JURY PANEL | \$58.06 |
| 55733 | JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL | SUPPLIES | \$259.91 |
| 55734 | K L S HYDRAULICS | REPAIR & MAINTENANCE | \$350.12 |
| 55735 | KARL TYLER CHEVROLET | REPAIR & MAINTENANCE | \$1,395.43 |
| 55736 | KELTY GOLDSBY | JURY PANEL | \$25.00 |
| 55737 | LARRY CRAIG | JURY PANEL | \$25.00 |
| 55738 | LICKETY PRINT | SUPPLIES | \$44.10 |
| 55739 | MACO | INMATE MEDICAL BUDGET PROTECTOR | \$66.96 |
| 55740 | MAPS INC | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | \$1,027.50 |
| 55741 | MCGOWAN WATER COND, INC | SALT & RENTAL | \$40.90 |
| 55742 | MICHAEL KAHOE | TRAVEL & SUPPLIES | \$106.51 |
| 55743 | MICHAEL NOBLIN | JURY SERVICE | \$25.00 |
| 55744 | MICHELE SARE | JURY SERVICE | \$44.72 |
| 55745 | MISSOULA MOTOR PARTS | SUPPLIES | \$92.05 |
| 55746 | MONIDA HEALTHCARE NETWORK | FEB BILLING | \$32.95 |
| 55747 | MT 4-H CENTER FOR YOUTH DVLP | ON-LINE SUBSCRIPTION | \$90.00 |
| 55748 | MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH | SUPPLIES | \$353.24 |
| 55749 | MT CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES | SIGNS | \$239.83 |
| 55750 | MONTANA INTERACTIVE | FEES | \$25.00 |
| 55751 | MOUNT POWELL TIRE | TIRE CHAINS | \$956.00 |
| 55752 | MSU EXTENSION SERVICE | SALARY SHARE-HAUPTMAN | \$2,322.78 |
| 55753 | MT ASSO OF CLERKS OF DIST COURT | DUES | \$600.00 |
| 55754 | MYBINDING | SUPPLIES | \$235.58 |
| 55755 | NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL | SUPPLIES | \$53.15 |
| 55756 | NORCO, INC | SUPPLIES | \$3,377.87 |
| 55757 | NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO | REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE | \$1,018.15 |
| 55758 | NORSTAR INDUSTRIES INC | REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE | \$46,847.00 |
| 55759 | NORTHWEST PARTS & EQUIPMENT | REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE | \$1,521.84 |
| 55760 | NORTHWEST SPECIALTY SALES CO | SUPPLIES | \$763.82 |
| 55761 | NORTHWESTERN ENERGY | MARCH STATEMENTS | \$5,546.15 |
| 55762 | ODYSSEY PROGRAM, THE | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | \$1,235.52 |
| 55763 | PACIFIC STEEL - MISSOULA | SUPPLIES | \$791.25 |
| 55764 | PATRICIA BAUER | TRAVEL | \$126.44 |
| 55765 | PATRICK J LUCAS | JURY SERVICE | \$33.12 |
| 55766 | PHIL MCKEEMAN | JURY PANEL | \$35.20 |
| 55767 | PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE | MARCH BILLING | \$774.25 |
| 55768 | PHILIPSBURG SR CITZ CENTER | SUPPLIES | \$9,643.89 |
| 55769 | PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF | UTILITIES MARCH 19 | \$431.00 |
| 55770 | PINTLER PETROLEUM | FUEL | \$2,150.15 |
| 55771 | QUILL CORPORATION | SUPPLIES | \$727.93 |
| 55772 | RAVE WIRELESS, INC | CONTRACTED SERVICES | \$3,000.00 |
| 55773 | RAY MINER | JURY SERVICE | \$54.00 |
| 55774 | RED'S TOWING, LLC | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | \$2,375.00 |
| 55775 | REPUBLIC SERVICES #889 | PICK UP SERVICE | \$5,324.80 |
| 55776 | REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA | COMPACT & LOOSE TONNAGE | \$3,856.92 |
| 55777 | RICK DAY | TRAVEL | \$54.52 |
| 55778 | ROBBIE HOUSE | JURY SERVICE | \$12.00 |
| 55779 | ROBERT CONNORS | AIRPORT PLOWING | \$651.50 |
| 55780 | ROBERT LATRAY | JURY SERVICE | \$12.00 |
| 55781 | RTW ENTERPRISE | REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE | \$1,709.00 |
| 55782 | SAM STURDEVANT | JURY PANEL | \$35.20 |
| 55783 | SARAH E GRAHAM | TRAVEL | \$92.20 |
| 55784 | SCALEIT USA | ANNUAL RENEWAL | \$7,200.00 |
| 55785 | SCOTT MACKAY | JURY SERVICE | \$39.84 |
| 55786 | SHI | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | \$272.79 |
| 55787 | SIX ROBBLEE'S | REPAIR & MAINTENANCE | \$98.21 |
| 55788 | SOLE STONE REIMBURSEMENT SERV | FEB-MARCH BILLING | \$189.03 |
| 55789 | SW MONTANA DRUG TASK FORCE | MATCHING FUNDS | \$4,000.00 |
| 55790 | STAPLES CREDIT PLAN | SUPPLIES | \$17.16 |

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| 55791 | STEPHENS-PECK INC | TITLE BOOK REVISION | \$90.00 |
| 55792 | STEVE LATRAY | JURY SERVICE | \$10.00 |
| 55793 | SUSAN B SWIMLEY | FINN ADDITION | \$1,809.50 |
| 55794 | SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC | CONTRACTED SERVICES | \$225.00 |
| 55795 | TERESA RIGBY | JURY SERVICE | \$54.00 |
| 55796 | TERRY JO VIETOR | CRIME VICTIMS ADVOCATE | \$81.22 |
| 55797 | THIN BLUE LINE USA | SUPPLIES | \$287.98 |
| 55798 | THOMAS GILL | JURY SERVICE | \$25.00 |
| 55799 | TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT, INC | REPAIR & MAINTENANCE | \$123.67 |
| 55800 | TRANSUNION RISK & ALT DATA | SEARCHES & REPORTS | \$75.20 |
| 55801 | TRI-COUNTY SANITARIAN | SALARY SHARE-LANES | \$12,258.47 |
| 55802 | VERIZON WIRELESS | MARCH BILLING | \$871.95 |
| 55803 | VINCE REECE | JURY PANEL & SUPPLIES | \$146.99 |
| 55804 | WESTERN MT TRI-CO ADDICT SERV | DRUG & ALCOHOL SHARE | \$2,207.00 |
| 55805 | WESTERN STATES EQUIPMENT CO | REPAIR & MAINTENANCE | \$786.39 |
| 55806 | WESTTEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC | MONTHLY SERVICE & MAINTENANCE | \$667.00 |
| 55807 | WOODLAND CREATIONS | SUPPLIES | \$247.88 |
| 55808 | CLAUDETTE PARKE | TRAVEL & DUES | \$360.18 |
| 55809 | FICKLER OIL CO. INC. | DUI TASK FORCE GIFT CARDS | \$100.00 |
| 55810 | PINTLER PETROLEUM | DUI TASK FORCE GIFT CARDS | \$100.00 |
| 55811 | US POSTAL SERVICE | CM WINDOWED ENVELOPES | \$633.65 |
| 55812 | RTW ENTERPRISE | REPAIR & MAINTENANCE | \$1,890.00 |
| | | CLAIMS FUND TOTAL | \$315,704.42 |

| <u>WARRANT/NOD</u> | <u>JOB TITLE</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| ADLER, SCOTT C | COMMISSIONER | \$2,263.40 |
| ALT, PAUL | ROAD SUPERVISOR | \$6,539.17 |
| ANDERSON, MELINDA K | SOLID WASTE SECRETARY | \$1,109.29 |
| BAUER, PATRICIA L | AREA V | \$669.53 |
| BECKER, KYLAH L | DISPATCHER | \$2,468.24 |
| BOHRNSEN, CAROL P | CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT | \$4,097.52 |
| BOLSTER, JACKIE R | PH NURSE ASSISTANT | \$975.20 |
| BONNEY, JANEEN | CUSTODIAN | \$2,525.81 |
| BOUCK, LINDA | PLANNER | \$5,057.77 |
| BRADSHAW, BLAINE C | COUNTY ATTORNEY | \$8,190.67 |
| BUTLER, JODI L | SOLID WASTE | \$2,854.72 |
| CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N | DISPATCH | \$2,970.71 |
| CAYKO, NICKIE N | ROAD MAINTENANCE | \$3,213.84 |
| DAY, JAN P | DEPUTY CLERK | \$1,548.58 |
| DAY, NELS R | DES COORDINATOR | \$1,122.48 |
| DUNKERSON, WAYNE S | SHERIFF | \$4,597.80 |
| FADNESS, COLETTE A | AREA V AIDE | \$292.88 |
| FRATZKE, DEBBIE | JUSTICE OF THE PEACE | \$2,013.02 |
| GRAHAM, SARAH E | CLERK & RECORDER | \$3,918.85 |
| HARDING, JEAN M | DISPATCHER | \$2,864.32 |
| HARDING, VICKI B | TREASURER | \$4,488.20 |
| HENNAGER, DEANNA L | DISPATCHER | \$2,564.58 |
| HINKLE, CHARLES | COMMISSIONER | \$2,032.30 |
| HOEHNE, JOHN W | ROAD MAINTENANCE | \$4,166.24 |
| HOLLAND, BRAD J | ROAD MAINTENANCE | \$3,451.50 |
| HULTMAN, TY R | DEPUTY | \$3,762.16 |
| JACOBSON, STEVEN | ROAD MAINTENANCE | \$3,536.40 |
| KAHOE, MICHAEL | EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT | \$4,440.24 |
| KANE, KATHERINE | DISPATCHER | \$615.60 |
| KENDALL, JOHN S | SOLID WASTE | \$3,152.16 |
| KINGREY, ELWYN | JUNK VEHICLE | \$437.88 |
| LARDY, JAMES D | SITE RELIEF | \$548.55 |
| LATRAY, DANETTE L | TREASURER DEPUTY | \$3,376.96 |
| LOOBEY, THERESA R | TITLE CLERK | \$2,619.12 |
| LUCERO, DAVE | DEPUTY | \$776.80 |
| MCDONNELL, FRED N | SOLID WASTE RELIEF | \$202.88 |
| MUHLY, KATIE | COUNTY HEALTH NURSE | \$2,804.53 |
| OLSEN, RICK C | DEPUTY | \$3,433.47 |
| OSTLER, JASON K | DEPUTY | \$3,782.29 |
| OWENS, NANCY | RELIEF | \$497.20 |
| PALMER, KAREN P | COUNTY AGENT SEC | \$2,399.04 |
| PARKE, CLAUDETTE | CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY | \$2,884.80 |
| PAWLAK, KIMBERLY | FLOATING CLERK | \$2,166.74 |
| PETERS, DEBORAH A | DISPATCHER RELIEF | \$513.92 |
| PETERS, STEVEN D | DEPUTY | \$3,465.15 |
| SCHIEDERMAYER, CONNIE | COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIALIST | \$87.50 |
| SLAUGHTER, BILL L | COMMISSIONER | \$2,101.45 |
| SMITH, REBECCA | DEPUTY CLERK AND RECORDER | \$3,001.74 |
| SMITH, THADDEUS M | DEPUTY | \$3,366.15 |
| STEPHENSON, CHRIS D | SEASONAL ROAD MAINTENANCE | \$3,543.83 |
| VICEDOMINI, KRISTEN | DISPATCHER | \$1,821.12 |

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| VIETOR, TERRY J | CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE | \$1,179.20 |
| WALDEN, JAMES L | ROAD MAINTENANCE | \$3,890.25 |
| WEST, WILLIAM H | DAM TENDER | \$305.59 |
| WILKINS, KENNETH D | ROAD MAINTENANCE | \$3,500.79 |
| WILKINSON, BARBARA A | JUSTICE CLERK | \$1,312.61 |
| 56 EMPLOYEES | TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL | \$145,522.74 |

| <u>WARRANT</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | |
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| 19206 AFLAC INS | \$205.81 | |
| 19207 CHRISTMAS CLUB | \$2,155.00 | |
| 19208 COLONIAL | \$18.75 | |
| 19209 FIT | \$9,088.15 | |
| 19209 MEDICARE | \$4,051.50 | |
| 19209 P.E.R.S. | \$18,407.47 | |
| 19209 PERS RETIREE | \$322.49 | |
| 19209 SHERIFF RETIRE | \$5,290.30 | |
| 19209 SOCIAL SECURITY | \$17,323.74 | |
| 19209 TRS | \$14.98 | |
| 19209 UNEMPL. INSUR. | \$1,852.87 | |
| 19210 IUOE 400 | \$407.20 | |
| 19212 PEBSC | \$5,075.00 | |
| 19213 SIT | \$5,659.00 | |
| 19214 UNION - PENSION | \$627.06 | |
| 19215 WORKERS' COMP | \$17,202.88 | |
| 19216 MACO DENTAL | \$2,458.00 | |
| 19216 MACO VISION | \$519.00 | |
| 19216 MACOHCT | \$46,565.00 | |
| 19216 UNUMLIFE | \$726.95 | |
| | TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES | \$137,971.15 |

GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

April 2, 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 meet with the Board as he is attending the Montana Association of County Road Supervisors conference in Great Falls with two Road and Bridge Department employees. Discussion was held about possibly replacing the Drummond solid waste site backhoe and about the carcass composting at the site. The county's Procurement Policy recently adopted would be followed. Complaints are still being received regarding the smell sometimes coming from the carcass composting site into Drummond.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.47 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 12.36 inches below full pool with an estimated 25 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 25 cfs over the weir. Commissioner Hinkle moved to make no adjustment to the outflow and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Pintler District Ranger Cameron Rasor, Sara Rouse and Rick Collins, all with the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, met with the Board to discuss the proposed Cooperative Forest Road Project Agreement, annual maintenance plan, project agreement and FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) update. District Ranger Rasor showed the Commissioners a letter Commissioner Hinkle had written to Senator Daines' representative asking why the Forest Service could not do their own reconstruction and Ranger Rasor incorrectly stated that Commissioner Hinkle had used county letterhead. Sara Rouse explained the master Cooperative Forest Road Project Agreement, between the county and Forest Service, dated March 21, 2016 was set to expire in 2021 and reviewed the two changes. Cameron Rasor reviewed a map of the changes which will need to be updated due to the two changes. The annual road maintenance plan was discussed and there are not many changes

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from the previous year. Commissioner Hinkle indicated that he would like time to review the agreements and the Board agreed to put the two agreements on the agenda for next week for a decision. Sara Rouse distributed the proposed project agreement, which has been revised from last year. Commissioner Hinkle inquired if plans, profiles and specifications have been developed for these roads and Cameron Rasor indicated that the plans would be developed prior to the work being done. Discussion was held that the Road Project Agreement only agrees to the amount of funds available, but not specific plans as those would be specifically set later on by mutual agreement of the parties. Commissioner Hinkle inquired if there would be liability exposure if the plans are not available. Cameron Rasor noted that the agreement identifies responsibilities between the Forest Service and the county; road specifications come later in the process and some of it is regular road maintenance which does not require specifications. Discussion was held on Chuck Hinkle's inquiry to a U.S. Senator's Office regarding whether or not the Forest Service can contract with local contractors for road work. Cameron Rasor noted that a new term "Shared Stewardship" is now being used. He noted that the Forest Service and the county have been working together for many years to get more done; also, certain projects are contracted directly by the Forest Service; this is one tool that the Forest Service can use and this is more efficient. Commissioner Hinkle indicated that these funds would not be available if it was not for forest fires and he will not support the use of those funds (to be passed through the local county government) which come from forest fires. He said that he would prefer that the Forest Service do its own contracting. Commissioner Adler indicated that in his experience it takes the Forest Service a very long time to get anything done. Commissioner Slaughter stated that these agreements worked well last year and were good for the people of Granite County. Commissioner Hinkle indicated that he would vote for the health of the people of Granite County by not letting forest fires burn. Commissioner Slaughter summarized that the county has an existing road agreement for road work which was done last year and the Forest Service would like to do similar work this year; the county contracts with local contractors to keep money in the community; the projects went well last year. Commissioner Slaughter called for public comment. Commissioner Hinkle said that he would like to see the work done, but would like to see the Forest Service do the work; he indicated that if the work is done without certification that the county could be liable. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that contractors must have insurance when the work is done, but potentially the county could be liable for any negligent actions in regards to the road work done by the county or its contractors, for which the county has adequate amounts of general liability insurance and such will be required of the private contractors. Roger Beyer said that he accesses his place off of Viking Lane and inquired if the county would take over the road when it is improved. Cameron Rasor stated that discussion on that was held in the past, but right now the discussion is getting the road improved. Commissioner Hinkle inquired how that road can be brought up to county specifications within the existing right-of-way. Roger Beyer inquired if the county has an obligation to upgrade and maintain a road for the protection of citizens. Attorney Blaine Bradshaw indicated that according a Montana statute on point, it is a Commission decision on the degree of road maintenance they do on a county road and have no legal duty to maintain non-county roads. Jerry Bailey stated that he has lived there since 1993; was chairperson of Viking Lane Homeowners' during discussion two years ago; he supports the proposed agreements; he noted that Viking Lane goes through three parcels of private land; easement given for a 60-foot wide easement; it was agreed to, at least in theory, that if Forest Service would bring Viking Lane up to standards that county would consider taking over; 7/10ths of a mile of road is under control of the Forest Service and homeowners cannot do road work without a Forest Service permit; homeowners do not have the means to do snow plowing and other maintenance; they are in a situation of helplessness between the county and the Forest Service; Forest Service now has additional funds to do the work; they are the constituency of both the county and the Forest Service; county has a responsibility for emergency services; grateful that Forest Service has funds for road work county wide; encourages both government agencies to cooperate; now 24 residents which have Viking Lane as the sole ingress and egress. Jerry Baily also said that he believed the Commission agreed to take over ownership of Viking Lane as a county road if it was brought up to the county's specifications. Commissioner Adler inquired if it would open up many other people coming in for the same treatment. Jerry Bailey noted that they were told that it was a county road when the property was purchased. Commissioner Hinkle indicated that there is a limit on how many

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roads it is possible for the county to maintain. He again stated that he does not believe that Viking Lane can be brought up to county standards within the existing right-of-way. Jerry Bailey indicated that there may have to be some exceptions to the county road standards; the road has been there for many years. Commissioner Slaughter noted that in 2016 there had been an informal agreement discussed among the county, the Forest Service and the homeowners, but the homeowners were not able to fulfill that agreement so the plans to improve Viking Lane did not come to fruition since the homeowners did not put up any valuable consideration for the project. Commissioner Slaughter disagreed with Jerry Bailey in regards to the county stating Viking Lane would be taken over as a county road, and Commissioner Slaughter said that it was agreed that the county would consider such a request once the road was brought up to county specifications. Bobbie Beyer indicated that now the Forest Service has the funds; she noted that only 7/10ths of a mile of road would be involved to extend the maintenance, including snow plowing, and she encouraged the County Commission to take over such maintenance if and when Viking Lane is improved. Commissioner Slaughter noted that there is currently no place for a large snow plow to turn around. Jerry Bailey noted that there is an open area 50 meters beyond the cattle guard where a large truck could turn around. Bobbie Beyer indicated that she is confused about where we go next. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that there is an opportunity now to upgrade the road, and if and when that is done then these local residents would need to return to discuss maintenance. Rick McGill noted that a gravel pit and gravel from there had been offered by homeowners in the past. Commissioner Hinkle stated that he is totally in favor of upgrading the road, but he believes it should be done by the Forest Service. Cameron Rasor indicated that the work could be done this summer. Rick Collins reviewed the status of the FLAP project (rebuilding Lake Shore Drive at Georgetown Lake) which is scheduled for 2021; it had been suggested reconstructing the entire loop that comes up to Lake Shore Drive, including the two boat launch areas, under the new BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) discretionary grants program which has no required county match; he encouraged the Board to put in a new application to pave the road all the way around the lake; he would like to be ready if both counties (Granite and Deer Lodge) are agreeable to hiring a consultant to submit an effective application to the Federal Highway Commission. Commissioner Slaughter inquired about the cost of a consultant and Rick Collins responded that he would investigate. Commissioner Hinkle inquired of Cameron Rasor how 20 million board feet could have been sold by the B-DL Forest as stated in a Philipsburg Mail newspaper story. Cameron Rasor responded that Flint Foothills and East Deer Lodge were both large timber sales and that figure is accurate; also, salvage sales are in progress. Members of the public attending were Rick McGill, John Spaeth, Jerry Bailey, Cindy McGill, Bobbie Beyer, Roger Beyer, James Burke and Jan Burke.

Dustin Muhly, an independent contractor who has a formal written agreement with the County, as the Granite County PHEP (Public Health Emergency Planning) Coordinator, met with the Board and gave a general report. He reported that he will submit the required deliverables by the end of the week and he has the required insurance in place for the year. He reviewed the deliverables to date, including Health Area Network contacts; he attended a measles workshop; he will participate in an upcoming active shooter workshop; a satellite phone has been suggested for emergency communication when land lines and cell service are out; he will note the availability of reverse 9-1-1 through the county sheriff's office; and the Continuity of Operations Plan was discussed.

A telephone conference call was held with the Board by speaker telephone with DOWL Engineering and Great West Engineering regarding DOWL's proposal for answering questions from the FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) in its letter dated 9/7/2018 regarding the Part 12D Inspection of the Flint Creek Project. Participating with the Board on the call were Jason Thom and Russell Reed with DOWL Engineering of Billings; Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering of Helena; and County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw. Discussion was held on DOWL's proposal dated 2/27/2019 which was divided into three tasks for the Scope of work: Task 1, Update Probable Maximum Flood Analysis for \$35,000; Task 2, Update the PGA (Peak Ground Acceleration) from the MCE (Maximum Credible Earthquake) for \$26,000; and Task 3, General Comment Resolution & FERC Coordination for \$14,000, for a proposal total of \$75,000. Jeremiah Theys stated that the

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PGA from the MCE can be delayed to 2020, or possibly 2021, according to his conversation with the FERC, but a request would need to be formally made by the county to the FERC. Jason Thom reviewed the requirement for Task 1 for a rainfall event and modeling for a general storm and the snowmelt component, which models rain on snow, with an energy balance method. The many aspects of the requirement variables were discussed, as was the rigidity of the FERC requirements and the detail required in the report. Jeremiah Theys indicated that in his conversation with the FERC that Task 2 is being required by January 1, 2020, so Task 2 can be postponed at this time. Task 3 was discussed by Jason Thom and Russell Reed and they indicated that it could be trimmed from \$14,000 to \$11,000 since there would be no coordination for Task 2. The new total for the revised proposal would be \$46,000, with Task 2 removed. Jeremiah Theys noted that a response to the FERC will be drafted with dates of items to be completed and he requested that DOWL submit a revised scope of work for two tasks and fees, and DOWL was in agreement to do that. Jason Thom noted that one field trip to the site would be required this summer and he assured the Board that the final work would be acceptable to the FERC. The Board agreed to consider DOWL's modified scope of work, with Task 2 removed, with proposed agreement for services and cost on next week's agenda.

Commissioner Slaughter excused himself from the session at noon to attend the Montana Association of County Road Supervisors conference. Commissioner Adler was selected as temporary chairperson for the remainder of the session.

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON of Granite County Hospital District, met with the Board to present the monthly financial update. The update included a financial report dated 4/2/2019 with projected cash available minus \$33,450, projected deposits of \$444,540, accounts payable of \$200,000 for a projected cash reserves of \$211,090 (18 days of operation), a profit and loss vs. budget month to date and year to date, an accounts receivable aging report, and an administrator's report dated March 26, 2019. She highlighted elements of the administrator's report, including activities, risk management insurance company, dental clinic will sell contents of clinic to Dr. Mark Messer, scale down cost of CT scanner building and rebid, open position in nursing and CNA's, laboratory software upgraded, open house planned for April 24th, annual health fair in Philipsburg scheduled for May 8th in Philipsburg and May 15th in Drummond. Commissioner Hinkle inquired about the prospect of increasing the long-term care beds and Maria Stoppler replied that some beds are reserved for swing bed patients which are more revenue producing. Maria Stoppler noted that a huge barrier to getting nurses is the lack of affordable long-term housing in the area and a focus group is being formed to attempt to address the problem. Scott Sylvester with the Philipsburg Mail newspaper attended.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2019-12 "A Granite County Resolution Revising Its Established Good Neighbor Policy, First Revision." County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Commissioner Hinkle suggested some minor revisions and the revised Resolution will be placed on the agenda next week for second reading and decision. County Attorney Bradshaw agreed to draft these minor revisions that were requested by Commissioner Hinkle and that were found to be acceptable to Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2019-13 "A Granite County Resolution Opposing Any Legislation Adopting The Confederated Salish And Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) Montana Water Compact And Supporting The People's Water Compact." There was no public comment.

The Board reviewed the proposed renewal of the Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey for the Georgetown Lake Gage which monitors the lake level and electronically provides that information to the public. The agreement covers the time period from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019 and calls for the U.S. Geological Survey to pay \$1,900 and for Granite County to pay \$2,860. Commissioner Hinkle moved for approval of the agreement and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

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Public Comment: Vince Reece met with the Board to request to be on the Board's April 16th agenda for an airport manager's and airport board report.

Correspondence: None.

Commissioner Hinkle advised the Board that he will not be available to attend the Commission sessions scheduled for May 14 and 21, 2019.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for the March 26, 2019 regular session. The minutes were approved on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered the July 2019 final Granite County employee health insurance renewal rates from the MACo (Montana Association of Counties) Health Care Trust. The Board noted that there is an overall +3% premium rate adjustment to Granite County's medical plans for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The Board agreed to the final rates on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried. The Board will consider later whether the increased costs will be paid by the county or passed onto to the county's employees. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

The Board reviewed a draft amended job position description for the position of Part-Time Relief Receptionist/Clerk, a position currently filled by Nancy Owens and there will also be a second or alternate person hired for this same position to fill-in when the currently employed Part-Time Relief Legal Secretary/Clerk is not available. The alternate person hired would work primarily in the County Attorney and Clerk of District Court Offices and was requested by County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Clerk of District Court Carol Bohrsen, but could also be an alternate fill-in employee for the Clerk of Justice Court. The amended job position description was approved on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

The session adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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April 9, 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 meet with the Board as he is very busy with current flooding, damaged county roads, and potential flooding, mostly in the Lower Flint Creek Valley. The Board discussed the need for new culverts in several places. Elena Gagliano inquired why there is not a written report since Paul Alt is not here today. Commissioner Slaughter stated that Paul Alt has been very busy with flooding issues and her comment has been noted. Discussion was held by the Board on future gravel needs. Paul Alt, by speaker telephone, reported that he is working on flooding issues on county roads.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.58 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 11.04 inches below full pool with an estimated 26.8 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 26.8 cfs over the weir. The

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Board reviewed the letter from Brad Liermann, Fisheries Biologist with Fish, Wildlife and Parks, requesting that the lake not be lowered more than one foot below full pool as it affects the oxygen saturation in the lake, which is currently very low. Mr. Liermann's letter is copied below. Commissioner Adler reported that he has had requests from ranchers Sam Dennis and Jason Vietor to increase the outflow. The Board also reviewed a report from Dave Amman with DNRC which indicated that the lake is currently well managed. Commissioner Adler noted that last year at this time the lake was 16 inches below full pool with a release of 40 cfs. Commissioner Hinkle moved to increase the outflow to 40 cfs and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. The Board notified Paul Tallon with Flint Creek Hydroelectric to make the increase today.



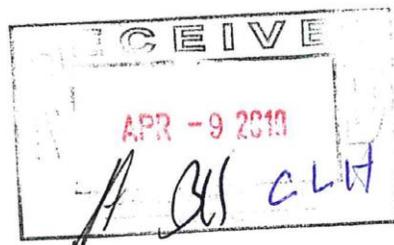
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks would like the Granite County Commissioners to consider managing outflows at Flint Creek Dam to keep Georgetown Lake at or above the elevation of 6428.5 until May 1. As mentioned in our previous email, we have measured dissolved oxygen multiple times at Georgetown Lake this winter. We completed our latest measurement on March 22 and dissolved oxygen conditions have become even worse. We measured 3 parts per million (ppm) in the upper 3 feet at Comers Point and adjacent to the dam. Trout and salmon become very stressed and mortality can occur once it reaches 5 ppm. The low dissolved oxygen conditions are likely due to the moderately high snow depth and very thick ice conditions at Georgetown Lake again this year. Decreasing Georgetown Lake levels at this point could further reduce dissolved oxygen levels and could tip the scales to cause a fish kill.

We appreciate that you have not reduced the Georgetown Lake elevation since our last correspondence. We also understand that the Commission needs to balance maintaining a good winter pool in Georgetown Lake with flood control. Dave Amman provided a model forecast today (4/8/19) and it appears that maintaining Georgetown Lake at this elevation should not be an issue for management of this year's water supply. Obviously, you may want to consult Dave yourselves to have a better understanding of his data and his interpretation but based on this report it appears that maintaining the current pool elevation is reasonable for the time being for flood control and fishery protection.

Thanks again for your consideration of this proposal. Let me know if you have any questions or would like me to attend an upcoming commission meeting to discuss this further.

Thank you,

Brad Liermann, Fisheries Biologist
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks



The Board considered three agreements between Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest and Granite County with Rick Collins, a supervisor in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest; Paul Hooper, Fish Biologist with the Pintler Ranger District; and County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw. Rick Collins noted that there are three separate parts being considered today. Pintler District Ranger Cameron Rasor could not attend as he had other important work matter outside of the county.

- **Schedule A, Cooperative Forest Road Agreement:** Commissioner Hinkle moved that it be tabled until it can be determined if the county can handle the work and the road design is complete. He stated that public projects should be bid in order to save public funds. Paul Hooper stated that a Forest Service engineer will be hired again this year for the road projects. There was no second to the motion and it failed. Commissioner Hinkle inquired how the county contracts with the Forest Service. Commissioner

Slaughter noted that this is the first step in moving ahead. Commissioner Adler moved to adopt the agreement, as there is a chance that the funds could be lost. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. Paul Hooper commented that the Forest Service engineer is scheduled to begin work on this project on June 3, 2019. Commissioner Hinkle objected to the work being done by subcontractors by the hour as specified in the contracts between the county and subcontractors. Public discussion: Elena Gagliano commented regarding that the three Commissioners, who will sign the contract, will be the contact people. She inquired whether future decisions will be on the Board's agenda. Dick Motta inquired about Exhibit B regarding snow plowing on the road from the dam. Rick Collins responded that it is a Forest Service Road maintained by the county under this agreement. Dick Motta discussed whether the county Planning Board can designate county roads and Commissioner Slaughter indicated that the county Planning Board does not have that authority, and the County Attorney concurred. Dick Motta again inquired about snow plowing and Commissioner Slaughter indicated that it is the same as last year. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw reviewed that future publicly noticed bidding and subcontractor agreements will be on the Board's agenda, and the subcontractor agreements could call for pay by the hour or by the project. Commissioner Hinkle stated that he is opposed to the agreement. Commissioner Slaughter and Adler voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Hinkle opposed the motion. Commissioner Adler offered a public apology to Commissioner Hinkle regarding comments he made during last week's session.

- **Cooperative Forest Road Agreement, 2019 Road Maintenance Plan:** Rick Collins noted that several roads have been added (Carpp Ridge, Upper Willow Creek and Viking Lane) to the agreement, but no roads added to Granite County's responsibilities. Commissioner Adler moved to adopt the agreement and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no further Board discussion. Public discussion included Dick Motta's question on responsibility of snow plowing and the Board responded that it is the Montana Department of Transportation's responsibility on state highways. The motion carried.
- **Modification to 2018 Road Project Agreement with the Forest Service (specifically called Modification to Grant or Agreement):** Commissioner Adler moved to accept the agreement and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no Board discussion. There was no public comment. Commissioners Slaughter and Adler voted in favor of the motion and Commissioner Hinkle opposed the motion.

Chairperson Slaughter then signed all three agreements during the public meeting. Signing the sign-in sheet were Elena Gagliano, Dick Motta, Rick McGill, Cindy McGill, Jim Burke, Janice Burke, Bobbie Beyer, Roger Beyer and Ty Oram.

The Board met with County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and with Clerk and Recorder Sarah Graham regarding the PHEP (Public Health Emergency Planning) budget deficit for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Sarah Graham explained that there is a deficit in the budget since the program was only budgeted for six months of the current fiscal year. She noted that if all deliverables are submitted there will be sufficient cash in the PHEP fund at the end of the fiscal year, if all contracted deliverables are met by Dustin Muhly (independent contractor with County) and the County receives all state reimbursement available. County Attorney Bradshaw noted that a formal resolution could be considered by the Board before the end of the fiscal year to increase the PHEP budget, if necessary. The Board agreed that no action was necessary at this time.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2019-12 "A Granite County Resolution Revising Its Established Good Neighbor Policy, First Revision." County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. The Board reviewed the changes that Commissioner Hinkle had requested. Discussion was held by the Board on what constitutes an undue hardship and a long-term undue hardship. County Attorney Bradshaw explained that the revised policy here attempts to define what happens when there are long-term undue hardships continuing year to year, and in such cases the Commission would need to meet and agree whether or not to provide the assistance which would be done through yearly contracts approved by the Board of Commissioner Hinkle moved to adopt Resolution 2019-12 and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no Board discussion. Public comment: Dick Motta questioned the Board's authority to adopt a Good Neighbor Policy. The Board discussed that since the Board meets only once a week that certain authority is

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delegated to Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt. County Attorney Bradshaw stated that the Board has broad powers regarding the health and safety of the people in the county. Dick Motta commented that he does not see where the county has this authority. He also questioned how the county's insurance covers the county and its employees acting under this policy. County Attorney Bradshaw noted that he has spoken with the county's insurance carrier and that the county and its employees have liability insurance coverage while acting under this policy. He noted that if a problem occurs year after year with the same person or entity, that it is not really even an undue hardship at all. Dick Motta stated that it is a subjective decision on whether a problem is really an emergency or undue hardship. Elena Gagliano explained her definition of an emergency if an ambulance cannot get to someone; she also discussed an Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Slaughter noted that policies and Interlocal Agreements often overlap. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that this policy has been in effect for two years and it has been working well. Dick Motta inquired if there will be a consideration in the budget for this service. Commissioner Slaughter stated that there will not be an additional budget consideration. The motion carried unanimously. Dick Motta claimed that he has been denied public comment. Commissioner Hinkle stated that the Resolution, with the revisions, is now better than it was.

Commissioner Adler excused himself for the remainder of the session and gave his verbal proxy to Commissioner Hinkle for the next two agenda items.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2019-13 "A Granite County Resolution Opposing Any Legislation Adopting The Confederated Salish And Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) Montana Water Compact And Supporting The People's Water Compact." County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Commissioner Hinkle moved to adopt Resolution 2019-13 and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. Commissioners Hinkle and Slaughter complimented the county attorney on the excellent job of drafting the Resolution. The Board agreed to send copies to western Montana counties, the congressional delegation, governor and local newspaper. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Hinkle voting Commissioner Adler's proxy.

Public Comment: A. J. Michnevich contacted the Board by speaker telephone to report that there are rocks on the Lower Rock Creek Road and a tree in Rock Creek at Kitchen Gulch which could cause erosion or washout of the road. Commissioner Slaughter suggested that he contact Missoula County regarding the Kitchen Gulch matter. Commissioner Slaughter noted that the county road department is aware of the issues with this road and will be working on it, but there are issues all over the county due to the inclement weather. A. J. Michnevich was advised to call Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt in the future regarding road matters.

The Board considered DOWL Engineering's revised proposal for completing a portion of the Part 12D Inspection (required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) of the Flint Creek Project, including an agreement, Scope of Work and fee for Task 1: Update PMF Analysis, \$35,000.00 and Task 2: General Comment Resolution & FERC Coordination, \$11,000.00, for a total of \$46,000.00. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and noted that some fees had been reduced and one task removed from the original DOWL proposal. Commissioner Hinkle moved to accept the revised agreement and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no Board discussion and there was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Hinkle voting the proxy from Commissioner Adler.

The Board reviewed the draft minutes for the March 13, 2019, Joint Session with the Towns of Philipsburg and Drummond and Granite County Commissioners. Commissioner Hinkle moved for approval of the minutes with the additions that those present be identified as to their official positions and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board considered the Service Provider Designation for Earmarked Alcohol Tax Funds. Commissioner Hinkle moved to designate Western Montana Addiction Services as the county's state certified service provider for the county's Earmarked Alcohol Tax.

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Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Public Comment: Elena Gagliano met with the Board and requested that the Board minutes be approved in the morning so they will be available to the public in the morning for that day's Commission meeting. She also commented that she believes that draft Commission minutes should be available to the public. Commissioner Slaughter responded that it is the county attorney's legal opinion that minutes are not available to the public until they are approved. She also commented that the agendas and minutes are not searchable on the county's website. She noted that some counties have a work session to decide which items will be on the next regular meeting agenda. Commissioner Slaughter noted that any Commissioner can add an item to the agenda at any time. Elena Gagliano also requested that the public comment item on each week's agenda be moved to the morning. Discussion was held among Commissioners Slaughter and Hinkle and Elena Gagliano about public comment and public participation. Commissioner Slaughter requested that Elena Gagliano make a list of suggested improvements to the county's website and submit it to the Board for consideration. Commissioner Slaughter agreed that the advertisement in the newspaper be revised to include that people can request to have the Commission agenda either mailed or emailed to them.

Karen Petersen with the Granite Conservation District met with the Board to request a signature on an application for admin/operating grant funds from the DNRC for the Granite Conservation District to supplement the district's operating budget. Commissioner Slaughter signed the application and requested that in the future the matter be put on the Commissioner's agenda.

Correspondence: None.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for the April 2, 2019 regular session. The minutes were approved as revised on the motion of Commissioner Slaughter and second by Commissioner Hinkle. The revision of an insertion to the minutes was as follows to the agenda item: 'District Ranger Cameron Rasor: Cooperative Forest Road Project Agreement; Discussion.' "District Ranger Rasor showed the Commissioners a letter Commissioner Hinkle had written to Senator Daines' representative asking why the Forest Service could not do their own reconstruction and Ranger Rasor incorrectly stated that Commissioner Hinkle had used county letterhead." There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The session adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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April 15, 2019

The Board of Granite County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. in special session in the Commission Office of the Powell County Courthouse in Deer Lodge with Chairperson Bill Slaughter and Commissioners Scott Adler and Charles Hinkle attending. Also attending were Chief Executive Bill Everett and Jim Davison, Director of the Local Development, both with Anaconda-Deerlodge County; Powell County Commissioners Ralph Mannix and Doug Crachy; and Gene Radermacher also attended with his associate of Polson. Subjects discussed were the proposal of Gene Radermacher for a Tradeport/Port Authority organization jointly for the three counties, Granite County's opposition to the CSKT (Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes) Water Compact and support for the People's Water Compact, and a potential road agreement between Powell County and Granite County for a

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section of road in Powell County near Jens. The county officials present generally agreed that a joint TradePort/Port Authority was not advisable at this time. No action was taken by the Board of Granite County Commissioners at this joint meeting as the meeting was for informational and discussion purposes only.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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April 16, 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 met with the Board and gave his weekly report. The report included that repair was being done on West Mullan Road. The Board discussed that Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks has offered extra hunts and the hunters and horn hunters are tearing up the county roads. Also discussed was that the state is sending traffic on county roads when the state roads are closed. Paul Alt agreed to contact the Missoula Department of Transportation engineer to request assistance with maintenance of those county roads. Mike Herzog with Western States Cat of Missoula met with the Board to provide information on the guaranteed buyback program through Cat on the county's 160 M-2 motor grader. He noted that the buyback on this machine expires in a month. He estimated delivery through a government cooperative of a new 160 M-3 motor grader in June and will have a final cost for the Board prior to next week's regular session. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended a portion of this meeting, and gave his legal opinion that the Cat grader, as it is over \$80,000, may be purchased from Western States Cat of Missoula without following complete bidding process, only if Western States is part of a government purchasing cooperative and if purchased at substantial savings. Mike Herzog indicated that Western States (Cat) is a member of Sourcewell, which is a bonafide government purchasing cooperative, and the purchase here would be at substantial savings to the county. Mike Herzog further stated that Missoula County uses this process to purchase equipment from Western States, including purchasing equipment, including purchases where single items of equipment are more than \$80,000.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.55 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 11.40 inches below full pool with an estimated 40.0 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 40.0 cfs over the weir. Commissioner Adler moved to make no adjustment in the outflow and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and agreed to notify Paul Tallon, with Flint Creek Hydro, LLC, of the Board's decision.

Sue Antonioli met with the Board to request a 30-foot wide easement for ingress and egress to a five-acre tract of private property owned by a family member on School Hill Road in Philipsburg. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Sue Antonioli explained that logical access to the property would be off School Hill Road near the county road department shop. She agreed to do additional research on property ownership in the area. Commissioner Hinkle moved to grant the request, subject to the conditions the county may put on it, and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

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The Board reviewed county claims for March 2019. The claims were approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. Commissioner Hinkle recused himself from voting on the Heidi Hinkle claim. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered drafting a letter to the Montana Congressional Delegation regarding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) onerous regulations on small hydroelectric developments, like the Flint Creek Project. Commissioner Adler moved to postpone this agenda item until engineer Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering of Helena is available and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered the purchase of a speaker system for the Commission Office. The Board agreed to purchase a speaker system for approximately \$700.00 on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Vince Reece and Derek Kuhl met with the Board. Vince Reece reported as the manager of Riddick Field Airport. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Vince Reece presented and reviewed a letter regarding the status of government grant funding for Riddick Field Airport, including \$150,000 each year for airport maintenance beginning in 2020. Also, potential scholarship funds of \$5,000 for airport manager training. Subjects covered included:

- A. Enforceability of County Resolution 2017-9 and Airport Rental Agreements. County Attorney Bradshaw stated that those documents are enforceable and he suggested that enforcement begin with the Airport Board and then be referred to the County Attorney. Discussion was held on the hangar insurance requirement.
- B. Paul O'Leary to be contact person for the engineering firm of Robert Peccia & Associates regarding paving project for Riddick Field and he will report to the Airport Board monthly.
- C. Vince Reece to stay on as airport manager and will stay on Airport Board; and Derek Kuhl appointed as volunteer assistant manager.
- D. Sam Donahue as new board chairperson.
- E. John Hunter as new assistant board chairperson.
- F. They are working on getting the Drummond Airport in shape to be used and looking for a contractor to keep the field mowed in the summer. It was noted and stressed by the Board and County Attorney that the person or business doing the mowing must be required to have and have adequate commercial liability insurance in effect.

Commissioner Adler moved to approve the actions of the Airport Board and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Adler excused himself from the session at noon.

Architects Paul Filicetti and Crystal Herzog with A&E Architects of Missoula met with the Board to discuss the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessibility review assessment of the courthouse. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Subjects discussed included ADA compliance issues, vertical access, existing issues/code deficiencies, historic exceptions, project goals and objectives, project budget and project schedule. Paul Filicetti reviewed that an assessment of the courthouse was done in 2005 and since then building codes and ADA regulations have changed. He explained that handicapped access will be considered both for the public and for employees. Crystal Herzog reviewed considerations for access to and from the District Courtroom on the third floor. A sprinkler fire suppression system for the building was discussed to potentially allow more egress from the building. Also discussed was handicapped access for witnesses and jurors to and in the third floor District Courtroom. The architects asked the Board to consider the future needs of the county and whether or not the existing building will be sufficient to handle a potentially increasing population. The Board discussed the potential of increasing savings, which have been done over several years, to meet the priorities to be outlined in the report. On another subject, the roofing project scheduled for this summer was discussed, as was some repointing of the masonry at the courthouse and the jail.

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The Board discussed potential negotiation with Blackfoot Telephone regarding a damaged cable (line) owned by Blackfoot within the East Fork Road right-of-way. Commissioner Hinkle moved to have County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw negotiate with Blackfoot Telephone and the collection agency up to \$5,000.00 for a final settlement which would then be approved by the Commission. County Attorney Bradshaw noted his legal opinion that Blackfoot was more than 50% negligent here for failing to have the property permits granted by the county so they likely would not recover any in a lawsuit against Mr. Houtz, who was part of the group digging when the line was cut. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Commissioner Hinkle moved to indemnify Chuck Houtz in this matter, if there is a judgment obtained against him by Blackfoot for the cut cable/line, up to \$8,000.00, specifically for this cut cable/line. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: The Board wrote a letter for the Granite County Public Health Department that the office is located in a county owned building in Drummond. The letter was in lieu of a Certificate of Occupancy requested for billing purposes by the county Public Health Department.

Also as correspondence: The Board noted receipt of a copy of a letter from attorney Wade Dahood of Anaconda, attorney for Mr. Jack McLeod and Rising Sun Estates, regarding fire protection for the Rising Sun Subdivision at Georgetown Lake. The Board requested that County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw reply that the settlement agreement between the county and Mr. Dahood's client, regarding fire protection for the subdivision, should be followed or litigation would be renewed as the current litigation between the parties is on hold and a new trial would be scheduled by the district court if a motion requesting such was filed with the district court by the County Attorney.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for the April 9, 2019 regular session. The minutes as amended were approved on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Public Health Nurse Katie Muhly RN met with the Board and presented a written summary report. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Subjects covered were immunizations, Area V Agency on Aging, Maternal Child Health Block Grant, communicable and infectious diseases, Sheriff's Department, Healthy Granite County Network/HRSA Grant, and Public Health Department. Katie Muhly reported that she plans to advertise for an additional home health aide in the next few weeks, she is working on improving the department's web page, and she discussed work on suicide prevention. She presented an estimate for repairs on the Drummond Public Health Office and the Board agreed that she should proceed with the local contractor. She reported that she is getting a nursing student for public health credits for one day a week for six weeks this summer.

The Board considered the Master Agreement with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2026. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and indicated that the agreement is acceptable from his legal perspective. Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve the Master Agreement with DPHHS and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board toured the interior construction of the new Philipsburg Ambulance garage at 515 Hamilton Court in Philipsburg with contractor Doug Graybeal with Graybeal Construction, the contractor awarded the bid. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Philipsburg Public Works Director Sam Dennis attended. The Board looked at the two ambulance bays, meeting room, restrooms, and storage areas. Doug Graybeal indicated that flooring material, trim, fixtures (sinks, toilets and cabinets) and baseboards are yet to be installed. He estimated that the project is 85% complete and noted that the flooring material and cabinets are paid for. Connection of sewer and water lines to the new ambulance building was discussed with Philipsburg Public Works Director Sam Dennis and the work

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will be done by the Town's public works crew according to the agreement between Granite County and the Town of Philipsburg where the county pays for the material and any required equipment rental, but not labor costs. Sam Dennis estimated that the project could start in a couple of weeks.

The session adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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April 23, 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 met with the Board and gave his weekly report. The report included that water is rising throughout the county, including Bear Gulch and Capron Creek; culverts cannot handle the amount of water coming down. Areas are signed. Blading continues as weather allows. He reported that he had contacted the state Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding use of county roads when state roads are closed; there is a new person in that position and Paul Alt expects to hear more this week. The need for gravel for later in the season was discussed.

Discussion was held on the proposed sales agreement with Western States Cat of Missoula for a new 2019 Caterpillar 160M3 AWD motor grader (Serial Number: N9K01087 ID: E0049719) at a price of \$347,988.00 plus miscellaneous items (including 14' plus moldboard, front halogen headlights, tier IV engine, cold weather plus package, rear vision camera, snow wing, snow wing frame mount, extreme duty electric starter, etc.) of \$23,088.00, for a total price of \$371,076.00; with a trade proposal on Granite County's Caterpillar 140G motor grader (Serial Number: 3MD03082) for a credit of \$55,000.00 for the machine, a credit of \$5,000.00 for the front blade and a credit of \$2,000.00 for the snow wing, for a total trade in of \$62,000.00; resulting in a total net due of \$309,076.00 and a total amount financed of \$309,376.00, which includes Cat's finance fee of \$300.00. Cat did provide a written valuation of all of the trade-in items. The Board agreed to trade in the older model 140G motor grader and to keep the 2013 Caterpillar 160M2 motor grader, as it is a newer machine. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that Caterpillar is a Sourcewell vendor, Sourcewell being a valid government purchasing cooperative, so this purchase of a piece of equipment over \$80,000 does not require formal, competitive bidding so long as the equipment is purchased by the county, being a participating member of Sourcewell, at a substantial savings. It was noted by the Board that this new motor grader was being purchased at substantial savings. Discussion was held on trading in some of the older county motor graders. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the sales agreement (#Q000141542-4), with accompanying finance proposal allowing for installment payments with a balloon payment for the final payment and guaranteed buy-back option after 5 years, between Western States Cat and Granite County as presented. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed solid waste rates with Paul Alt, Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Superintendent, regarding the fees paid by non-county taxpayers (Note: Formal dump cards are issued to those paying property taxes in Granite County) and the cost to dispose of that waste. Paul Alt noted that non-county taxpayers are not paying enough, at 6 cents a pound, to cover the cost of disposal of the waste at the Missoula landfill. Commissioner Hinkle

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moved to increase rate to 20 cents per pound for non-county taxpayers, without a dump card, effective May 1, 2019. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.65 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 10.20 inches below full pool with an estimated 40.0 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 44.7 cfs down below at the weir gage, which includes the lake outflow and other water runoff between the dam and the weir gage. Commissioner Hinkle moved to make no adjustment in the outflow and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The Board contacted Paul Tallon with Flint Creek Hydro LLC regarding the drop in outflow on Saturday and he reported that the generator had tripped offline. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and agreed to notify Paul Tallon, with Flint Creek Hydro, LLC, of the Board's decision.

The Board received and accepted the resignation of Rick Day, Disaster and Emergency Services/Safety Coordinator, effective May 6, 2019. The Board indicated their appreciation for his dedicated service to the county.

The Board attended and participated in a "Dialogue on Poverty" at the Granite County Museum and Cultural Center in Philipsburg. Also attending was Margie Seccomb, Executive Director of Action Inc. (formerly Human Resources Development Council) of Butte and Libby Brunell with Cascadia Business Development of Missoula. The three County Commissioners and the Commission's Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe were the only ones who attended this meeting.

Patti Kanduch, Chairperson of the Forest Management Advisory Committee (F-MAC), was unable to keep her appointment to meet with the Board. Commissioner Hinkle, who attends the F-MAC meetings, reported that the committee has finalized the policy on coordination, particularly with the U.S. Forest Service. Also, it was the committee's consensus was that the Forest Service should fight all forest fires, regardless of the size and with the understanding that the U.S. Forest Service will not be able to control them all. He also reported that a consulting professional forester may be beneficial to the committee's work in the future. Scott Sylvester, who attends the F-MAC meetings, reported that it is the committee's intent is to put the group's coordination policy in the county's growth policy and to bring in some guest speakers appropriate to the committee's mission. It was indicated that Granite County's Planning Director Linda Bouck was given notice of this requested change to the County's Growth Policy. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and reviewed the law regarding Growth Policies and language in such policies regarding coordination with federal agencies.

The Board considered drafting a letter to the Montana Congressional Delegation regarding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) onerous regulations on small hydroelectric developments, like the Flint Creek Project. The Board conferred with engineer Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering of Helena, by telephone conference call, regarding elements of the letter, including new regulations (spillway inspection, dam safety audit, paid \$20,000 for Part 12D inspection and now \$40,000 for a more specialized inspection, expense for documents which are completed and sit on a shelf; hydroelectric generation on a small scale may not be economically feasible. Commissioner Hinkle moved that County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, engineer Jeremiah Theys, and Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe meet, with Jeremiah Theys participating by telephone, and work on a draft of a letter for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Discussion was held with Jeremiah Theys on the cost of developing a grant application for funding through the federal BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) program for the road around Georgetown Lake, which will be discussed further on a future Board agenda. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: None.

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The Board reviewed draft minutes for the April 16, 2019 regular session. The minutes were approved as presented on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board participated in a training session for all county elected officials and department heads in the District Courtroom of the courthouse presented by County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw on the Granite County Procurement Policy.

At 4:00 p.m. the Board participated in the quarterly Granite County Board of Health meeting which included the noticed public hearing on the Variance Request from the county's Onsite Wastewater Treatment Regulation, Section 4.1, by Dan Semmens of Missoula for a septic system and septic drain field for lots 16 and 17 of Moose Lake Acres No. 1 Subdivision. Minutes of that Board of Health meeting are kept separately.

The session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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April 30, 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 met with the Board and gave his weekly report. The report included that some blading is getting done; cold patch arrived last week and is being used; dump truck with engine problems is in Missoula for inspection and possible repair; and discussion was held on renting equipment in the future.

Discussion was held on the proposed sales agreement with Western States Cat of Missoula for a new 2019 Caterpillar 160M3 AWD motor grader (Serial Number: TBD ID: E0052144) at a price of \$347,988.00, miscellaneous items (including 14' plus moldboard, front halogen headlights, tier IV engine, cold weather plus package, rear vision camera, snow wing, snow wing frame mount, extreme duty electric starter, etc.) of \$23,088.00 and a 2018 Balderson 12' snow wing for \$6,000.00; for a total price of \$377,076.00; with a trade proposal on the county's Caterpillar 140H motor grader (Serial Number: ASD00741) for \$70,000.00; for a total amount due of \$307,076.00, with the amount to be financed of \$307,376.00, which includes the Cat finance fee of \$300.00. The Board agreed to trade in the county's older model Cat 140H motor grader to upgrade with new equipment. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that Caterpillar is a Sourcewell vendor, Sourcewell being a valid government purchasing cooperative, so this purchase of a piece of equipment over \$80,000 does not require formal, competitive bidding so long as the equipment is purchased by the county, being a participating member of Sourcewell, and if purchased at substantial savings. It was noted by the Board that this new motor grader was being purchased at substantial savings. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the sales agreement (#Q000141564-1), with accompanying finance proposal allowing for installment payments with a balloon payment for the final payment and guaranteed buy-back option after five years, between Western States Cat and Granite County as presented. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed solid waste rates with Paul Alt, Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Superintendent, regarding the minimum fee to dispose of waste for out of district people,

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which is currently \$2 per pound and he suggested that it be raised to \$7.50 per pound. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Commissioner Adler moved to support the suggested increase and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Paul Alt indicated that he is setting up an extra dumpster in Philipsburg for the summer.

Patrick Little with the Philipsburg Volunteer Ambulance met with the Board and gave an update on the organization. He noted that six new EMT's have been trained. He reported that three Ford C Class ambulances (2 used but needing slight repairs and third one that would be used for parts) can be donated to the Philipsburg ambulance from a service in California; one to be used in Philipsburg for calls; one for hospital transfers and one for parts; the only cost would be to transport them from southern California. The Board notes that the Ambulance Association has the funds for the transportation of the vehicles in its budget. Commissioner Slaughter suggested that the ambulance service get a service agreement with a local business for regular ambulance maintenance. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that there is a new Procurement Policy in place for the county. Patrick Little noted that an ambulance transport vehicle is valuable because it leaves the 9-1-1 medical ambulance in service in the community. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the transfer of the titles of the ambulances to Granite County and the transportation costs, to be taken from the Philipsburg Ambulance budget, of the ambulances to Philipsburg from California. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Patrick Little noted that the group's by-laws will be presented soon for Commission approval. He requested some gravel in front of the new ambulance garage.

The Board discussed a grant application for the Forest Management Advisory Committee (F-MAC) from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC). Commissioner Hinkle noted that the decision had not gone through the F-MAC committee. Commissioner Hinkle indicated that the grant application could go through the Commissioners to potentially hire a professional forester to facilitate coordination with the Forest Service, up to \$20,000.00 with a 10% match. Commissioner Hinkle moved for the Commission to make a grant application to DNRC for the purpose of hiring a part-time forester and other professionals on forest management. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Scott Sylvester attended and informed the Board that he would not be available to fulfill the forester position in the future due to other conflicts. Elena Gagliano commented by speaker telephone that discussion had not occurred at the F-MAC meeting and she suggested that some training be held on open meetings. Commissioner Slaughter explained that it will be advantageous for the Commission to have a professional involved in forest management. Once the grant application is completed, the matter would again be placed on the Board's agenda for final approval.

As an administrative matter, the Board agreed to request contractor Jon Bergerson to inspect the roof of the Granite County Jail and to report his findings to the Board.

County Extension Agent Ben Hauptman met with the Board and reviewed the continuing Noxious Weed Trust Fund Project Grant Agreements through the Montana Department of Agriculture for the Middle Fork (\$4,012.00) and for the Douglas (\$26,146.00) Projects. Both agreements were approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Slaughter suggested that the weed chemical be put out to public bid to obtain the lowest cost. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Ben Hauptman noted that the county weed program is licensed to sell chemicals to the public and the Department of Agriculture handles issuance and enforcement of weed spraying licenses. He noted that the weed program is fully staffed for the season and weed spraying will begin tomorrow.

The Board discussed down payment assistance with HOME Program funds, which assists lower income people with the down payment to purchase a home. The county must

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designate an office to complete the Environmental Review Record to determine if a home proposed for the program is in a flood area or in the Civilian Airport Runway Clear Zone. The county is not responsible to fund any project but would be responsible to complete the environmental review for any property that will use HOME funding for down payments and closing costs. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw summarized the program and noted that county's agreement to participate would be done by resolution. Planning Director Linda Bouck met with the Board and agreed that it could be her office to do the Environmental Review Record. Commissioner Hinkle moved to go forward with the Resolution and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Craig Erickson, Grant Manager, and engineer Jeremiah Theys, both with Great West Engineering of Helena, met with the Board to discuss the grant application process for the road around Georgetown Lake through the federal BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) grant program. Craig Erickson explained that his role in the company is to find funding for clients. He explained that the program has been around for 10 years; possibly a 20% match, but feds may reduce that; application deadline is July 15, 2019; primary selection criteria were reviewed; the secondary selection criteria were reviewed; applicant must have "demonstration of ability to proceed" projects (formerly known as "shovel ready" projects); and environmental and right-of-way review must be completed. Commissioner Slaughter explained that a Federal Highway Administration executive suggested that it could be a good program for the county. Craig Erickson stated that this is the most competitive federal grant program they work with and there is a huge investment by the county before the application is submitted and he indicated that the county is not ready at this point to submit a grant application of this magnitude this year. Jeremiah Theys indicated that transportation projects frequently die on the environmental or right-of-way issues. Craig Erickson noted that no upfront expenses can be claimed in the grant funding. He also noted that planning grants are available to do the environmental and right-of-way, which also includes some investment by the county. Craig Erickson reported that Hill County is in the process of applying for a planning grant through the BUILD program for all county roads in the county. The Board agreed to see how Hill County, and the entire state, does on BUILD grant applications this fall.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.74 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 9.12 inches below full pool with an estimated 40.0 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 42.9 cfs over the weir. Commissioner Adler moved to make no adjustment in the outflow and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and agreed to notify Paul Tallon, with Flint Creek Hydro, LLC, of the Board's decision.

Kari Auclair, the new Area/Regional Director for Western Montana Mental Health met with the Board and introduced herself. Discussion was held on the mental health needs of the county. She reported that there is a video link at the Granite County Medical Center for personal contact with a mental health professional. Western Montana Mental Health is now divided into four areas and Kari Auclair's area includes Granite County. She has been participating in the HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) grant meetings at the medical center. Her goal is to provide mental health services locally; prevention in the schools; crisis response; and response to an aging population. The possibility of a short-term bed at the medical center was discussed.

Barbara Cahill, board member of the newly created Philipsburg Area Library District, who was appointed this position by the Board of County Commissioners, met with the Board and presented a written update. She highlighted the events, programs, grants, remodel/expansion (including asbestos removal and architectural services), transition from a town library to a multijurisdictional district library, and an art fundraising effort to be held at The Ranch At Rock Creek in June. She noted that the library is open 33 hours per week and she plans to report to the Board quarterly.

Public Comment: None.

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Correspondence: At the request of Floodplain Administrator Linda Bouck, the Board wrote a letter to the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Water Operations Division, in support of updating the county's floodplain maps.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for the April 23, 2019 regular session. 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.

The Board discussed a formal policy for landowners to request a road name change for addressing purposes and reviewed a sample policy. The Board took no action and agreed to place the matter on a future agenda for a final decision.

The county commission session adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Union Negotiations:

At 3:00 p.m. negotiations were held between the County and Granite County Road Unit in which Commissioner Scott Adler represented Granite County. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended on behalf of Granite County. The State Union Representative, Craig Davis, along with local representatives, John Hoehne, and Nickie Cayko, attended for the road department union. The Union is Granite County Road Unit, IUOE Local #400. The negotiations are ongoing.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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