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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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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 7TH, 14TH, 21ST & 28TH OF MAY 2019 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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

<u>WARRANT</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
55813	VISA #1	MONTHLY BILLING \$57.78
55814	VISA #2	MONTHLY BILLING \$1,415.36
55815	VISA #3	APRIL BILLING \$649.47
55816	RICK OLSEN	TRAVEL \$123.00
55817	FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK	PAYROLL & NOD \$96,073.17
55818	NATIONWIDE	EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION \$650.00
55819	SNIPER CENTRAL	TRAINING \$450.00
55820	360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES \$1,278.39
55821	ADAM MICHNEVICH	MILEAGE \$156.60
55822	ALLIED WASTE SERVICES	SUPPLIES \$100.00
55823	ALLISON CASH	ELECTION JUDGE \$34.00
55824	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	ACETYLENE & RENTAL \$25.30
55825	ARCSEARCH CORPORATION	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES \$436.00
55826	ASSOCIATION OF MT TROOPERS	SUPPLIES \$25.00
55827	BARBARA HARTMAN	ELECTION JUDGE \$34.00
55828	BLACKFOOT CFT	APRIL BILLING \$3,508.48
55829	BLAINE BRADSHAW	SUPPLIES & TRAVEL \$1,094.70
55830	BOB WEAVER CONSTRUCTION	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE \$3,210.00
55831	BOB'S QUALITY AUTO	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE \$244.50
55832	BOHRNSEN LAND & CATTLE	REPAI & MAINTENANCE \$180.00
55833	BRAD HAGER	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE \$357.00
55834	BUTTE PRODUCE	SUPPLIES \$570.83
55835	C J CANNALIATO	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES \$377.84
55836	CATERPILLAR	EXCAVATOR \$1,144.07
55837	CENTURYLINK	MONTHLY BILLING \$415.80
55838	CENTURYLINK	FLINT CREEK PROJECT PHONE \$59.21

55839	CHUCK HINKLE	MILEAGE	\$70.76
55840	COMDATA	MONTHLY BILLING	\$4,161.45
55841	CONNIE SCHIEDERMAYER	MILEAGE	\$46.40
55842	CULLIGAN	SUPPLIES	\$32.00
55843	DESIREE MASON	HEADSTONE SET-CLUTE	\$100.00
55844	DIS TECHNOLOGIES	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$3,276.04
55845	DRUMMOND AMBULANCE ASSOC	TRAINING & SUPPLIES	\$4,066.33
55846	DRUMMOND COMMUNITY HALL	RENT	\$300.00
55847	DUSTBUSTERS INC	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$10,821.31
55848	F & R LLC	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$362.47
55849	FICKLER OIL CO. INC.	FUEL	\$1,736.00
55850	FRANCIS CONSTRUCTION	MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	\$4,144.00
55851	GENERAL DISTRIBUTING CO.	SUPPLIES	\$1,191.70
55852	GRANITE CO SHERIFF DEPT	SUPPLIES	\$453.24
55853	GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$322.24
55854	GRANITE DISPOSAL	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$270.00
55855	GRANITE PHARMACY	SUPPLIES	\$2,172.32
55856	GRANITE PREPAREDNESS, LLC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$2,957.19
55857	GRANITE SPORTLAND	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$118.68
55858	GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$8,927.75
55859	HIGH TECH LINEN	RUGS	\$130.38
55860	HOGAN'S RANCH & BUILDERS	SUPPLIES	\$176.25
55861	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES	\$534.57
55862	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES	\$367.44
55863	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES	\$93.94
55864	I STATE TRUCK INC	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$398.32
55865	INSTY-PRINTS	SUPPLIES	\$38.38
55866	JANEEN BONNEY	SUPPLIES	\$9.99
55867	KNIFE RIVER	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$1,850.54
55868	LINDA SMITH	SUPPLIES	\$645.15
55869	LISACS TIRE OF ANACONDA	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$198.00
55870	LSQ FUNDING GROUP, LC	PURCHASED SERVICES	\$720.00
55871	LYNN ANDERSON	MILEAGE	\$34.80
55872	MACO	INMATE MED BUDGET PROTECTOR	\$64.80
55873	MAPS INC	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$1,485.75
55874	MCGOWAN WATER	SUPPLIES	\$40.90
55875	MISSOULA MOTOR PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$40.73
55876	MONIDA HEALTHCARE NETWORK	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$362.81
55877	MONTANA AERONAUTICS	SUPPLIES	\$81.59
55878	MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH	SUPPLIES	\$118.53
55879	MONTANA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACAD	TRAINING	\$282.00
55880	MONTANA LTAP	2019 MACRS CONFRENCE	\$600.00
55881	MOUNTAIN WEST COOPERATIVE	PROPANE	\$118.21
55882	MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	SALARY SHARE-HAUPTMAN	\$2,322.78
55883	MT DEPT OF AGRICULTURE	LICENSE RENEWAL	\$95.00
55884	NAPA AUTO PARTS	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$48.39
55885	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$2,646.72
55886	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	APRIL BILLING	\$4,074.17
55887	NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS, INC	SUPPLIES	\$22,675.12
55888	PATRICIA BAUER	MILEAGE	\$223.88
55889	PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	APRIL BILLING	\$3,819.25
55890	PHILIPSBURG SR CITZ CENTER	CARE OF PRISIONERS	\$202.50
55891	PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF	UTILITIES-APRIL	\$434.00
55892	PINTLER PETROLEUM	SUPPLIES & TRAVEL	\$1,898.96
55893	POSTMASTER	PO BOX RENT	\$120.00
55894	PYRAMID PRINTING	SUPPLIES	\$57.30
55895	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	MONTHLY BILLING	\$5,687.98
55896	ROBBI L HOUSE	ELECTION JUDGE	\$34.00
55897	RTW ENTERPRISE	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$2,029.05
55898	SCOTT ADLER	MILEAGE	\$231.42
55899	SOLE STONE	SUPPLIES	\$342.81
55900	STATE OF MONTANA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$1,500.00
55901	SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	SERVICES	\$225.00
55902	TERRY JO VIETOR	VICTIM ADVOCATE	\$510.59
55903	TIMOTHY H LUTHJE	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$875.00
55904	TIRE-RAMA - MISSOULA	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$55.00
55905	TNT TRUCK PARTS	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$2,987.50
55906	TRANSUNION	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$75.00
55907	TW ENTERPRISES, INC	GENERATOR SYSTEM-DHS	\$35,656.78
55908	VERIZON WIRELESS	APRIL BILLING	\$1,626.71
55909	WEBGRAIN	COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	\$53.00
55910	WESTERN POLICE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$170.50
55911	WILLOWROCK INC	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$100.00
55912	WOODLAND CREATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$485.29
55913	MT CO ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION	CONVENTION	\$205.00
		CLAIM FUND TOTAL	\$258,062.16

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ADLER, SCOTT C	COMMISSIONER	\$2,305.16
ALT, PAUL	ROAD SUPERVISOR	\$6,539.17
ANDERSON, MELINDA K	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY	\$1,194.62
BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V	\$703.43
BECKER, KYLAH L	DISPATCHER	\$2,425.92
BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	\$4,097.52
BOLSTER, JACKIE R	PH NURSE ASSISTANT	\$1,097.10
BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN	\$2,493.92
BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER	\$5,057.77
BRADSHAW, BLAINE C	COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$8,190.67
BUTLER, JODI L	SOLID WASTE	\$2,724.96
CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N	DISPATCH	\$3,026.89
CAYKO, NICKIE N	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,443.40
DAY, JAN P	SICK/VACATION PAYOUT	\$863.84
DAY, JAN P	DEPUTY CLERK	\$2,412.42
DAY, NELS R	DES COORDINATOR	\$1,122.48
DUNKERSON, WAYNE S	SHERIFF	\$4,597.80
FADNESS, COLETTE A	AREA V AIDE	\$213.00
FRATZKE, DEBBIE	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	\$2,013.02
GRAHAM, SARAH E	CLERK & RECORDER	\$3,918.85
HARDING, JEAN M	DISPATCHER	\$2,654.40
HARDING, VICKI B	TREASURER	\$4,488.20
HENNAGER, DEANNA L	DISPATCHER	\$2,499.30
HINKLE, CHARLES	COMMISSIONER	\$2,052.02
HOEHNE, JOHN W	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,936.60
HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,510.00
HULTMAN, TY R	DEPUTY	\$3,762.16
JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,789.00
KAHOE, MICHAEL	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	\$4,651.68
KANE, KATHERINE	SICK/VACATION PAYOUT	\$624.18
KANE, KATHERINE	DISPATCHER	\$876.18
KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE	\$3,008.88
KINGREY, ELWYN	JUNK VEHICLE	\$384.48
LARDY, JAMES D	SITE RELIEF	\$60.95
LATRAY, DANETTE L	TREASURER DEPUTY	\$3,376.96
LOOBEY, THERESA R	TITLE CLERK	\$2,743.84
LUCERO, DAVE	DEPUTY	\$1,038.97
MCDONNELL, FRED N	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$355.04
MUHLY, KATIE	COUNTY HEALTH NURSE	\$2,804.53
OLSEN, RICK C	DEPUTY	\$3,522.61
OSTLER, JASON K	DEPUTY	\$3,664.60
OWENS, NANCY	RELIEF	\$466.13
PALMER, KAREN P	COUNTY AGENT SEC	\$2,513.28
PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY	\$3,173.28
PAWLAK, KIMBERLY	FLOATING CLERK	\$1,488.60
PETERS, DEBORAH A	DISPATCHER RELIEF	\$378.24
PETERS, STEVEN D	DEPUTY	\$3,585.10
SCHIEDERMAYER, CONNIE	COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIALIST	\$75.00
SCHMIDT, JERRI	DISPATCHER	\$1,641.60
SHEPARD, RAYLENE O	DISPATCHER	\$258.15
SLAUGHTER, BILL L	COMMISSIONER	\$2,152.49
SMITH, REBECCA	DEPUTY CLERK AND RECORDER	\$3,001.74
SMITH, THADDEUS M	DEPUTY	\$3,875.93
STEPHENSON, CHRIS D	SEASONAL ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,060.80
VICEDOMINI, KRISTEN	DISPATCHER	\$2,285.30
VIETOR, TERRY J	CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE	\$1,179.20
WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,510.00
WEST, WILLIAM H	DAM TENDER	\$279.23
WILKINS, KENNETH D	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,672.96
WILKINSON, BARBARA A	JUSTICE CLERK	\$1,317.82
	TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	\$150,161.37

<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
19218 JAN DAY	SICK & VACATION PAYOUT
19219 KATHE KANE	SICK & VACATION PAYOUT
19220 AFLAC INS	\$105.19
19220 AFLAC L & D	\$100.62
19221 CHRISTMAS CLUB	\$2,155.00
19222 COLONIAL	\$18.75
19223 FIT	\$9,181.55
19223 MEDICARE	\$4,153.22
19223 P.E.R.S.	\$19,042.46
19223 PERS RETIREE	\$344.82
19223 SHERIFF RETIRE	\$5,677.55
19223 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$17,758.84

19223 TRS	\$12.84
19224 IUOE 400	\$407.20
19225 MACO DENTAL	\$2,494.00
19225 MACO VISION	\$519.00
19225 MACOHCT	\$47,648.00
19225 UNUMLIFE	\$726.95
19226 SIT	\$5,801.00
19227 UNION - PENSION	\$587.92
919194PEBSC	\$4,625.00
55818 PEBSC	\$650.00
TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES	\$122,009.91

GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

May 7, 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 looking for rollers for the Road Department for potential purchase. Commissioner Adler reported on the dump truck that is down for repair and that the engine head is being evaluated.

The Board discussed the revision of the written Solid Waste District's policies regarding fees at both transfer sites. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw discussed the proposed policies regarding fees and composting. Commissioner Hinkle moved to accept the revised Granite County Solid Waste District Policies and Procedures Manual. These new written policies only changed the "out of district" fees, in writing, that were changed by the Board over the past few weeks. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the possible termination of carcass composting at the Drummond Solid Waste Container Site. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper attended by speaker telephone. Commissioner Adler noted that the crew is operating the composting site properly, but it should be not be near a town. Commissioner Slaughter noted that water runs through the carcass site and under the Interstate Highway, which he feels is a huge issue. Water quality concerns were discussed by the Board. Mayor Leeper said it is not a good thing for the businesses on the east end of Drummond due to the odor. Discussion was held by the Board on possibly permanently shutting the carcass compost site down today or waiting until the end of calving season. Commissioner Adler noted that there have been several complaints about the odor coming from the site into Drummond, as the site is just too close to town and in the wrong location generally. Commissioner Slaughter stated that he has contacted several ranchers in the lower valley for possible places to locate the carcass composting away from Drummond without success. The Board discussed setting a date of June 1, 2019, to shut the carcass compost site down. Mayor Leeper noted that she agreed with a permanent shutdown of this site for such composting, and that even though the site would be shut down that the smell likely will not go away immediately. Commissioner Adler moved to make the last day to receive any animal carcasses of May 22, 2019, with a final shut down (permanent, not just for the season) of the site on June 1, 2019. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. The Board agreed to send a letter regarding the shutdown process to the Granite Conservation District, which was involved in establishing the site, with a copy of the letter to the Philipsburg Mail newspaper, the Town of Drummond, Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Superintendent Paul Alt, and the state Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks; and to post a copy of the letter on the county's website. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The Board contacted Tri-County Sanitarian Chad Lanes by telephone and requested that he inspect the carcass site for sanitation and submit a timely report to the Board.

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Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.72 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 9.36 inches below full pool with an estimated 40.0 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 41.7 cfs over the weir below the power plant. 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.

Commissioner Adler reported on the union negotiations with the Granite County Road Department Union, IUOE Local No. 400. He reported that the union's request of working four days a week all year was not negotiable due to the safety factor of snow plowing on school bus routes five days a week. Clerk and Recorder Sarah Graham explained that on the county's current pay matrix step increases are 2% every two years and that the road department has its own matrix, including the 75 cents per hour pay increase in each step given for fiscal year 2018-2019 as stated in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement with the union. She suggested that the 75 cents per hour be added to the base starting rate on the road employees pay matrix to simplify the payroll process. She presented, at Commissioner Adler's request, a pay matrix with a 1% increase each year and she suggested that four ten hour shifts run from the first Monday of April to the last Thursday of October (rather than April first to October 31st) to not split the work week for payroll purposes. Commissioner Slaughter moved to authorize Commissioner Adler to present the following counter proposal to the union; ten hour shifts from first Monday in April to the last Thursday in October; Sarah Graham's proposed road department pay matrix (marked Exhibit A, proposed new pay matrix with 30-steps) which includes a pay matrix of 1% step increase each year based on satisfactory evaluations; a three year agreement; and not having to negotiate for a COLA. County Attorney Bradshaw agreed to draft the counter proposal (and attached the Exhibit A pay matrix and send it to the Union after the Board reviews it and finds the counter proposal to be acceptable. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a draft grant proposal to the DNRC for County Engagement in Federal Lands Forest Management. Commissioner Hinkle complimented Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe for his assistance on the draft proposal. Commissioner Hinkle moved to submit the grant application for \$20,000.00 and to provide \$1,000.00 in matching funds and \$1,000.00 of in-kind contribution. There was no Board discussion. Elena Gagliano commented that she is not in favor of hiring a forester and that the grant was not discussed in the Forest Management Advisory Committee (F-MAC) meeting. Commissioner Slaughter explained that an expert contracted forester could be of assistance in providing professional guidance to the Commission and to the F-MAC, if requested by the forest management committee; and could be an independent contractor. Elena Gagliano noted that she was agreeable to the forester being an independent contractor. Commissioner Hinkle noted that the grant application information became available after the most recent F-MAC meeting and that he had discussed it with committee Chairperson Patti Kanduch. Elena Gagliano expressed her frustration with the lack of communication to the F-MAC committee members, and she further stated that she is not in favor of any government grants because there are so many strings attached. Commissioner Slaughter then called for further comment. There was none. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON of Granite County Hospital District met with the Board and presented the monthly financial update including; a financial report dated 5-7-2019 with projected cash available of negative (\$80,335), projected deposits of \$465,000, accounts payable of negative (\$150,000) for projected cash reserves of \$234,665 (20 days of operation); and an Administrator's Report dated April 30, 2019. She highlighted that the interim cost report resulted in a reduction in payments for the remainder of the fiscal year; state Medicaid expansion is a good thing for the facility; most dental supplies and equipment have been removed from the facility; dental records have been transferred at the patient's request. She expressed concern that swing bed occupancy has been very low, which seriously affects the cash flow at the facility. She reported on the bidding for the installation of the foundation for the building for the CT scan and that the bids came in over estimates and the project will be rebid. She noted that the CT scan equipment and the modular building to house the CT

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scan are ready at the manufacturers. Also, she reported that follow-up calls will be made to each clinic visit patient.

Commissioner Hinkle informed the Board that he will be absent from the state from May 10 to May 24, 2019.

The Board reviewed the position descriptions for the County Safety Coordinator and DES (Disaster and Emergency Services) Coordinator. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the position descriptions, as revised. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2019-14 "A Granite County Resolution Agreeing To Prepare The Environmental Review Record For The NeighborWorks Montana HOME Grant Application." Planning Director Linda Bouck met with the Board and explained the program, which provides up to \$25,000 as a deferred loan for home buyers. She indicated that if Granite County does not participate in the program, that the loans may still be available to qualifying county residents. Commissioner Adler moved to not move ahead with Resolution 2019-14 and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. During Board discussion, Commissioner Slaughter noted that the Board is not against the NeighborWorks Montana HOME Program, but that the county does not want to participate directly in the program. During public comment on the motion, Elena Gagliano read a portion of a newspaper story which objected to the use of the NeighborWorks Program as it results in a lien on the property and she commented that it is in the county's growth policy that the people do not want any involvement in governmental low interest loan programs. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2019-15 "A Granite County Resolution Designating the Granite County Planning Director As The Environmental Preparer For The NeighborWorks Montana HOME Grant Application For Down Payment Assistance." The Board agreed that because Resolution 2019-14 is not moving forward, that Resolution 2019-15 will also not move forward and is tabled.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: The Board agreed to write a letter of appreciation to former Disaster and Emergency Services/Safety Coordinator Rick Day.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for the April 30, 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 session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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May 14, 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 Commissioner Scott Adler attending. Commissioner Charles Hinkle was absent this day. Also attending was Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.

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Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. The report included that the truck which had been in for repair will be ready early next week. Blading continues and a set of new grader tires are being negotiated with Cat. Discussion was held on grading the road at Jens in cooperation with Powell County. Paul Alt agreed to go with Airport Manager Vince Reece to patch holes in the Riddick Field Airport runway. Sam Donahue inquired whether Travelers Home Road speed limit had been reduced to 25 mph, as there is a 25 mph sign there now, and the Board replied that it had not changed that speed limit from 35 mph. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that the Commission can lower speed limits following a speed study and that homeowners' associations can regulate the speed limits in subdivisions, but not on county roads.

In an administrative matter, the Board agreed that a large drafting table on loan to the Granite County Museum and Cultural Center in Philipsburg should be disposed of by the museum since the county no longer has a use for it.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.7 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 9.00 inches below full pool with an estimated 40.0 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 42.9 cfs over the weir below the power plant. The Board reviewed the information dated May 8, 2019 from Dave Amman with DNRC. Commissioner Adler moved to make no adjustment in the outflow and request a temporary modification to include Dave Amman's DNRC report. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and agreed to request a temporary modification with the required agencies for the outflow to be above 30 cfs during the irrigation seasons, starting May 15, 2019.

Vince Reece, Airport Manager, and Sam Donahue, Chairman of the Granite County Airport Board, met with the Board and submitted their written reports. Vince Reece reported that Darcy Schindler is in charge of coordinating weed spraying for Riddick Field, which was done last year, but not successful.

- The airport board recommended a change to the Airport Rental Agreement, to include that any alteration to the agreement must be approved by the County Commission to be valid. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw agreed to revise the agreement. Discussion was held on hangar's which may be out of compliance at Riddick Field Airport.
- The airport board recommended application for MAMA (Montana Airport Managers Association) grant for \$5,000.00 for an intern airport manager position. The airport board will request to spread it out over three years (summer months) and the county must pay workers' compensation. Vince Reece agreed to do the required report at the annual MAMA conference. Commissioner Slaughter moved to apply for the grant and, if successful, the details would be worked out according to the grant agreement. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

As an administrative matter, Jim Dinsmore met with the Board to report on Granite Conservation District grant funds, including \$14,475 from the Livestock Loss Board for livestock carcass composting costs for 2018, which may still be available for 2018 expenses. Also, there is \$9,000.00 from the Blackfoot Challenge which is used for hauling carcasses to the composting site. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Jim Dinsmore gave copies of the current grant agreements for carcass composting to the Board.

Election Administrator Sarah Graham met with the Board for the canvass of votes from the Granite County Hospital District election held on May 7, 2019. The Board compared the tally sheets from the election and they were determined to be accurate. The election was declared official by the Board as follows:

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FOR TRUSTEE 3-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 2022						
JOHN BARBARA	359					
CHRIS D. CORNELIUS	259					
WRITE-IN	10					
OVER VOTE	2					
UNDER VOTE	24					
FOR TRUSTEE REMAINDER OF TERM EXPIRING 2021						
GENEVIEVE KULASKI	577					
WRITE-IN	18					
OVER VOTE	0					
UNDER VOTE	59					



In an administrative action, the Board and Sheriff Scott Dunkerson inspected the new gutters and downspouts on the Granite County Jail installed by Francis Construction of Belgrade. The Board and Sheriff Dunkerson agreed that the gutters were installed according to the specifications and that the final payment should be issued to the contractor, Francis Construction.

The Board reviewed county claims for April 2019. The claims were approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Planning Director Linda Bouck and surveyor/engineer Gordon Sorenson of Missoula met with the Board for the final plat request on the Fox Hill Major Subdivision. The subdivision consists of 15 residential lots on 565.02 acres in Parcel 10-A-1-1 COS 875 in Section 28, T10N, R12W being subdivided by Jomirus LLC of Hall, Montana. The Board reviewed the Final Plat Submittal dated May 6, 2019, from Planning Director Linda Bouck. Gordon Sorenson explained that surface gravel is lacking in some areas and some culvert work needs to be finished. The developer is requesting a Subdivision Improvements Agreement (SIA) to complete the work within six months. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and explained that the law allows for the Commission to enter into an SIA and if the Commission does not allow it with other like similar situations, there may be litigation. Commissioner Adler moved that a \$10,000.00 check to be held by county as assurance bond (as part of the SIA), and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Consideration of the final plat request was postponed by the Board until the SIA is in place or the subdivision is complete.

The Board reviewed the request of Brenitta Brady for a change in road name from Mann Lane to Mint Lane. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the road name change as requested. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

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The Board considered a draft Road Name Change Request Form and setting a fee of \$100 to submit such a request. The draft form had been approved by County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw. Commissioner Slaughter moved to approve the form as presented and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Contractor Jon Bergerson was not able to meet with the Board regarding the roof on the Granite County Jail, but will meet with the Board when his roofing subcontractor is available. The meeting will be scheduled on a future Board agenda.

Rex Radtke met with the Board regarding a potential new site for livestock carcass composting as the Board agreed last week to permanently close the carcass composting site at the Drummond Solid Waste container site on June 1, 2019 because of its proximity to the Town of Drummond, odors emanating from the site and potential surface water contamination. Rex Radtke suggested a place beside the county road up Cow Creek at Four Corners, which would have electrical power access. He explained that the Radtkes would have no funds to invest in the project, other than fuel and labor, but would consider making the necessary land available. The Board noted that the Blackfoot Challenge was a main supporter on the current site at the Drummond. The Board noted a sub-award agreement with the Livestock Loss Board for \$14,475 for composting expenses for 2018. Public comment: Frank Prince noted that the site at Four Corners was not plowed of snow last winter, so access may be difficult. Paul O'Leary noted that composting sites attract birds, which do not mix well with aircraft operations and the site owner may be liable for any aircraft accidents. Vince Reece reported that the fence at the Drummond Airport is the line for safe aircraft operations and nothing should be placed inside the fence. The Board noted that many questions, like how far does it need to be from a creek, will be answered when Fred Collins with DEQ looks at the potential sites next week. That site visit is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., meeting in Drummond at the Wagon Wheel Cafe. Commissioner Slaughter noted that it is a good program, but it is currently in the wrong location, and the county is interested in getting it moved, but is not interested in operating a new site. Brad Radtke, Vince Reece, Paul O'Leary, Monica Prince, Frank Prince, Jacque Venard, and county Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt attended.

Public Comment: Frank Prince met with the Board regarding the county's procurement policy as it relates to the Drummond Ambulance. He noted that some ambulance equipment is under a service contract and he inquired how that would be handled. Commissioner Slaughter reviewed the details of the policy and noted that specifications on equipment are critical and must be precisely detailed and specific to the equipment the ambulance association wants; also, many vendors are associated with the Sourcewell purchasing cooperative and purchases from those vendors do not need to be bid as the purchases is at substantial savings (best price). Monica Prince commented that following the procurement policy is a lot of extra work on a volunteer organization in which the members are already required to meet many times for time consuming training standards and qualifications. Frank Prince noted that when the new Drummond Ambulance vehicle arrives, probably in September, it may be necessary to dispose of a used ambulance since the Drummond Ambulance will not need three ambulances.

Also during public comment, Allen Doney met with the Board and requested a larger culvert be installed by the County at 161 Lower Willow Creek Road due to water backing up to the road and flooding his property after a heavy snow year. The Board suggested that he and Paul Alt, Road and Bridge Superintendent, look at the site to determine the proper size culvert.

Correspondence: None.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for the May 7, 2019 regular session. The minutes were approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

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Commissioners Adler and Slaughter met at 3:00 p.m. with IUOE Local No. 400 union representative Craig Davis and Granite County Road and Bridge Department (Road Unit) employees John Hoehne, Nickie Cayko and James Walden for union negotiations.

The session adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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May 21, 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 Commissioner Scott Adler attending. Commissioner Charles Hinkle was absent this day. 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 report. The report included that dura-patching will begin next week, starting with the roads which were chip sealed. The Board contacted the Powell County Commissioners by speaker telephone regarding road maintenance on a section of Powell County road near Jens and the Board agreed to Powell County's proposed pricing for an agreement between Powell and Granite Counties, primarily for snow plowing.

- Purchase of a pickup truck for the Hall Road Department was discussed. Paul Alt presented prices from two Missoula dealers on pickup trucks with government cooperative pricing: Karl Tyler Chevrolet for a 2019, 3500 Chevrolet Crew Cab for \$35,261.30 and Lithia Chrysler Jeep Dodge for a 2018 Ram 2500 Tradesman Crew Cab 4x4 Long Box for \$35,984.00. It was noted that this pricing is very competitive. Commissioner Slaughter moved to purchase the Chevrolet through Road Department capital outlay and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.
- County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended the pickup truck purchase discussion and confirmed that all the major truck manufacturers, and their dealers, are currently members of Sourcewell, a government purchasing cooperative, which assures government pricing and favored customer discounts. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw verified the County's Procurement Policy was followed in this situation.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.04 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 5.52 inches below full pool with an estimated 44.7 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 44.7 cfs over the weir below the power plant. Commissioner Adler moved to make no adjustment in the outflow at 44.7 cfs. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Patrick Little with the Philipsburg Volunteer Ambulance and County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw met with the Board to consider the proposed amended bylaws for the ambulance group. Patrick Little indicated that a confidential volunteer personnel file will be maintained, including required hours of education and calls responded to. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the amended bylaws as presented. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. The cost of transporting the three used donated ambulances from California was again discussed and

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Patrick Little noted that there is sufficient ambulance budget to cover the cost, and he also reported that there are eight new EMT's on the ambulance roster.

The Board reviewed the applications received for the county DES/Safety Coordinator position. The position was advertised in the May 9 and 16, 2019 issues of the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper and on the county's website. Two applications were received; one from Jackie Bolster and one from Dustin Muhly. Both are currently working for the county, Jackie Bolster as an employee and Dustin Muhly as a contractor. The County Personnel Policy Handbook's was reviewed and interviews are not required, and the Board concluded they would choose not to do interviews necessary because both applicants currently perform work for the county. Extension Agent Ben Hauptman was asked to be a member of the hiring committee by the Board, and he did assist the Board with the evaluation of the applications. The hiring committee was comprised of Commissioner Bill Slaughter, Commissioner Scott Adler and Ben Hauptman, County Extension Agent. The applications, with qualifications, were diligently analyzed and discussed by the committee. Commissioner Adler moved to make an offer of employment to Jackie Bolster for the DES/Safety Coordinator position and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Rick Robinson with Granite Disposal met with the Board to discuss his garbage collection operation. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper attended. Discussion was held on the charges to the county for garbage pickup, approximately \$4,000 per year. Rick Robinson reported that he hauls Philipsburg area garbage, including Georgetown Lake, Upper Rock Creek and Maxville, to Drummond because the Philipsburg container site cannot handle the volume as it is very busy and the Drummond container site can handle the volume because it is less busy. Rick Robinson noted that the Philipsburg site is often congested and he is happy with the way it is working now. Commissioner Adler indicated that he has had complaints from certain Granite Disposal customers that their dumpsters are oftentimes not dumped completely and Rick Robinson suggested that those customers speak directly with him since he is a private entity; also, he noted that he sometimes has a truck out of operation. Discussion was held on Mr. Rick Robinson's property near the Clark Fork River where the river is encroaching on his property and debris is going into the river. Rick Robinson reported that he does not have scales on his trucks as they do not have air springs, which are required for scale accuracy; also, truck scales are \$3,000.00 each; and the scales on trucks do not measure small amounts accurately. He noted that he services The Ranch at Rock Creek three times a week in the summer and he does not know how many solid waste units they are charged. The Board requested a customer list from Rick Robinson, at least annually, for the Board to determine if the public is being charged fairly on solid waste as he is the major operator in the county. He reported that as of July 1st he is going to quit the recycling as the rates are low on recycling material and the recycling centers are getting very particular on what they accept (more newspapers than magazines in a bin); also, it is not profitable for his business. The Board requested that Rick Robinson communicate with the Board at least twice a year to keep up with any changes. Rick Robinson inquired about out of county rates and who is charged, and the Board responded that out of county contractors and fire camps should definitely be charged the out of county rate. Mayor Gail Leeper commented that when she hauls garbage herself she goes over her personal solid waste unit so there is an unfair benefit to using Granite Disposal's garbage hauling services. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that it is a quirk of the system. Rick Robinson noted that he cannot weigh individual garbage cans because it is time consuming when he services 200 customers a day.

The Board met with *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper owner Jesse Mullen and Tim Allen with the Flint Creek Courier, a free online news source, to discuss bidding for the publishing of county notices, informational ads and legal process. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that there is a bit of legal dispute on whether the Flint Creek Courier may publish valid legal notices and he agreed to do some additional research. Tim Allen presented a summary of information on his services and a copy of the filing he made with the Granite County Clerk and Recorder on January 2, 2019. He noted that his website has 9,000 unique

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visitors for free each month and that the MCA's over the years have not specifically included the internet. He informed the Board that the cost for each publication is \$40.00; he currently runs the meeting agendas for Philipsburg, Drummond and Granite County for free. Jesse Mullen stated that it is clear in the law what a newspaper is and the state has been shut down regularly for online publication; he feels that an online posting does not meet the legal definition of a newspaper; and he is required to publish his circulation records annually. He indicated that some states and counties have tried to utilize website posting in the past and it has failed. County Attorney Bradshaw noted that certain notices are required by law to be published. Jesse Mullen advised that county notices should be published in as many places as possible to reach more of the public. He noted that the *Philipsburg Mail's* rate is \$9.50 per column inch. County Attorney Bradshaw informed the Board that he will issue a firm legal opinion on the matter and if that is challenged it would be done in district court. Jesse Mullen indicated that there have been competing challenges in the past and that it is the legal opinion of the Montana Newspaper Association that online posting does not meet Montana's legal standards. After the County Attorney issues a legal opinion, the matter will be taken up again by the Board and a formal notice to bid may be issued at that time.

The Board considered an itemized estimate from the Town of Philipsburg, Director of Public Works Sam Dennis, for materials for new water and sewer lines connections to the new Philipsburg Ambulance garage in the amount of \$1,577.00. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Granite County agreed to purchase the materials and the Town of Philipsburg agreed to do the installation as part of an existing and ongoing written agreement between the parties. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the itemized estimate up to \$1,577.00 for materials and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board considered an application and agreement with Savvik Buying Group, a government purchasing cooperative. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw informed the Board that there is an online application for the county to apply to become a member of that purchasing group. He would present the agreement, when he receives it, for the Board's consideration. The Board agreed that County Attorney Bradshaw complete and submit the application on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board considered a Memorandum of Understanding between Granite County/County DUI Task Force and Dirk Sichveland for free designated driver services for major local events. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Dirk Sichveland attended. County Attorney Bradshaw explained that Dirk Sichveland is a member of the DUI Task Force and he has volunteered to give free transportation, as a designated driver using his own vehicle, during events in the Philipsburg area when requested through the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the MOU and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Public Comment: Commissioner Slaughter reported that Public Health Nurse Katie Muhly intends to spend some Maternal and Child Health grant funds on suicide prevention training for students, parents and adults.

Correspondence: None.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for the May 14, 2019 regular session. The minutes were approved as presented on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

May 22, 2019

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session at 10:00 a.m. at the Wagon Wheel Café, 316 East Front Street in Drummond with Chairperson Bill Slaughter and Commissioner Scott Adler attending. Commissioner Charles Hinkle was absent this day. Also attending were County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe, Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt, Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper, Fred Collins with Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and Rex Radtke. Copies of DEQ information were given to each person attending, including a checklist and license application form, a compost facility site operation and maintenance plan form, and Montana law regarding compost license and operation standards.

Chairperson Slaughter called the meeting to order to discuss a potential new carcass composting site on Radtke property and he reviewed the reasons the current site at the Drummond Solid Waste transfer site was unacceptable, including offensive odor going into Drummond, limited area for composting operation, water running through the compost site and potential groundwater contamination. He noted that the Town of Drummond is working hard on economic development and it is the Commission’s desire to move the composting away from town. Commissioner Slaughter reported that Tri-County Sanitarian Chad Lanes had made an inspection and report on the site, and a copy of that report will be forwarded to Fred Collins at DEQ.

Fred Collins reviewed the basic standards for a minor compost site of less than two acres, including a no-cost permit from DEQ, a semi-permeable base, berm, fence and setbacks.

Rex Radtke indicated that there are two potential sites, one near the Drummond Airport and one near Cow Creek at Four Corners. The Board responded that the site near the Drummond Airport would not be acceptable since the composting can draw birds which are not compatible with aircraft operations.

The group made a site visit to the area on Radtke property at Cow Creek and Four Corners. Brad Radtke and Grady Radtke joined the group at the site. Discussion was held on the appropriateness of the site for a private carcass composting operation and Fred Collins agreed to do further research when he returned to the DEQ office in Helena. Rex and Brad Radtke indicated they would likely apply for the DEQ permit for the composting site without need for the County to be a party to the permit application as it will be a non-governmental, private site.

The session adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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May 28, 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 report. The report included that blading continues on Upper Rock Creek and Mullan Road; a rented roller and a rented excavator are coming next week.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.21 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender’s report. The lake is approximately 3.48 inches below full pool with an estimated 42.9 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 42.9 cfs over the weir below the

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power plant. The Board spoke with Paul Tallon with Flint Creek Hydro and he indicated that no adjustment had been made in the flow through the power plant in several weeks. Commissioner Adler moved to make no adjustment in the outflow at 42.9 cfs as shown by USGS gage and which is 45 cfs per the County's measurement device. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Sue Antonioli, due to an emergency, cancelled her meeting with the Board and requested that it be rescheduled for her report on research on the right-of-way request near the county road department shop at Philipsburg.

Shane Worley, President of Edwards Tract A Marina, Inc., met with the Board regarding the renewal of the Edwards "Tract A" Lease with Granite County at Georgetown Lake. Planning Director Linda Bouck noted that it is a private road for Edwards Tracts and the docks are private. Shane Worley indicated that real estate agents are stating that all of Edwards Tracts lots have a boat slip, which is incorrect. Linda Bouck suggested that it should be made clear to the real estate people that the lots do not include boat slips. Shane Worley noted that the current lease expires on June 30, 2019. Granite County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw reviewed some items in the current lease which were discussed and will be revised in the proposed new lease, including making the boundaries more clear. Both Linda Bouck and Attorney Bradshaw indicated that they thought the lease should allow all Edwards Tract A owners (and invitees) to access the jetty, but only members of Edwards Tract A Marina, Inc. may use and access the dock facilities. The Board deferred a decision on renewing the lease until it reviews the proposed revised lease.

Jake Magalsky with Ace Roofing met with the Board regarding the Courthouse Roofing Project and the Jail Roof Oiling Project. He noted that the jail shingles need to have certain moisture content, which they currently don't have due to recent rainy weather, prior to being oiled. He reported that the lift and courthouse roofing materials are on site today. He requested the agreed upon down payments on both contracted projects, and the Board agreed to pay those today by separate claims: \$65,622.50 for courthouse roof project and \$6,108.00 for jail roof oiling project.

Mayor Daniel Reddish, Town Attorney Robert Medof, and Town Councilman Carl Sundstrom, all with the Town of Philipsburg, met with the Board to discuss the Law Enforcement Agreement between Granite County and the Town of Philipsburg. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Sheriff/Coroner Scott Dunkerson attended. The current four-year Interlocal Agreement for General Law Enforcement Services expires June 30, 2019. Sheriff Dunkerson indicated that the current agreement is satisfactory and he noted that the Sheriff's Department intends to request the county Compensation Board for additional salary for the coroner's duties. A rate of \$82,859 was discussed for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, which is a 2% increase from the current fiscal year. Councilor Sundstrom reviewed the language in the existing agreement regarding the annual increase, which he feels needs clarified in the next agreement. Discussion was held that tickets, except for town ordinance cases, are currently all written into county justice court by agreement with the county and the municipalities of Philipsburg and Drummond. Sheriff Dunkerson noted that other municipalities in the state have requested copies of this interlocal agreement because it works so well. Mayor Reddish indicated that the current agreement is working well for the town, it is economical for the town and the coverage is better than having town-operated law enforcement; and he noted that there have been no complaints regarding calls for service. Mayor Reddish requested that the Sheriff's Department submit a written report for each town council meeting, in addition to the current verbal report. The two attorneys agreed to work on revising language as discussed and a draft proposed agreement will be presented to the County Commission on a future agenda for the county as well as a noticed Town Council agenda for the town. On another subject, Mayor Reddish reported that engineering on the town's water line replacement is progressing.

The Board considered correspondence to the Montana congressional delegation, with a copy to Montana Governor, Montana Attorney General, and the County's local state

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senator and representative, regarding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) onerous regulations on small hydroelectric facilities, which are costly for a small operation. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw presented a letter which he had drafted for the Board’s consideration. The Board made a small revision to the draft letter. Commissioner Adler moved to approve and send the revised letter and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered the Drummond Volunteer Ambulance’s request to purchase a LIFEPAK 15 V4 defibrillator and accessories at a cost of \$32,610.00 and a 4-year service agreement for the defibrillator for \$5,385.60 from Stryker Emergency Care of Richmond, Washington. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that Stryker is a member of NASPO (National Association of State Procurement Officials) and the purchase would be made through the state government contract, which has been advertised for public bid which resulted in the lowest available price. Commissioner Slaughter moved that the Drummond Ambulance be allowed to make the purchases as requested and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered the counterproposal from IUOE (International Union of Operating Engineers) Local 400, Granite County Road Unit. Commissioner Hinkle moved to reject the union counterproposal and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Hinkle moved that county negotiator Commissioner Adler offer a \$19.13/hour base rate, a pay matrix for 30 years at 1% per year with satisfactory performance evaluations, annual COLA the same as other employees, and a four-day work week from the first Monday in April through the last Thursday of October each year. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: The Board, as discussed prior in these minutes, drafted, approved, and sent a letter to the Montana congressional delegation and others regarding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s onerous and costly regulations on small hydroelectric projects, like the county’s Flint Creek Hydroelectric Project.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for the May 21, 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 session adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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