

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

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

<u>WARRANT</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>	
56016	KARL TYLER CHEVROLET	2019 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500	\$19,328.30
56017	POSTMASTER	BOX RENT	\$240.00
56018	BLOWERS CONSTRUCTION LLC	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$2,283.00
56019	FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK	PAYROLL & NOD FEE	\$94,395.11
56020	MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	SALARY SHARE-HAUPTMAN	\$4,645.56
56021	POSTMASTER	PO BOX RENT	\$120.00
56022	VISA #1	JUNE BILLING	\$1,619.45
56023	VISA #2	JUNE BILLING	\$1,405.50
56024	VISA #3	JUNE BILLING	\$937.94
56025	3-V DISTRIBUTING	FSH SANDER	\$18,500.00
56026	360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$1,976.09
56027	A & M FIRE AND SAFETY, INC	METAL EYEWASH STATION	\$78.00
56028	A&E ARCHITECTS	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$7,345.26
56029	ACE ROOFING	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$65,622.50
56030	ADAM MICHNEVICH	PLANNING BOARD TRAVEL	\$156.60
56031	AG - WEST	SUPPLIES- WEED DEPT.	\$196.04
56032	AUTO ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$260.57
56033	BALCO UNIFORM	DEPUTY UNIFORM PANTS	\$670.59
56034	BILL WEST	SUPPLIES	\$15.00
56035	BLACKFOOT CFT	MONTHLY BILLING	\$3,692.08
56036	BLAINE BRADSHAW	TRAVEL & SUPPLIES	\$163.38
56037	BLOWERS CONSTRUCTION LLC	FINAL PAYMENT	\$2,283.00
56038	BOB'S QUALITY AUTO	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$738.00
56039	BUTTE PRODUCE	SUPPLIES	\$531.42
56040	CALLAGHAN LAW	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$700.00
56041	CAROL BOHRNSEN	SUPPLIES	\$946.70
56042	CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERV CORP	EXCAVATOR INTEREST & PRINCIPLE	\$1,144.07
56043	CENTURYLINK	EMERGENCY BUNDLE SERVICE	\$415.80
56044	CENTURYLINK	FCP PHONE	\$59.21
56045	CHARLES HINKLE	TRAVEL- ROAD INSPECTIONS	\$127.02
56046	COLETTE ADELE FADNESS	MILEAGE-AREA V	\$98.60
56047	COMDATA	MONTHLY BILLING	\$4,968.55
56048	CONNIE SCHIEDERMAYER	TRAVEL	\$17.40
56049	CROWN CORRECTIONAL TELEPHONE	PRISIONER CALLING CARD	\$280.00
56050	CULLIGAN	WATER & RENTAL	\$105.50
56051	DIS TECHNOLOGIES	COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	\$1,638.00
56052	DONALD NOLAN DAVIES	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$12,960.00
56053	DOUG GRAYBEAL CONSTRUCTION	PBURG AMB SHED-FINAL BILL	\$23,122.00
56054	DOWL	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$8,890.00
56055	DOYLE & ASSOCIATES	ANNUAL REPORT	\$4,125.00
56056	DRUMMOND COMMUNITY HALL	RENT	\$600.00
56057	DUSTBUSTERS INC	DUSTGARD & FUEL	\$32,153.50
56058	F & R LLC	GRAVEL	\$4,704.76
56059	FICKLER OIL CO. INC.	SUPPLIES	\$2,308.72
56060	GALLATIN COUNTY TREASURER	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$96.92
56061	GEMPLERS INC	SUPPLIES	\$228.31
56062	GRANITE CO MUSEUM	FMAC COUNTY MEETING RENTAL	\$50.00
56063	GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE & PLATE FOR ROAD	\$463.35
56064	GRANITE DISPOSAL	SERVICES	\$270.00
56065	GRANITE PHARMACY	PRISIONER MEDS	\$16.14
56066	GRANITE PREPAREDNESS, LLC	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$2,957.19
56067	GRANITE SPORTLAND	SUPPLIES	\$1,761.24
56068	GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	SPILLWAY & DAM FACE REPAIR	\$22,359.60
56069	GUINN CORNER CONSTRUCTION	REPAIR & MAINTENENCA	\$711.00
56070	HEADWATERS RC&D	DUES	\$1,756.56
56071	HEIDI HINKLE	FMAC MINUTES	\$159.00
56072	HIGH TECH LINEN	RUGS	\$158.20
56073	HOGAN'S RANCH & BUILDERS	SUPPLIES	\$67.45
56074	HUFFMAN GROCERY	CARE OF PRISIONERS-MEALS	\$226.88
56075	HUFFMAN GROCERY	DRUMMOND SENIOR SUPPLIES	\$62.13
56076	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES	\$46.12
56077	I STATE TRUCK INC	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$150.00
56078	INLAND TRUCK PARTS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$4,392.23
56079	KNIFE RIVER	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$3,380.82
56080	LISACS TIRE OF ANACONDA	REPAIRS	\$124.00
56081	MACO	INMATE MED BUDGET PROTECTOR	\$32.40
56082	MAPS INC	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$7,427.41
56083	MCGOWAN WATER COND, INC	SALT & SOFTNER RENTAL	\$33.95
56084	MED-TECH RESOURCE	PHILIPSBURG AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	\$1,872.74
56085	MICHAEL KAHOE	TRAVEL	\$36.85

56086	MJC & MCCA	DUES	\$35.00
56087	MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH	SUPPLIES	\$63.40
56088	MT CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES	SIGNAGE	\$450.77
56089	MONTANA ELECTRONICS CO, INC	SERVICES & SUPPLIES	\$1,142.17
56090	MONTANA MUDD & PAINT	CO HEALTH BLDG PATCH & PAINT	\$2,800.00
56091	MONTANA RAIL LINK	GRAVEL & EQUIPMENT STORAGE	\$623.66
56092	MOUNTAIN WEST COOPERATIVE	PROPANE	\$132.68
56093	NAPA AUTO PARTS	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$665.86
56094	NICO ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS INC	ANNUAL SECURITY & MONITORING	\$240.00
56095	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO	DURAPATCH	\$2,130.78
56096	NORTHWEST INSURANCE GROUP	AIRPORT POLICY	\$3,199.00
56097	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	MONTHLY BILLING	\$3,041.29
56098	NRCS OFFICE	WEED CLINIC	\$60.00
56099	PARABON NANOL LABS INC	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$1,500.00
56100	PAT HENKE	SUPPLIES	\$29.10
56101	PATRICIA BAUER	AREA V MILEAGE	\$352.64
56102	PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	MONTHLY BILLING	\$3,135.75
56103	PHILIPSBURG SR CITZ CENTER	CARE OF PRISONERS-MEALS	\$248.00
56104	PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF	JUNE UTILITIES	\$432.50
56105	PINTLER PETROLEUM	RED DYED DIESEL	\$2,267.16
56106	REPUBLIC SERVICES #889	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$9,940.30
56107	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$7,873.22
56108	ROCKY MOUNTAIN SCALE WORKS	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$4,668.00
56109	RTW ENTERPRISE	TIRES-ROAD DEPT	\$1,228.93
56110	RUSSELL MORRISON	PARTS & SUPPLIES	\$43.07
56111	SCOTT ADLER	TRAVEL-ROAD INSPECTIONS	\$187.92
56112	SMITH LAW FIRM P.C.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$100.00
56113	SOLE STONE SERVICES	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$286.40
56114	SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	MONTHLY SERVICE	\$225.00
56115	TELCO TOWERS, INC	ANNUAL REPEATER TOWER UTILITIES	\$576.00
56116	TERRY JO VIETOR	CRIME VICTIM GRANT	\$202.60
56117	THREONEEIGHTSOUTH,LLC	FY20 LICENSING	\$2,850.00
56118	TIRE RAMA	REPAIRS	\$45.00
56119	TRI-COUNTY FAIR BOARD	COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	\$3,000.00
56120	TRI-COUNTY SANITARIAN	4TH QTR SHARE-SANITARIAN	\$12,098.56
56121	US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$2,860.00
56122	US POSTAL SERVICE	ENVELOPES	\$1,264.25
56123	VERIZON WIRELESS	MONTHLY BILLING	\$946.09
56124	VINCE REECE	SUPPLIES-RIDDICK FIELD	\$215.09
56125	WESTERN MT MENTAL HEALTH CNTR	2ND HALF FY19	\$1,274.00
56126	WESTERN STATES EQUIPMENT	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$3,391.28
56127	WESTTEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC	MONTHLY SERVICE & MAINTENANCE	\$667.00
56128	WOODLAND CREATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$4,000.42
		CLAIMS FUND TOTAL	\$455,901.60

WARRANT	JOB TITLE	AMOUNT	
	ADLER, SCOTT C	COMMISSIONER	\$2,263.40
	ALT, PAUL	ROAD SUPERVISOR	\$6,539.17
	ANDERSON, MELINDA K	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY	\$1,023.96
	BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V	\$910.87
19244	BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V	\$76.19
	BECKER, KYLAH L	DISPATCHER	\$577.60
19245	BECKER, KYLAH L	DISPATCHER	\$958.00
	BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	\$4,097.52
	BOLSTER, JACKIE R	PH NURSE ASSISTANT	\$2,010.03
	BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN	\$2,267.20
	BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER	\$5,057.77
	BRADSHAW, BLAINE C	COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$8,190.67
	BRASHEAR, NATHAN	WEED SPRAYER	\$2,222.40
	BUTLER, JODI L	SOLID WASTE	\$2,724.96
	CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N	DISPATCH	\$2,705.60
	CAYKO, NICKIE N	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,075.15
19242	DAVIS, KATHRYN	DISPATCHER	\$215.04
	DUNKERSON, WAYNE S	SHERIFF	\$4,597.80
	FADNESS, COLETTE A	AREA V AIDE	\$90.53
19246	FADNESS, COLETTE A	AREA V AIDE	\$740.82
	FRATZKE, DEBBIE	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	\$2,013.02
	GRAHAM, SARAH E	CLERK & RECORDER	\$3,918.85
	HARDING, JEAN M	DISPATCHER	\$2,569.60
	HARDING, VICKI B	TREASURER	\$4,488.20
	HENKE, PATRICIA	DEPUTY CLERK	\$1,429.40
	HENNAGER, DEANNA L	DISPATCHER	\$2,390.79
	HINKLE, CHARLES	COMMISSIONER	\$2,032.30
	HOEHNE, JOHNNY	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,499.20
	HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,120.00
	HULTMAN, TY R	DEPUTY	\$3,605.06

JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,368.00
KAHOE, MICHAEL	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	\$4,228.81
KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE	\$3,008.88
KENDALL, JOY J	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$254.01
KINGREY, ELWYN	JUNK VEHICLE	\$384.48
LARDY, JAMES D	SITE RELIEF	\$207.23
LATRAY, DANETTE L	TREASURER DEPUTY	\$3,376.96
LOOBEY, THERESA R	TITLE CLERK	\$2,494.40
LUCERO, DAVE	DEPUTY	\$854.48
MCDONNELL, FRED N	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$912.96
MORRISON, RUSSELL F	WEED SPRAYER	\$2,222.40
MUHLY, KATIE	COUNTY HEALTH NURSE	\$2,869.25
OLSEN, RICK C	DEPUTY	\$3,938.59
OSTLER, JASON K	DEPUTY	\$3,635.18
OWENS, NANCY	RELIEF	\$248.60
PALMER, KAREN P	COUNTY AGENT SEC	\$2,284.80
PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY	\$2,632.38
PAWLAK, KIMBERLY	FLOATING CLERK	\$521.01
19247 PAWLAK, KIMBERLY	FLOATING CLERK	\$1,046.98
PETERS, STEVEN D	DEPUTY	\$3,540.90
RETTIG, SUSANNE	RELIEF	\$164.57
SCHIEDERMAYER, CONNIE	COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIALIST	\$181.25
SCHMIDT, JERRI	DISPATCHER	\$2,538.96
SHEPARD, RAYLENE O	DISPATCHER	\$158.30
SLAUGHTER, BILL L	COMMISSIONER	\$2,126.97
SMITH, REBECCA	DEPUTY CLERK AND RECORDER	\$3,001.74
SMITH, THADDEUS M	DEPUTY	\$3,837.94
19243 SWANSON, DAVID C	WEED FOREMAN	\$2,544.00
TORRE JR, RICHARD R	CUSTODIAL RELIEF	\$1,730.98
VICEDOMINI, KRISTEN	DISPATCHER	\$1,829.16
VIETOR, TERRY J	CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE	\$1,179.20
WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,120.00
WEST, WILLIAM H	DAM TENDER	\$602.40
WILKINS, KENNETH D	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,060.80
WILKINSON, BARBARA A	JUSTICE CLERK	\$1,277.88
61 EMPLOYEES	TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	\$148,795.55

<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
19242 KATHRYN DAVIS	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19243 RICHARD TORRE	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19244 PATRICIA BAUER	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19245 KYLAH BECKER	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19246 COLETTE FADNESS	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19247 KIMBERLY PAWLAK	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19248 AFLAC INS	\$205.81
19249 CHRISTMAS CLUB	\$2,155.00
19250 COLONIAL	\$18.75
19251 FIT	\$9,012.14
19251 MEDICARE	\$4,120.38
19251 P.E.R.S.	\$17,881.22
19251 PERS RETIREE	\$391.55
19251 SHERIFF RETIRE	\$5,668.76
19251 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$17,618.40
19251 TRS	\$31.21
19251 UNEMPL. INSUR.	\$1,983.29
19252 IUOE 400	\$407.20
19253 MACO DENTAL	\$2,674.00
19253 MACO VISION	\$598.00
19253 MACOHCT	\$53,021.00
19253 UNUMLIFE	\$768.25
19254 PEBSC	\$4,275.00
19255 SIT	\$5,553.00
19256 UNION - PENSION	\$554.67
19257 WORKERS' COMP	\$18,761.00
TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES	\$145,698.63

GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

July 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

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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 was not able to meet with the Board. Tim Luthje met with the Board and stated that the award of the excavator work for the Forest Service Road Project was not advertised to the public and he is interested in doing the work. He said that he did notice that the advertisement for the trucks has been published. He suggested that all the bids for excavator work should be thrown out and the process started over. He noted that he has worked in the public sector for a long time and he has seen all bids thrown out at times. Tim Luthje said that he would do excavator work for the same amount as the low bidder. Commissioner Adler said that he was under the impression in talking with Paul Alt that Tim Luthje was given notice of the excavation work by the county, but he needed to double check that fact. Commissioner Hinkle indicated that the way the bidding was handled on the excavator bids was irregular and it should have been advertised for bid. Also, he requested that Paul Alt get permission from the Commission before outside contractor trucks are hired. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw stated his opinion that the county currently has contracts with the excavator contractors which must be honored. Commissioner Hinkle also reported that the Lost Sapphire Homeowners' Association is petitioning its members to amend the association bylaws to allow the development of a rock quarry. Commissioner Slaughter reported that the new Cat 160 motor grader has been delivered to Philipsburg. Also, he reported that there is a savings of money if a plow is bought and shipped at the same time as the new sander is shipped. The Board contacted Chad Pearson at the Montana Department of Transportation by speaker telephone regarding the blocked road at Bearmouth, due to a rock slide, which is causing increased maintenance on a county road being used as a detour. He reported that the department is having a geotechnical survey done before completely stabilizing the slope, but plans to have at least one lane of traffic open soon. Chad Pearson indicated that he will bring the county's request for assistance on maintenance of the county road forward to his supervisor. Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper inquired about any changes in solid waste charges which must be done by August. The Board responded that a letter has been written to Richard Robinson of Granite Disposal to obtain a list of his customers. Mayor Leeper explained that there is a big difference among how businesses are charged by the county for solid waste. She indicated that it is unfair to all the people of Granite County. Mayor Leeper inquired if an outside garbage disposal business can be made to meet certain guidelines and County Attorney Bradshaw indicated that the business can be made to comply with county policies. Richard Robinson with Granite Disposal contacted the Board by speaker telephone and he indicated that he has the list of customers on his desk and he will get it to the Board soon. Mayor Leeper inquired who is going to make the revisions. The Board indicated that Paul Alt, Treasurer Vicki Harding and Lynn Anderson would be involved. Treasurer Vicki Harding met with the Board to discuss the matter and she recommended that the charges for businesses be looked at closely. The Board noted the receipt, later in the day, of the list of customers from Richard Robinson of Granite Disposal.

Dustin Muhly, the county's independently contracted Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Coordinator, did not meet with the Board as scheduled. The meeting will be rescheduled. Scott Sylvester, with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper met with the Board and inquired about the PHEP coordinator duties. Commissioner Slaughter responded with a list of the coordinator's duties.

The Board reviewed the written recommendation dated June 27, 2019, of Great West Engineering of Helena for the bid award for the Flint Creek Dam Improvements, Dam Face and Spillway Repair Project. The engineering firm submitted a certified bid tabulation of the bids submitted and opened on June 25, 2019, a recommendation of the bid award to Battle Ridge Builders LLC of Belgrade in the amount of \$172,800.00, and a Notice of Award to be signed by the Board. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the engineer's recommendation and to sign the Notice of Award to Battle Ridge Builders LLC. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2019-16 "A Granite County Resolution Creating Granite County's Interdisciplinary Child Information And School Safety Team."

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County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw reported that there have been regular team meetings at the Philipsburg schools and at the Drummond schools for many years and the purpose of the confidential meetings is for law enforcement, schools and the county attorney to share information. He noted that this Resolution is required by a new statute in the Montana Code Annotated. There was no public comment on the Resolution. Scott Sylvester with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.57 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately .84 inches above full pool with an estimated 44.1 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 44.1 cfs over the weir below the power plant. Commissioner Hinkle moved to make no adjustment in the outflow. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON of the Granite County Hospital District, met with the Board and submitted the monthly financial update. She presented a financial report dated 7-2-2019 indicating projected cash available of a negative (\$92,543), projected deposits of \$566,000, accounts payable of \$150,000, and projected cash reserves of \$323,475 (28 days of operation). She also presented a utilization report, a revenue analysis, an accounts receivable aging report, and an administrator's report dated June 25, 2019. She highlighted life enrichment and the CMS midyear rate review, which is being appealed. She noted that construction on the CT scanner is scheduled to start July 8, 2019, which will involve the moving of a major water line at a cost of approximately \$10,000. Commissioner Slaughter excused himself from the session at 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Adler was selected as temporary chairperson. Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve the moving of the water line at the Granite County Medical Center and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Maria Stoppler reported that she has provided Reflex Protect, similar to pepper spray, to all employees for personal protection in case of an emergency. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Scott Sylvester with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

The Board considered a contract with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services for the county Immunization Program in the amount of \$4,218.00. Public Health Nurse Katie Muhly had recommended that the Board enter into the contract. Commissioner Hinkle moved to enter into the contract and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered the contract with Area V Agency on Aging for public health services in the amount of \$25,040.00. Public Health Nurse Katie Muhly had recommended that the Board enter into the contract. Commissioner Hinkle moved to enter into the contract and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the two-year Collective Bargaining Agreement as proposed by IUOE Local 400 Granite County Road Unit. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and reviewed the changes from the previous agreement. The Board agreed to enter into the proposed two-year agreement between the union and Granite County on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Deborah Frandsen, U.S. Senator Jon Tester's Regional Field Director, met with the Board for general discussion and to inquire if the Board needed anything for the upcoming forest fire season. She noted that the letter to the congressional delegation regarding onerous FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) regulations has been forwarded to the senator's staff member in charge of energy, Henry Ring, in Washington, D.C. The Board agreed to put a telephone conference call with Henry Ring on the Board's agenda next week.

Correspondence: None.

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The Board considered draft minutes for the meeting of June 18 and 25, 2019. Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve the minutes of June 18, 2019, with minor changes. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve the minutes of June 21 and 25, 2019. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Health Nurse Katie Muhly met with the Board by speaker telephone to discuss a Home Health Aide vacancy. The Board agreed that the aide vacancy should be advertised in the local newspaper and filled. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw agreed to review the advertisement before it is placed in the local newspaper. Katie Muhly noted that she is the Lead Local Health Official with the DPHHS (Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services) in case of emergency and, as she is sometimes out of cell service, Dr. William Reiter and Jackie Bolster are also on the call list.

The session adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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July 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. The Board noted that County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw is out of the office today.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. The report included that blading continues at Georgetown Lake and East Fork was finished yesterday. He is waiting for dryer weather to continue on Mullan Road, where he plans to improve a sharp corner. Commissioner Hinkle requested a list of the phone numbers of all members of the Road Department and Paul Alt agreed to get the list to each Commissioner. Paul Alt reported that there are two contractors currently working on the Service Road Project. Roger Beyer inquired about the progress on the Forest Service Roads Project and Paul Alt reported that the project is progressing satisfactorily. James Burke inquired about a culvert installed above grade recently on Viking Lane and Paul Alt reported that it will be completely covered with road surface material when the installation is complete. Attending were Janice M. Burke, Bobbie Beyer, Roger Beyer and James Burke.

Chairperson Bill Slaughter noted that the Forest Service Roads Project and Subcontracts on Forest Service Roads Project were put on the agenda without the permission of any Commissioner and will not be discussed today. The items were apparently put on the agenda by the County Attorney.

The Board held the bid opening for dump trucks, belly dump trucks and side dump trucks. The Notice To Bid was published in the June 27 and July 4, 2019 issues of the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper and on the count's website. The sealed bids were opened and read aloud by Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. Bids received were as follow:

L&L Trucking, Lawrence Nelson:		
12 yard dump truck with operator		\$90.00 per hour
20 yard truck and belly dump with operator		\$115.00 per hour
20 yard truck and side dump with operator		\$125.00 per hour

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F&R Sand and Gravel, Tom Mazza:

1994 Dump truck	\$90.00 per hour
2004 Dump truck	\$90.00 per hour
1994 Truck and pup	\$120.00 per hour

Patriot Excavation, Doug Benson:

Ten-wheel dump truck	\$90.00/hour
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Barkell Trucking:

4 Axle Dump Truck: 12 yds.	\$90.00/hour
4 Axle Dump Truck with 2 axle pup – 24 yds.	\$125.00/hr.
4 Axle Tractor with 4 Axle Side Dump – 23 yds.	\$125.00/hr.
Dump Truck/Equip Trl.	\$125.00/hr.
Lowboy Tractor & Trailer	\$125.00/hr.

The Board noted the bids as received. Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt agreed to notify the Board before any of the bidders are contracted for service.

The Board held a telephone conference call with Henry Ring and Eric Nylund, both with U.S. Senator Jon Tester's Office in Washington, D.C. on energy issues. Commissioner Hinkle stated that the county is having difficulty with FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) regulations and the county has some hard choices to make since the Flint Creek Dam fund is running out of money. Commissioner Slaughter related that the county took possession of the dam with approximately \$1 million which has been used only to do safety and maintenance on the dam. Now that power is being produced, FERC dictates the studies that to be done and which engineering firms are qualified to do them. The County does not mind doing safety items, but new studies are requested as much as a year following an inspection, which is very costly. Commissioner Slaughter continued that FERC accepts only certain engineers for certain work. Henry Ring requested that the Board provide those regulations which are the most detrimental to the county. Bill Slaughter noted that the spillway is now being looked at closely due to a dam incident in California. Henry Ring suggested an approach of common sense and consistency by FERC. Commissioner Slaughter again stated that the safety items are fine, but the additional studies are more than the county can stand. The Board agreed to send an accounting of expenses for recent years of operation. Commissioner Slaughter stated that FERC is out of hand as a government agency. Elena Gagliano requested a copy of the final operating agreement with Flint Creek Hydro and she inquired why some of the information is not on line. Dick Motta said "that the original agreement indicated that Hydrodynamics was supposed to pay for the studies and the insurance related to producing power. Also, some required studies have not been done. It would have been fine if electricity was not being produced. Under the law on lease agreements, it is not supposed to cost the county for the expenses. The county assumed that the estimated \$55,000 in annual revenue would be enough to cover the costs. It should have been Hydrodynamics paying for the expenses; the lease should be changed. Hydrodynamics indicated that it was the owner before the Public Service Commission. There is no way in hell that the county is going to make any money unless Hydrodynamics takes care of the expenses." Commissioner Slaughter indicated that FERC has increased the regulations in the short time he has been a commissioner. Commissioner Hinkle inquired how the agreement could be changed. Dick Motta said that when the money runs out, the funds are not to come from the county taxpayers; the dam may have to be given to the DNRC. The county should go back to the original contract, according to Dick Motta; or the county should go back to running the dam for irrigation. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that a public meeting in the future may be needed to present the available options. Elena Gagliano asked why the original license was granted and then relinquished. Commissioner Slaughter noted that the county currently has a license to operate the facility. Dick Motta indicated that the license was issued to a municipality and there may be other requirements due to that.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.59 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 1.08 inches above 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.

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

Paul Filicetti, with A&E Architects of Missoula, met with the Board to review the Courthouse ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Assessment and Conceptual Remediation Design dated June 12, 2019, as prepared by his office. He also presented proposed site plans for each floor of the courthouse. Also attending was courthouse custodian Janeen Bonney. Paul Filicetti reviewed the assessment and noted that one option was with a sprinkler system and another option was with an elevator as a means of egress with areas of refuge. He noted that the assessment was done utilizing the new regulations, which he anticipates will be adopted by the state within the next several months. He reviewed the two options and estimated probable costs:

Option 1) Base Work + the code compliant Area of Refuge on each floor that includes but is not limited to a smoke enclosure, two-way communications, generator, fuel storage, electrical switch gear, breakers and feeders, transfer switch and maintenance plan. Note that the installation of a generator requires monthly maintenance and yearly service to ensure operation in an emergency, that added cost is not included in the estimated probable cost.

A total estimated probable cost for Option 1 is: \$1,040,000.

Option 2) Base Work but in lieu of the Area of Refuge on each floor, this estimated probable cost includes provisions for elevator vestibules on each floor and an automatic sprinkler system installed throughout the Courthouse. We recommend this Option and the automatic sprinkler system as it increases life and fire safety, can be used to alleviate strict code requirements regarding exit distances and number of exits per floor in the building, and relieve the need for the Area of Refuge generator and associated long term maintenance requirement.

A total estimated probable cost for Option 2 is: \$1,284,000.

Paul Filicetti reviewed the site plans, including ADA handrails, two means of egress from the proposed relocated justice courtroom, elevator access and other modifications. He recommended the fire sprinkler system option, as it would allow other building changes in the future. Commissioner Adler inquired about the cost of just doing the restrooms and Paul Filicetti noted that the cost is not broken out at this time. Commissioner Adler requested that the cost of the bathrooms be broken out and that each proposed alteration be costed separately. Dick Motta inquired if this would bring the building up to ADA requirements and Paul Filicetti replied that it would. Elena Gagliano inquired if the building is on the historic register and the Board replied that it is.

The Board also reviewed with architect Paul Filicetti the Courthouse Dome Assessment dated June 14, 2019, as prepared by A&E Architects. Paul Filicetti noted that some brick in the dome area needs to be repointed. He reported that it appears that water is coming in through the decorative tin areas and on the flat areas on the dome, and leaking into the plaster on the third floor of the building. He reported that he made an initial investigation into the interior of the dome and he could trace where moisture was coming from in the dome, which he believes is coming in through the decorative tin work, rather than through the windows. Commissioner Adler moved to advertise for the repair of the dome and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. The Board discussed that architect Paul Filicetti would assist any potential bidders interested in the project and he agreed that he would. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Dick Motta inquired what the cost of the repair would be and the Board responded that there is not a cost at this time until the project is bid. Also attending was Elena Gagliano.

Independent auditor Donald N. Davies, P.C., CPA of Clinton met with the Board and presented the Annual Audit Report for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year. He highlighted the Management Discussion and Analysis, the Audit Opinion, the Compliance and Internal Control, Governmental Funds, and Statement of Fiduciary Net Position sections. He reviewed the revenue and operating grants, the Statement of Net Position as of June 30, 2018, and he noted that large projects can be allocated over several years. Commissioner

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Slaughter inquired if it would be wise to have Mr. Davies come back to advise the Board if a major project was being considered and Mr. Davies replied that he would be available to consult with the Board by telephone. He suggested that any future projects by volunteer boards be bid through the Commission. He emphasized that the Board take a hard look at billing for the ambulance service for Philipsburg to generate revenue and possibly temporarily hire someone to organize that volunteer group to facilitate the billing process. He indicated that the Board carefully reviews expenditures by reviewing claims every month and he suggested that the Board also take a close look at the revenue side of things. He noted that it is a clean opinion in the audit report. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the Financial and Compliance Report for the year ended June 30, 2018 as prepared by Donald Nolan Davies, P.C., CPA. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. As public comment, Dick Motta inquired about internal controls and Donald Davies replied that he looks at those during the audit process. Dick Motta stated that there was no appropriation for the Philipsburg ambulance building expenses. Donald Davies replied that the Commission has the authority to determine which fund that was paid from, including county building, PILT and county general fund. Commissioner Slaughter noted that the project to finish the Philipsburg ambulance garage was put out to bid. Dick Motta stated that the PILT Fund is to be used for county operation and Donald Davies noted that the Commission is operating within the laws under which he conducts the audit. Dick Motta further discussed revenues and appropriations. Commissioner Slaughter noted that some PILT funds were used for safety measures for the Towns of Drummond (Resolution 2018-22) and Philipsburg (Resolution 2018-17) in the succeeding (2018-2019) fiscal year following several public meetings. Donald Davies stated that the Commission is operating within the state law and that if Dick Motta has a problem with that it should be taken up with the state legislature. Dick Motta inquired about budget amendments and Donald Davies noted that they are done during a public hearing process through a resolution of the Board and there was no over-appropriation in the year audited. Elena Gagliano inquired about a budget amendment to another county and Donald Davies replied that he has not looked at the 2018-2019 fiscal year, as this audit was only for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Elena Gagliano stated that \$25,000 was transferred to another county during the 2019 fiscal year. Commissioner Slaughter responded that the funds were sent at the request of Broadwater County for the prosecution of a person who traveled through several counties, who shot at the Granite County Sheriff in Granite County, and is now being prosecuted in Broadwater County, which saved a potentially very expensive prosecution in Granite County. Commissioner Slaughter stated that if there are other general questions not related to this specific audit that they can be asked during the public comment period at 2:00 p.m. today. Scott Sylvester with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

Chad Bauer, Municipal Manager of the Montana Business Unit for Republic Services of Missoula, met with the Board to discuss the Solid Waste Contract for hauling garbage from the two Granite County solid waste sites to Missoula and disposing of it there. Discussion was held on how garbage collection services are handled in other counties and Chad Bauer indicated that Lake County operates nearly identically to the way Granite County operates. Chad Bauer noted that the current 5-year contract expires in September and he reported that this year the increase is estimated at just over 2.6%. He is willing to draw up a draft 5-year contract for the Board's consideration and the Board requested that he do so. Chad Bauer indicated that things are going well in Granite County from his perspective. Recycling was discussed, and Chad Bauer noted that recycling is difficult at this time because the price for recycled material is so low that it is not cost effective and he noted that Pacific in Missoula now charges to pick up cardboard; there is a possibility that bins could be placed at the two Granite County sites for brass and aluminum, which get a reasonable price. Jacquie Venard with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2019-16 "A Granite County Resolution Creating Granite County's Interdisciplinary Child Information And School Safety Team." The Board noted that there has been a regular team meeting at the Philipsburg schools and at the Drummond schools for many years and the purpose of the confidential meetings is for law enforcement, schools and the county attorney to share information. The Board noted that this Resolution is required by a new statute in the

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Montana Code Annotated. Resolution 2019-16 was adopted on the motion of Commissioner Adler, on County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw’s recommendation, and second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2019-17 “A Granite County Resolution Authorizing Certain County Personnel To Purchase State Surplus Property.” The Resolution adds Commissioner Charles L. Hinkle, Public Health Nurse Katie Muhly, and Public Health Clerk/Assistant Jackie Bolster to the list of county personnel authorized to make county purchases through the state surplus property program. There was no public comment.

The Board reviewed the Agent Appointment and Agreement for MACo (Montana Association of Counties) Workers’ Compensation. The Board agreed to appoint the county’s insurance agent Rody Holman with PayneWest Insurance of Butte. The Board agreed to enter into the Agent Appointment and Agreement on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Chairperson Slaughter signed the agreement.

The Board reviewed applications for two vacant seats on the Granite County Planning Board. The vacancies, representing the Upper Flint Creek Area and the Georgetown Lake Area, were advertised in the June 27 and July 4, 2019 issues of the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper and on the county’s website. The Board noted that only one application was received and agreed to continue to advertise for more candidates. The Board made no appointments to the Planning Board pending the receipt of additional applications.

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

Public Comment: Bill Antonioli met with the Board regarding the ominous FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) regulations on the Flint Creek Project and he offered his assistance. He recommended that the county negotiate with Flint Creek Hydroelectric LLC to pick up more of the maintenance costs for the dam.

Correspondence: As an administrative action, the Board wrote a letter to Regional Engineer Douglas L. Johnson at the Portland Regional Office of the FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) regarding upcoming tasks and schedules for the Flint Creek Project.

The Board considered draft minutes for the meeting of July 2, 2019. Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve the minutes of July 2, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The session adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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July 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 report. The report included that cold patching will finish soon at Rock Creek, most carcass

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composting has been removed from the Drummond solid waste container site (except that which is still cooking), and the crew is putting magnesium chloride on Rock Creek Road. Discussion was held on the use of a gravel pit at the Lost Sapphire Ranch for use on the Forest Service Road Project. Commissioner Hinkle stated that a gravel pit is not allowed under the Lost Sapphire Ranch covenants. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw indicated that it is up to the homeowners' association to privately enforce the subdivision covenants. Paul Alt reported that Richard Komberec is planning to take a bad corner out on Bear Gulch Road. The Board agreed to schedule a site visit to look at the road.

The Board considered agreements to receive asphalt millings from a Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) Project on I-90 East and West. The county would receive approximately 23,315 cubic yards of millings from the West project and approximately 28,266 cubic yards from the East project. MDT will mill, haul and stockpile the material. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the two agreements and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Paul Alt noted that Kennecott Exploration had paid \$925.00 for a damaged cattle guard on Gold Coin Road. Discussion was held on Great West Engineering's report on gravel tests on gravel samples from the Middle Fork Gravel Pit site.

The Board discussed the purchase of sand and gravel for the Hall Road Department. It was reported that Bob Weaver is getting out of the crushed gravel business. The costs for such sand and gravel will be well under \$80,000, but the County's Procurement Policy discusses obtaining 3 quotes in this case so the Board agreed to publish a notice to bid in the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper for one week for 1,500 yards of gravel and 1,000 yards of sand, both delivered to the Granite County Road Department Shop at Hall on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw agreed to draft the bid notice to be published in the newspaper.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.60 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 1.2 inches above 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. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. The Board noted that there was a magnitude 4 earthquake at Belgrade, Montana on 7-13-2019.

Kayla Sanders, Executive Director of the Healthy Granite County Network, and Dr. Richard Molteni of Philipsburg met with the Board and provided an update on the project. Kayla Sanders gave an informational presentation which included that a community health needs assessment had been conducted and several focus groups had been held; the purpose of the project is to bring behavioral health resources to the residents of the county through a health services coordinator, which will be a different person than the executive director, who will have information on services available within the county and through telemedicine services. Kayla Sanders noted the high suicide rate in Montana and in Granite County, and she emphasized that suicide prevention will be a high priority for the network. The Board inquired if this will be a partnership with the activities of county Public Health Nurse Katie Muhly and Kayla Sanders responded that Katie Muhly has been an active participant in the process. Dr. Molteni noted that the Granite County population is an older population which nationally needs mental health services, often due to isolation.

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

Richard "Rick" Robinson with Granite Disposal met with the Board to continue discussion on solid waste. The Board noted that a discussion had been held recently with Republic Services of Missoula which indicated that the size of the containers used at homes and businesses closely corresponds to the amount of garbage dumped. Richard Robinson

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noted that he has obtained a list of the units the county charges individuals and businesses. He noted that one business is constantly building housing units and other buildings, and is charged only 8 units. Richard Robinson indicated that utilizing the size of the container used is a fair way for the county to re-evaluate the units charged by the county. He noted that the big users are the dumpster users and that most businesses in the county are his customers. Treasurer Vicki Harding suggested concentrating on the business users and that any changes should be made by about September to be on the 2019 tax notices. Commissioner Adler moved to have Richard Robinson provide a detailed report on container sizes for businesses and how often they are dumped, which will be compared to the current solid waste unit assessments, and changes will be made in the units charged by September 1, 2019. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Richard Robinson agreed to provide the information. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

The Board held the second reading of Resolution 2019-17 "A Granite County Resolution Authorizing Certain County Personnel To Purchase State Surplus Property." The purpose of the Resolution is the add Commissioner Charles L. Hinkle, Public Health Nurse Katie Muhly and Public Health Clerk/Assistant Jackie Bolster to the list of authorized personnel. Commissioner Adler moved to adopt Resolution 2019-17 and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the draft Elderly Care Companion Position Description for the Public Health Department. This position description replaces that of the Home Health Aide position as the duties have changed. The change was recommended by county Public Health Nurse Katie Muhly, who also recommended that the pay grade remain the same. The Board agreed to approve the position description and set the pay grade on the county's pay matrix at a Grade 6, currently \$10.69/hour. The action was taken on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the draft Part-Time Clerk Position Description for the Clerk and Recorder's Office. The Board agreed to approve the position description and set the pay grade on the county's pay matrix at a Grade 8, currently \$14.22/hour. The action was taken on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Philipsburg Mayor Daniel Reddish and Town Attorney Robert Medof met with the Board to discuss the draft proposed Law Enforcement Agreement between the town and the county. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Town Attorney Medof presented copies of an undated letter addressed to County Attorney Bradshaw which indicated that the \$2,300.00 proposed increase in the draft agreement was not acceptable to the Philipsburg Town Council, but the customary 2% annual increase was acceptable to the council. Discussion was held regarding the increase that the county Compensation Board had voted to give to county elected officials and deputies, which accounted for the proposed \$2,300.00 increase in the draft agreement. Also, that one purpose of the wage increase was to encourage a sheriff's deputy to live in Philipsburg. Mayor Reddish said he had explained that to the town council, but the town council was not agreeable. Discussion was also held regarding the four-year term of the proposed agreement. Mayor Reddish indicated that the town council does like the current agreement. The Board attempted to contact Sheriff Scott Dunkerson for his comment, but he was unavailable. Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve the agreement as proposed by the Town of Philipsburg, without the \$2,300.00 additional fee, and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. During Board discussion, Commissioner Slaughter stated that if he is still a Commissioner that the next agreement will contain the increase and there will not be any room for negotiation. There was no public comment. The motion carried with Commissioners Slaughter and Hinkle voting in favor of the motion and Commissioner Adler opposing the motion. Mayor Reddish also presented copies of a draft Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Philipsburg and the Philipsburg Cemetery District. Town Attorney Medof stated that the agreement put into writing things

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that had been verbally understood over many years. The Board agreed to postpone a decision on the agreement until it is approved by the town and the cemetery board.

Paul O’Leary and Vince Reece, with the Granite County Airport Board, met with the Board to give a report on the airport improvements of asphalt resurfacing scheduled for Riddick Field at Philipsburg. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Discussion was held on a recent state legislative change regarding airport funding. Paul O’Leary reported that he was previously on the Stevensville Airport Board for twenty years and went through several major construction projects there. He also reported that the FAA will fund 90% of airport improvement projects, the Montana Aeronautics Board will fund 5% and local funding is 5%. Vince Reece reported that when Riddick Field moves as unclassified in the NPIAS (National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems) to the classified category that Riddick Field may qualify for \$150,000.00 annually, beginning in 2021, for airport maintenance. Paul O’Leary presented a document that states that the Riddick Field improvements resurfacing project is scheduled to occur in 2021 at an estimated cost of \$1.2 million. Discussion was held on the airport budget, the mill levy last fiscal year of .2 mills for the airport and on the county match of 5% of the \$1.2 million project cost. Paul O’Leary noted that he will be requesting, in the next few months, that a Request For Qualifications for a project engineer (an FAA requirement) be advertised by the Commission. County Attorney Bradshaw agreed to assist in working on the documents for the Request for Qualifications. Vince Reece reported that maintenance is continuing on Riddick Field until the field resurfacing project occurs. On another subject, Vince Reece inquired about when the county will have building inspectors. The Board responded that building inspection is currently an individual responsibility and not the local government’s responsibility.

Public Comment: Linda Bouck met with the Board to give an update on the new road to the back side of Discovery Ski Area from Rumsey Road. She presented a copy of the Granite County Encroachment Permit granted by the county in 2015 to Discovery Ski Area and she noted that there is a current road maintenance agreement in place with Discovery. Ciche Pitcher with Discovery Ski Area met with the Board by speaker telephone and gave an update that the intersection with Rumsey Road and road surfacing will be completed within a week. He reported that when a section of road is relocated that the old road will be reclaimed. He noted that there will be a stop sign and a “No Outlet” sign on Rumsey Road at the intersection, and that road name signs will also be installed. Ciche Pitcher noted that the new road will be open to the public in the summer and closed at times to the public in the winter to keep snowmobiles away from the ski area as a safety measure. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that the Rumsey Road right-of-way is at least 60 feet wide in response to Ciche Pitcher’s request to place a sign on Rumsey Road near Montana Highway 1 indicating when the new road is open to skiing and mountain biking at Discovery. Linda Bouck noted that Discovery has purchased a traffic counter for an accurate count of traffic on the road.

Correspondence: None.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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July 22, 2019

The Board of County Commissioners met a 10:00 a.m. at the Hall Road Department Shop, 110 South Main Street, Hall with Chairperson Bill Slaughter and Commissioners Scott Adler and Charles Hinkle attending. Also attending was Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Superintendent Paul Alt. The group made a site visit to the Bear Gulch Road and met with Richard Komberec and his associate, who explained that they want to take out a sharp

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corner in the road and build a detour road to county specifications; they intend to mine where the sharp corner is and then return the road to its original place. Mr. Komberec made the statement to the Board that he believed that Bear Gulch Road was not a county road, but a public road, and when he was asked to provide proof of such, Mr. Komberec replied that he would attempt to find his documentation. Mr. Komberec stated that he intends to meet with the Board on a future agenda and present documentation regarding the road. The special session adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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July 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 report. The report included that he suggests advertising for gravel crushing of 10,000 cubic yards of ¾” minus gravel at the county’s leased Middle Fork Gravel Pit. Commissioner Hinkle moved to advertise for the crushing of 10,000 cubic yards of ¾” minus gravel at the Middle Fork Pit. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended at this point. On another matter, Commissioner Slaughter moved to request County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw write a letter to the Public Service Commission regarding Blackfoot Telephone’s unauthorized installations of utility lines in the county road right-of-way without the required county encroachment permit being issued by the county. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. The motion carried. In an administrative action, the Board considered an Application for Encroachment Permit by Blackfoot Telephone to install service to 222 and 224 Princeton Road. Commissioner Slaughter moved to approve the permit and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried with Commissioners Slaughter and Hinkle voting in favor of the motion and Commissioner Adler opposing the motion. Commissioner Hinkle moved to spot blade Lower Willow Creek Road going to Harvey Creek. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sealed bids were received for 1,500 yards of ¾” minus gravel and 1,000 yards of sand to be delivered to the Granite County Road Department Shop, 110 South Main Street, Hall, Montana. The Notice To Bid was published in the July 18, 2019, issue of the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper and on the county’s website. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe opened the sealed bids in the order in which they were received and read them aloud as follow:

Carl Nelson Ranch Co.	1,000 yards of sand only (does not include trucking as location is near County Road Department Shop at Hall)	
	\$6.00/ton or \$8.00/yard if we provide loader	
	\$5.50/ton or \$7.50/yard if county provides loader	
F&R LLC	1,000 yards of sand	\$9,775.00
	Truck only	\$8,173.00
	Truck & pup trailer	\$5,520.00

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F&R LLC	1,500 yards of ¾" Minus Gravel	\$20,268.75
	Truck only	\$12,260.00
	Truck & pup trailer	\$8,214.00
Bob Weaver Construction	1,000 yards of sand, \$7.00 per yard	\$7,000.00
	Delivery of sand	\$13,000.00
	1,500 yards gravel, \$12.00 per yard	\$18,000.00
	Delivery of gravel	\$27,000.00

The Board awarded the bid to Bob Weaver Construction, the lowest bidder, for 1,500 yards of ¾" minus gravel for \$18,000.00 and 1,000 yards of sand for \$7,000.00, with the county to do the hauling, on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and noted that because the total for the sand and gravel was under the \$80,000.00 required by law to be bid, it was not necessary for the Board to formally advertise this project for bid, but it was the Board's decision, per the County's Procurement Policy to obtain at least 3 quotes in these situations, to publish a notice requesting bids in the local newspaper for one week.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.4 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately .72 inches below full pool with an estimated 44.1 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 44.1 cfs over the weir below the power plant. Commissioner Adler moved to reduce the outflow to 35 cfs. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Flint Creek Hydro was notified to make the adjustment.

The Board considered a request for a onetime use of the outdoor chapel at the Flint Creek Dam on Saturday, September 21, 2019 for a wedding. The applicant, Josh Zinke of Missoula, also included a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming Granite County as an additional insured, as required by county policy. Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve the request and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered publishing an Invitation for Bids for the Granite County Courthouse – Dome Investigation and Repair Project. The Board agreed to publish the Invitation for Bids in the July 25 and August 1, 2019 issues of the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper and on the county's website. Commissioner Adler moved to publish the Invitation to Bid and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

As public comment, Blanche McLure met with the Board and requested to be put on the agenda for the Philipsburg TV District budget. The Board agreed to put the matter on next week's agenda.

The Board considered the request from a county official to move an employee up on the county's pay matrix due to extensive prior experience in a similar position. Clerk and Recorder Sarah Graham commented that the county personnel manual allows for an increase in steps within a pay grade for prior experience. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Chairperson Slaughter closed the session to the public as a personnel matter as the employee's right to privacy outweighs the public's right to know. Following the closed session, Chairperson Slaughter opened the meeting to the public. Commissioner Slaughter moved to notify Judge Fratzke by letter that the employee should be moved to the step within the current pay grade (Grade 8) she feels is appropriate for the previous court experience and include it in the Justice Court 2019-2020 fiscal year budget request for final approval to be given by the Commission. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered the Memorandum of Agreement between the Granite County Disaster and Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office.

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County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and noted that he had reviewed the agreement and there is no cost to the county as FEMA provides the software and it continues the current arrangement for three years. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the Memorandum of Agreement and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Scott Dunkerson met with the Board and presented information on the 9-1-1 Grant Program, draft Contract # MT9-1-1, Grant-2019-023. The grant, through the Montana Department of Administration 9-1-1- Grant Program, is in an amount not to exceed \$235,201.00 for the implementation of a new computer aided dispatch (CAD) system, a full case reporting system. Sheriff Dunkerson also presented a letter stating that Zuercher Technologies of Lake Mary, Florida, is a sole source provider of the Professional Suite, which is the CAD system that Sheriff Dunkerson proposes to have installed. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. The Sheriff further explained that Zuercher Technologies Professional Suite is the only product (sole source) that will work with the emergency 9-1-1 system, based upon the extensive research the Sheriff has completed. County Attorney Bradshaw gave his legal opinion that the County Commissioners may waive formal competitive bidding for the CAD system as Zuercher Technologies Professional Suite is a sole source product and there is an exemption in the law and the County's procurement policy for sole source purchases. The Commission agreed that this bidding exception applies. Commissioner Hinkle moved to accept said Contract # MT9-1-1, Granite-2019-023 through the Department of Administration 9-1-1 Grant Program and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion passed unanimously. The Board requested that the sheriff put the contract with Zuercher Technologies on the Board's agenda when he receives it.

County insurance agent Rody Holman with PayneWest Insurance of Butte, met with the Board to review the county's insurance schedule for buildings, vehicles, heavy equipment and other equipment. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Discussion was held on the fact that claims are paid by MACo (Montana Association of Counties), the county's insurance carrier, without consulting with the county, particularly when the Board does not feel that the county was at fault. Rody Holman indicated that he can research other insurance carriers, if the Board requests him to do that. The Board reviewed the schedules and made some adjustments on values on buildings.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: None.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for July 16, 2019. The minutes were approved as revised on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered Task Order 20-07-6-11-025-0 with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) for the county Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program. Through the task order, the department will pay the county a total of \$28,674 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; \$28,674 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; and \$28,674 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The payments will be made for satisfactory execution of required deliverables. The task order was approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and a second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the status of the Blackfoot Communications/Chuck Houtz matter with County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw. Commissioner Hinkle moved that the Board decline Blackfoot Communications offer that the county pay 75% of the cost, note that two Commissioners are in favor of covering 50% of the cost, and request Blackfoot Communications to produce the approved Granite County Encroachment Permit for the project. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried with Commissioners Slaughter and Hinkle voting in favor of the motion and Commissioner Adler opposing the motion.

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As public comment, DES/Safety Coordinator Jackie Bolster met with the Board and requested a letter from the Board to state DES/Homeland Security stating that Jackie Bolster is the current Granite County DES/Safety Coordinator. She noted that she will also need a notarized oath of office for the state DES/Homeland Security. The Board agreed to provide the letter requested.

Mike Herzog with Western States Cat of Missoula, met with the Board and presented a revised sales agreement for a 2019 Caterpillar 160M3 AWD Motor Grader, S/N: N9K01086, for \$347,988.00, including Caterpillar Lift Group and new warranty of 60 months, 5,000 hours, GOV (Failsafe), and Henke FV-14 Folding V-Plow with 11” mushroom shoes for \$23,088.00; with a trade of 1994 Caterpillar 140G, S/N: 5MD0308 for \$55,000.00, 2015 Balderson Front Dozer S/N: 3LW6074 for \$8,000.00, with Caterpillar 140G Hydraulic Snow Wing for \$2,000.00; for a balance of \$306,076.00. The revised sales agreement was approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. The motion carried unanimously. The Board noted that the motor grader cost of \$306,076.00 will be financed through Cat Financial for five years at 4.55% interest with no payment in year 1, payments of \$31,883.12 in years 2 through 5, and a final payment of \$240,000.00.

The Board considered the County Superintendent of Schools Agreement with Connie Schiedermayer for the 2019-2020 fiscal year at the rate of \$25.00/hour. The agreement was approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board participated in the quarterly Granite County Board of Health meeting. Minutes of that meeting are in a separate document.

The session adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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July 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 report. The report included that he met with Ciche Pitcher of Discovery Ski Area on the Rumsey Road and he suggested that three stop signs and three “stop ahead” signs be installed at the intersection with the new road to Discovery. Also, more road patch oil will be ordered and he will get a price on renting a mower. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and he requested that Scenic Lane at Georgetown Lake be measured as it may be in violation of zoning regulations. The Board agreed to confer with Planning Director Linda Bouck regarding the matter.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,429.34 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender’s report. The lake is approximately 1.92 inches below full pool with an estimated 35.4 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 35.4 cfs over the weir below the power plant. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, Brad Liermann with FWP, Chuck Stokke and Andrew McFarland attended. Jonathan Weaver, engineer with Great West Engineering of Helena, participated by speaker telephone. Jonathan Weaver noted that the dam construction is scheduled to begin the middle of August and be completed within 50 days.

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He has spoken with the contractor and the contractor planned on the water being at or below the spillway, and the contractor will have some type of dewatering plan (cofferdam) for the project. The Board noted that there is a requirement that the agencies (MT Fish Wildlife & Parks, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, and the U.S. Forest Service) be notified and consent to a temporary modification to the FERC order on licensure. Brad Liermann inquired if water would be pumped from the cofferdam and the response was that it would be pumped out. Comments: Brad Liermann indicated that 35 cfs is too much water to be released right now and he has spoken with Dave Amman of DNRC regarding projected lake levels. Mr. Liermann noted that inflows are at 48% of normal currently. Commissioner Slaughter noted that it is unusual that the lake is at near full pool at the first of August, and that the Commission had been doing a very good job administering the dam. Brad Liermann recommended that 30 cfs be released at this time and review it later in the season when ranchers need the water for irrigation. Chuck Stokke noted that 30 cfs is currently being released from Silver Lake for 30 days, in an attempt to water the Clark Fork River. Commissioner Slaughter noted that water is also being released from East Fork Reservoir, which is in good condition. Commissioner Hinkle moved to reduce the outflow from Georgetown Lake to 30 cfs for one week and to analyze the lake level at the end of the week. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. As discussion, Brad Liermann noted that Dave Amman plans do a full assessment of Georgetown Lake water levels in early August. The motion carried unanimously. The Board notified Flint Creek Hydroelectric to make the reduction in outflow. Chuck Stokke inquired about the nature of the work planned on the dam this summer. Commissioner Slaughter explained that work is planned on the upstream concrete face of the dam and on the upstream spillway slab. Chuck Stokke inquired about the capacity of the new valves and whether there is a procedure to test the valves periodically. Jonathan Weaver indicated that he would get that information to County Attorney Bradshaw, who will distribute it. Brad Liermann expressed appreciation to the Board for the continued maintenance and updating of the dam structure.

Brad Liermann, for informational purposes only, discussed Harvey Creek with the Board and the cost/ benefit of a pivot sprinkler system that was installed to conserve water.

Applications for the Granite County Planning Board were scheduled to be considered and the Board noted that no additional applications have been received, although the two positions had been advertised for two additional weeks. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that Planning Board members must be county residents. Board members agreed to try to recruit people who may be interested in the two open positions on the Planning Board; one representing the Upper Flint Creek Area and one representing the Georgetown Lake Area.

The Board made the following appointments of positions, rather than of individuals, to the two sections of the Granite County Child Safety Team, as now required by the Montana legislature:

Philipsburg Section:

Philipsburg Schools Superintendent and/or Principal
Altacare Supervisor and/or Assistant
Two teachers from Philipsburg Schools
Granite County Victim/Witness Advocate
Granite County Attorney
Child Protection Specialists (2) with MT DPHHS (case workers)
Granite County Sheriff
Granite County Sheriff's Deputy, School Resource Officer
Juvenile Probation Officer

Drummond Section:

Drummond Schools Superintendent and/or Principal
Hall School Principal
Two Teachers from Drummond Schools
Granite County Victim/Witness Advocate
Granite County Sheriff
Granite County Sheriff's Deputy, School Resource Officer

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**Granite County Attorney
Child Protection Specialists (2) with MT DPHHS (case workers)
Juvenile Probation Officer**

The appointments were made 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 and noted that the team (Drummond and Philipsburg sections) have been holding meetings once a month for several years to share information to protect children, that confidentiality laws are being followed and that these appointments fulfill the legislative requirement that each county have a Child Safety Team; also, there will be no additional cost to the county as these are volunteer positions and the Child Safety Team does not require a budget as each team member's office has a budget. As public comment, Scott Sylvester with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper inquired whether the team can suspend or expel students. County Attorney Bradshaw explained that the team does not have specific authority over students, but the team shares confidential information so that each member can take individual action within their specific authority or jurisdiction according to what is best for the child. Also attending were Jacquie Venard with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper and Tim Allen with the Flint Creek Courier online news service.

Blanche McLure and Steve Immenschuh, board members with the Philipsburg TV District and Mike Coyle, board member with the Drummond TV District, met with the Board to request operational funds for the districts. Mike Coyle noted that Drummond has had some unanticipated expenses. Blanche McLure requested \$19,000 total from PILT (Payments In Lieu of Taxes) funds with \$15,000 budgeted to Drummond TV District and \$4,000 budgeted to Philipsburg TV District. Steve Immenschuh indicated that it would be nice to get both systems trouble free and have some funds for unscheduled expenses. Blanche McLure noted that the districts were formed many years ago and budgets for each district are submitted annually to the Board. Steve Immenschuh noted that some people are not yet aware that it is available free of charge and it should be advertised; and it would be nice to know how many people use the service. Mike Coyle noted that Drummond has 15 channels available. Steve Immenschuh noted that some people in Philipsburg do not receive the signal due to their location in town and that it would be good to provide coverage to the entire town. Commissioner Adler moved to fund \$19,000.00 from PILT to fund expenses for the TV districts. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. As discussion, Commissioner Hinkle questioned the coverage and how many people use the service. TV board members reviewed the channels that each district distributes. Gail Leeper commented that the coverage in towns should be improved and then branch out to increase coverage. Steve Immenschuh suggested that a long term plan be established for each district. Discussion was held that a capital improvement fund could be set up for each district. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

The Board considered the quote from TWEnterprises of Billings for a state DES/Homeland Security grant-funded diesel generator system for Drummond Schools in the amount of \$35,656.78. Granite County DES had obtained three quotes from vendors and this was the lowest responsible quote. The Board agreed to enter into an agreement with TWEnterprises for the quoted generator system on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection and viewed the dispatch area. Commissioner Hinkle toured the jail, as this was his first jail inspection as a Commissioner.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for July 22 and 23, 2019. The minutes were approved as presented on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and second by Commissioner Adler. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper reported that the Drummond Water Tower Project will not be done until next spring and will be completed by May 22, 2020, according to the town's engineer. Mayor Leeper noted that an open house is being held this evening by the Montana Department of Transportation at the Drummond Library regarding the proposed fence from Drummond to Jens on Interstate 90. She also noted that

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there is a general cleanup project currently underway in Drummond. Also, she indicated that the Town of Drummond may borrow money to resurface South Main Street.

Also as public comment, Planning Director Linda Bouck met with the Board regarding a matter about a subdivision road (Scenic Lane) at Georgetown Lake. The Board agreed that it is a civil matter and does not involve the county.

Correspondence: None.

The Board traveled from the courthouse to the Moose Lake area to participate in a special meeting of the Granite County Board of Health for a site visit to Lots 16 and 17, Moose Lake Acres No. 1, in Section 1, T3N, R16W. Minutes of that meeting are kept as a separate document.

The session adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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