

ATTEST:

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 3rd, 10th & 17th OF SEPTEMBER 2019 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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

WARRANT	AMOUNT
56240 MAPS INC	ONGOING MAPPING & SUPPORT \$2,519.00
56241 FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK	PAYROLL & NOD FEES \$103,241.04
56242 ENERGY PARTNERS LLC	PROPANE \$1,601.13
56243 VISA #1	SUPPLIES & BILLING SERVICES \$347.94
56244 VISA #2	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE \$108.96
56245 VISA #3	MONTHLY BILLING \$638.27
56246 GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE \$554.89
56247 3-V DISTRIBUTING	SNOW PLOW & QUICK HITCH \$13,050.00
56248 360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES \$1,605.66
56249 A & M FIRE AND SAFETY, INC	FIRST AID & EXTINGUISHERS \$796.60
56250 ACE ROOFING	ROTUNDA & BALANCE \$32,108.85
56251 ADAM MICHNEVICH	TRAVEL FOR PLANNING BOARD \$156.60
56252 AG - WEST	SUPPLIES \$159.57
56253 ALL AMERICAN GARAGE DOORS	REPLACE CABLES COUNTY BLD \$184.50
56254 AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	ACETYLENE & RENTAL \$83.35
56255 ANACONDA LEADER	TIME SHEETS; CLAIM FORMS \$197.95
56256 AXON ENTERPRISE, INC	SUPPLIES \$699.00
56257 BALCO UNIFORM	UNIFORM \$16.91
56258 BARKELL TRUCKING	EXCAVATOR RENTAL \$9,560.00
56259 BILL SLAUGHTER	TRAVEL-SITE VISIT \$109.04
56261 BLACKFOOT CFT	AUGUST BILLING \$3,596.74
56262 BMO HARRIS BANK N.A.	INT'L DUMP TRUCK PMT \$51,752.70
56263 BOB BARKER CO INC	PRISONER UNIFORMS \$105.00
56264 BOB'S QUALITY AUTO	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE \$2,690.00
56265 BRAD HAGER	UNIFORM STIPEND \$500.00
56266 BUTTE PRODUCE	DRUMMOND SENIOR SUPPLIES \$426.78
56267 C J CANNALIATO	TROUBLESHOOT & REPAIRS \$1,001.50
56268 CARL HOLHUM	REFUND \$25.00
56269 CAT FINANCIAL	PRICIPAL & INTEREST-EXCAVATOR \$1,144.07
56270 CENTURYLINK	MONTHLY BILLING \$415.80
56271 CENTURYLINK	MONTHLY BILLING \$119.84
56272 CHUCK HINKLE	ROAD INSPECTION TRAVEL \$99.76
56273 COMDATA	AUGUST BILLING \$5,781.02
56274 COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS, INC	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES \$200.00
56275 CONNIE SCHIEDERMAYER	TRAVEL \$34.80
56276 CREATIVE CULTURE INSIGNIA, LLC	BADGES \$170.00
56277 CULLIGAN	WATER & COLD RENTAL \$71.50
56278 CUSTOM RECYCLERS	USED OIL DISPOSAL \$108.30
56279 CUSTOM WEST PEST CONTROL	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES \$200.00
56280 DAMON & SHERRI WAHL	STORAGE LEASE \$600.00
56281 DEBBIE FRATZKE	TRAVEL-FALL CONFERENCE \$509.31
56282 DESIREE MASON	BURIAL OF VET-FADNESS \$100.00
56283 DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACTED SERVICES \$8,351.41
56284 DOUG ANDRUS DISTRIBUTING INC	TREATED SALT \$10,215.42
56285 DOWL	PMF STUDY \$5,241.64
56286 DRUMMOND AMBULANCE ASSOC	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE \$8,986.32
56287 DRUMMOND COMMUNITY HALL	DRUMMOND SENIOR RENT \$300.00
56288 DUSTBUSTERS INC	DUSTGARD & FUEL \$16,111.06
56289 F & R LLC	ROAD MATERIAL \$19,820.22
56290 FICKLER OIL CO. INC.	FUEL AND SUPPLIES \$1,366.12
56291 FLINT CREEK LODGE #11	RENT- PHILIPSBURG SENIORS \$3,300.00
56292 GEMPLERS INC	SUPPLIES- WEED DEPT. \$478.12
56293 GENERAL DISTRIBUTING CO.	CO2; ACETYLENE \$177.94
56294 GRANITE COUNTY	FMAC COPIES \$220.00
56295 G.C. HOSPITAL DISTRICT	DOT PHYSICALS \$390.00
56296 GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	TRAILER TITLE & REG.-WEED DEPT \$20.60
56297 GRANITE DISPOSAL	DRUMMOND SENIOR GARBAGE \$54.00
56298 GRANITE PHARMACY	VACCINATIONS & INMATE MEDS \$2,452.14
56299 GRANITE PREPAREDNESS, LLC	PHEP CONTRACT \$2,389.50
56300 GRANITE SPORTLAND	SUPPLIES-WEED DEPT \$47.47

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56301 GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$3,427.39
56302 HARLOW'S TRUCK CENTER	SUPPLIES-ROAD	\$304.03
56303 HIGH TECH LINEN	RUGS & MATS	\$191.53
56304 HOGAN'S RANCH & BUILDERS	SUPPLIES	\$117.50
56305 HOME DEPOT PRO- INSTITUTIONAL	SUPPLIES	\$239.22
56306 HOOVER CREEK REPAIR, LLC	OIL CHANGE-SHERIFF	\$90.56
56307 HUFFMAN GROCERY	INMATE MEALS	\$1,175.08
56308 HUFFMAN GROCERY	DRUMMOND SENIOR SUPPLIES	\$255.55
56309 HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES	\$75.18
56310 INLAND TRUCK PARTS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$3,583.36
56311 INTOXIMETERS, INC	DUI SUPPLIES	\$205.25
56312 JEAN HARDING	CONFERENCE TRAVEL	\$656.96
56313 KENWORTH SALES	SUPPLIES-ROAD DEPT	\$127.76
56314 L & L TRUCKING	DUMP TRUCK-FS	\$2,970.00
56315 MAPS INC	MAPPING & ADDRESS SUPPORT	\$5,216.50
56316 MARY SCHROEDER	TRAVEL	\$74.83
56317 MCGOWAN	SALT & RENTAL	\$40.90
56318 MICHAEL KAHOE	TRAVEL	\$85.17
56319 MCE	UNIFORM HATS-SHERIFF	\$265.00
56320 MT DOT	LOCAL MATCH	\$18,099.48
56321 MONTANA INTERACTIVE	DRIVERS RECORDS	\$25.00
56322 MONTANA MUDD & PAINT	PAINT/STAIN CO BLDG-DRMD	\$1,750.00
56323 MONTANA RAIL LINK	ROAD CROSSING-HALL SHOP	\$25.00
56324 MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	SALARY SHARE-HAUPTMAN	\$2,322.78
56325 MT DEPT OF AGRICULTURE	CHEMICAL-WEED DEPT	\$45.00
56326 MYBINDING	PAPER-SOLID WASTE	\$235.58
56327 NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS & SUPPLIES- ROAD	\$602.37
56328 NAZER TOWING	PROFESSIONAL SRVC-SHERIFF	\$180.00
56329 NELSON CONSTRUCTION LLC	EXCAVATOR WORK-FS	\$13,820.00
56330 NORCO, INC	SUPPLIES-ROAD	\$34.40
56331 NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO	EMULSION; SCARIFIER BIT	\$7,105.00
56332 NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	OCTOBER STATEMENTS	\$2,717.81
56333 PACIFIC STEEL - MISSOULA	SUPPLIES-ROAD	\$144.00
56334 PATRIOT EXCAVATION, LLC	EXCAVATION- FS ROAD	\$19,017.00
56335 PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	MONTHLY BILLING	\$1,963.25
56336 PHILIPSBURG SR CITZ CENTER	TAXES & SUPPLIES	\$3,444.08
56337 PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF	MONTHLY BILLING-UTILITES	\$446.00
56338 PINTLER PETROLEUM	FUEL-ROAD DEPT	\$2,141.64
56339 QUILL CORPORATION	SUPPLIES-EXTENSION DEPT	\$390.75
56340 REPUBLIC SERVICES #889	PICK UP SERVICES	\$9,940.30
56341 REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$7,579.91
56342 SAWTOOTH EMERGENCY VEHICLES	ADD TO AMBULANCE-DRMD	\$3,840.00
56343 SCOTT ADLER	ROAD INSPECTIONS	\$194.88
56344 SELBY'S	MAINTENANCE ON PLOTTER	\$577.85
56345 SHED HORN HAULING, LLC	MOW DRUMMOND AIRPORT	\$600.00
56346 SILVERBOW TRUCK & AUTO CENTER	REAR SUSPENSION-PBURG AMB	\$1,000.00
56347 SOLE STONE	SUPPLIES & BILLING	\$97.08
56348 STEEL, ETC.	STEEL	\$14,752.55
56349 SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$150.00
56350 TERRY GIESS	A/C SERVICE RD-WEED DEPT	\$1,568.98
56351 TERRY JO VIETOR	CRIME VICTIMS ADVOCATE	\$464.18
56352 THERESA LOOBEY	MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL	\$650.07
56354 TORGERSON'S LLC	MOWER BLADE & BOLT KIT	\$1,008.53
56355 TRANSUNION	SEARCHES & REPORTS	\$79.00
56356 TRUENORTH STEEL, INC	SUPPLIES-ROAD	\$1,165.22
56357 TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	IDOC WEB HOSTING	\$1,260.00
56358 UNIFORM 2 GEAR	SAFETY EQUIPMENT-SHERIFF	\$1,157.34
56359 US POSTAL SERVICE	ENVELOPES-TREASURER	\$1,246.35
56360 VALLEY FOODS	DRUMMOND SENIOR SUPPLIES	\$159.76
56361 VERIZON WIRELESS	MONTHLY BILLING	\$950.29
56362 WESTERN MT TRI-CO ADDICTION	DRUG & ALCOHOL SHARE	\$2,207.00
56363 WILLOWROCK INC	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$100.00
56364 WOODLAND CREATIONS	MONTHLY BILLING	\$768.25
56365 BLACK MOUNTAIN SOFTWARE	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE	\$24,413.00
56366 BLAINE BRADSHAW	TRAVEL	\$34.80
56367 TIRE-RAMA - MISSOULA	TIRES	\$2,269.87
56368 TNT TRUCK PARTS	PARTS & SUPPLIES	\$1,239.50
	CLAIMS FUND TOTAL	\$490,398.96

<u>WARRANT/NOD</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ADLER, SCOTT C	COMMISSIONER	\$2,342.87
ALT, PAUL	ROAD SUPERVISOR	\$7,122.50
ANDERSON, MELINDA K	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY	\$1,069.32
ANTONIOLI, SUSAN	CLERK	\$1,478.88

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	BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V	\$914.50
	BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	\$4,256.47
	BOLSTER, JACKIE R	PH NURSE ASSISTANT	\$1,859.52
	BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN	\$2,450.50
	BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER	\$5,179.20
	BRADSHAW, BLAINE C	COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$8,379.68
	BRASHEAR, NATHAN	WEED SPRAYER	\$2,417.40
	BUTLER, JODI L	SOLID WASTE	\$3,056.24
	CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N	DISPATCH	\$2,632.64
	CAYKO, NICKIE N	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,398.31
19276	DAVIS, KATHRYN	DISPATCHER	\$679.68
	DUNKERSON, WAYNE S	SHERIFF	\$5,137.95
	FRATZKE, DEBBIE	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	\$2,092.50
	GRAHAM, SARAH E	CLERK & RECORDER	\$4,085.74
	HARDING, JEAN M	DISPATCHER	\$2,772.80
	HARDING, VICKI B	TREASURER	\$4,716.26
	HENKE, PATRICIA	DEPUTY CLERK	\$1,492.98
	HENNAGER, DEANNA L	DISPATCHER	\$2,840.95
	HINKLE, CHARLES	COMMISSIONER	\$2,111.77
	HOEHNE, JOHNNY	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,867.50
	HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,398.30
	HULTMAN, TY R	DEPUTY	\$4,795.24
	JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,716.20
	KAHOE, MICHAEL	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	\$5,188.80
	KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE	\$3,372.72
	KENDALL, JOY J	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$253.08
	KINGREY, ELWYN	JUNK VEHICLE	\$393.48
	LATRAY, DANETTE L	TREASURER DEPUTY	\$3,527.16
	LOOBEY, THERESA R	TITLE CLERK	\$2,808.96
	LUCERO, DAVE	DEPUTY	\$1,235.25
19277	LUCERO, DAVE	EQUIPMENT ALLOWANCE	\$950.00
	MCDONNELL, FRED N	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$458.28
	MORRISON, RUSSELL F	WEED SPRAYER	\$2,417.40
	MUHLY, KATIE	COUNTY HEALTH NURSE	\$2,871.27
	OLSEN, RICK C	DEPUTY	\$4,083.67
	OSTLER, JASON K	DEPUTY	\$4,202.05
	OWENS, NANCY	RELIEF	\$249.60
	PALMER, KAREN P	COUNTY AGENT SEC	\$2,573.12
	PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY	\$3,250.72
	PETERS, STEVEN D	DEPUTY	\$3,643.85
	SCHIEDERMAYER, CONNIE	COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIALIST	\$231.25
	SCHMIDT, JERRI	DISPATCHER	\$2,546.24
	SHEPARD, RAYLENE O	DISPATCHER	\$124.08
	SLAUGHTER, BILL L	COMMISSIONER	\$2,206.44
	SMITH, REBECCA	DEPUTY CLERK AND RECORDER	\$3,135.26
	SMITH, THADDEUS M	DEPUTY	\$4,466.99
	SWANSON, DAVID C	WEED FOREMAN	\$2,767.60
	TORRE JR, RICHARD R	CUSTODIAL RELIEF	\$262.08
	VICEDOMINI, KRISTEN	DISPATCHER	\$2,213.36
	VIETOR, TERRY J	CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE	\$1,207.20
	WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$4,007.72
	WEST, WILLIAM H	DAM TENDER	\$516.86
	WILKINS, KENNETH D	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,794.73
	WILKINSON, BARBARA A	JUSTICE CLERK	\$1,319.50
	57 EMPLOYEES	TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	\$158,544.62

<u>WARRANT</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
19276	KATHRYN DAVIS	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19277	DAVE LUCERO	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"
19290	AFLAC INS	\$705.40
19291	CHRISTMAS CLUB	\$2,105.00
19292	COLONIAL	\$18.75
19293	FIT	\$9,667.69
19293	MEDICARE	\$4,390.54
19293	P.E.R.S.	\$18,857.11
19293	PERS RETIREE	\$417.52
19293	SHERIFF RETIRE	\$6,508.10
19293	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$18,773.28
19293	TRS	\$39.82
19294	IUOE 400	\$461.30
19295	MACO DENTAL	\$2,602.00
19295	MACO VISION	\$584.00
19295	MACOHCT	\$51,979.00
19295	UNUMLIFE	\$768.25

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19296	PEBSC	\$4,225.00
19297	SIT	\$6,178.00
19298	UNION - PENSION	\$659.11
TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES		\$128,939.87

GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

September 3, 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 and clerk Sue Antonioli for orientation in the event of Mike Kahoe's absence for vacation or sick leave. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Program Manager Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. Discussion was held on the detour on the frontage road near Bearmouth, which included potentially sending a bill to the Montana Department of Transportation for wear and tear on the county road used for a detour due to a rock slide on the frontage road.

The Board referred to the Request For Bids for 500 yards of road sand and 3,500 yards of ¾" minus gravel as advertised in the August 29, 2019 issue of the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper and on the county's website. Tom Mazza with F&R LLC attended. Bids were opened and read aloud as follow:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>MATERIAL</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>DELIVERY</u>
Patriot Excavation, Doug Benson	¾" minus gravel	\$14.50/yard	\$90/hour-10 yard truck \$120/hour truck & pup
F&R LLC, Tom Mazza	¾" minus gravel	\$12.93/yard	\$85/hour truck only \$115/hour truck & pup
F&R LLC, Tom Mazza	Sand	\$9.48/yard	\$85/hour truck only \$115/hour truck & pup

Commissioner Hinkle moved to award the bids for 500 yards of sand, without delivery, to F&R LLC in the amount of \$4,744.00 and for 3,500 yards of ¾" minus gravel, without delivery, to F&R LLC in the amount of \$45,281.00, as the lowest bids received. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed getting new computers for the solid waste container sites at Drummond and Philipsburg. Commissioner Hinkle moved to purchase, through DIS, one new computer and one printer for each of the county's solid waste container sites. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the list of solid waste overages with Solid Waste Program Manager Paul Alt as presented by Treasurer Vicki Harding. The Board discussed the difference between the number of units charged compared to the garbage actually collected and hauled by Granite Disposal. Commissioner Adler moved to charge the units estimated by Granite Disposal, by either increasing or decreasing the units charged. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Treasurer Harding agreed to put a notice in the local newspaper stating that solid waste unit charges will change on many November tax statements.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.86 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 7.68 inches below full pool with an estimated 42.9 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 42.9 cfs over the weir below

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the power plant. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Commissioner Adler moved to make no change in the outflow today which remains at approximately 45 cfs, as such is authorized per the current temporary modification plan in place. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

The Board held a budget work session for the 2019-2020 fiscal year preliminary budgets with Clerk and Recorder Sarah Graham. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Dick Motta attended. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw explained to Dick Motta that preliminary budget work sessions do not need to be recorded in detail in the minutes. He also cautioned Dick Motta not to interrupt the proceedings, but to save his questions and his remarks until granted time to give public comment later in the session during that agenda item.

Commissioner Adler moved to appoint Ezra Bolotsky of Drummond High School as the student representative to the Granite County DUI Task Force for a term ending October 2, 2022. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Flint Creek Dam Improvements Project, Progress Report: Engineer Jonathan Weaver with Great West Engineering, Project Manager Jacob Pierson with contractor Battle Ridge Builders and County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Jonathan Weaver presented an agenda for this portion of the session. Jake Pierson noted that the east side of the dam face is completed; temporary coffer dam installed for dewatering, pumps will operate 24 hours a day; dewatering plan presented and will be presented to the FERC for review; multiple types of dewatering will be utilized and plans were submitted to the Board; floating silt fence will be placed across entire bay; pole mounted GFIC outlets will become property of the county when project is complete; Jonathan Weaver explained that there are two outstanding Field Orders, which change the plans, but have no change in the contract price or contract time. Field Order No. 1 involved control joints for the dam face repair and Field Order No. 2 involved the termination of the dam face repair at the headwall. Jonathan Weaver explained that the Field Orders are approved by the engineer and the contractor, but do not need to be approved by the owner since there is no change in the contract price. Jonathan Weaver reviewed the payment process and the payment schedule for the contractor. Change Order No. 1: As required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, concrete shall have a 28-day compressive strength of 4,500 psi and air entrainment between 4% and 6%. The increase in contract price is \$700.00, for a total contract amount of \$173,500.00. Commissioner Adler moved to approve Change Order No. 1 and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Dick Motta attended.

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON of Granite County Hospital District, met with the Board and presented the monthly financial update. She presented a financial report dated 9-3-2019 with projected cash available of negative \$(93,250), projected deposits of \$483,000, accounts payable \$(175,000), projected cash reserves of \$204,750 (17 days of operation). The report included an administrator's report dated August 27, 2019; a July patient census report; modular building for CT scan is scheduled to be set September 11, 2019; Granite County Medical Foundation is donating \$50,000 to the CT scan project; wider bandwidth is planned for the CT scan; many radiologists are now credentialed on the medical staff for the CT scan; a revenue analysis; a balance sheet; a profit and loss statement; and an accounts receivable aging report. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Dick Motta attended.

Connie Ternes-Daniels with Action Inc. met with the Board to review the work plan for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. She explained that the CSBG is the key funding for the organization that serves six counties, including Granite County. She reviewed the executive summary and the key objectives of the work plan; and she reviewed the overall programs for Human Resource Development Councils. Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve the CSBG work plan for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Commissioner Adler abstained from voting as he would like more information on the specific programs. The motion carried.

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The Board considered the proposed Independent Contractor Consultant Agreement for Medical Billing, Medical Coding, Insurance Claims Submission and Education of Staff for the Granite County Public Health Office. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and reviewed details of the agreement, which he had drafted, with the Board. The Board agreed to table the agenda item until it could be discussed with Public Health Nurse Katie Muhly on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed Resolution 2019-18 "A Granite County Resolution Requesting Distribution Of Bridge And Road Safety And Accountability Program Funds." The Board agreed to amend the source of matching funds in the Resolution to the Granite County Road Fund (Fund 2110). This action regarding the Resolution, as stated above, was taken on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Phil Richardson met with the Board regarding the unmaintained county road in Brown's Gulch, which he is willing to do some maintenance on as he has the equipment. The Board advised him to contact Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt to look at the road and to get permission to do the work.

The Board noted a telephone call from Maria Conn expressing gratitude for the free television offered through the two county TV districts.

Correspondence: The Board noted receipt of a letter from Elena Gagliano requesting information on the county's contribution of \$25,000.00 to Broadwater County to assist in the prosecution of Lloyd Barrus for the deliberate homicide of Broadwater County Deputy Sheriff Mason Moore, accountability for attempted homicide against two Butte-Silver Bow police officers, attempted homicide against five different officers including Granite County Sheriff Scott Dunkerson, assault upon a peace officer against ten different officers, and for illegally possessing firearms as a convicted felon. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that the county has an affirmative duty to provide public records upon request, but the county does not have an affirmative duty to perform research of public records to investigate answers to questions.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for August 27 and 28, 2019. 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 unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

The session adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Chairperson

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September 9, 2019

The Board of County Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. in special session in the Commission Office of the Granite County Courthouse with Chairperson Bill Slaughter and Commissioners Scott Adler and Charles Hinkle attending. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.

The Board held a budget work session on the preliminary budgets for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Attending were Elena Gagliano, Dick Motta and Scott Sylvester with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper.

Public Comment: Elena Gagliano questioned the Board's expenditure of \$25,000.00 in the 2018-2019 fiscal year as a contribution to Broadwater County for the prosecution of Lloyd Barrus. Commissioner Slaughter responded that it was within the Board's authority

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to make the expenditure from the PILT (Payments In Lieu of Taxes) Fund at the request of Broadwater County, which is another governmental entity. Elena Gagliano questioned if the Board was going to answer the questions asked by her letter regarding that contribution and Commissioner Slaughter responded that the Board will not respond in writing as the answers to her questions are available in public documents. Dick Motta questioned the Board's authority to expend PILT funds for that purpose.

The session adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Chairperson

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September 10, 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 were Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe and clerk Sue Antonioli, who was attending for orientation. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Program Manager Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. The report included that work continues on the East Fork Road. The 2019-2020 fiscal year preliminary Road Fund budget was discussed.

The Board received and accepted the resignation of Public Health Nurse Katie Muhly effective September 30, 2019.

As an administrative matter, Commissioner Adler made an emergency motion that due to the resignation of Public Health Nurse Katie Muhly that Jackie Bolster be made the interim administrator of the Granite County Public Health Department, with the assistance of Medical Director Dr. William Reiter. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Jackie Bolster, public health clerk/assistant, attended.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.82 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 3.84 inches below full pool with an estimated 42.3 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 42.3 cfs over the weir below the power plant. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Commissioner Adler moved to make no change in the outflow today which remains at approximately 45 cfs, as such is authorized per the current temporary modification plan in place. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Recent appointment to Granite County Planning Board: Nullification, re-opening and publication of notice. Commissioner Hinkle recused himself on this agenda item. Commissioner Adler moved to nullify the previous action taken on August 27, 2019 to appoint Heidi Hinkle to the Granite County Planning Board representing the Upper Flint Creek Area. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. The Board declared that position on the Planning Board vacant and agreed to advertise in the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper that action on the potential appointment of a current County Commissioner's relative will be taken on October 1, 2019 at 9:45 a.m. and that Commissioner Charles Hinkle will abstain from voting regarding the potential appointment of his wife, Heidi Hinkle. The advertisement will state that other residents from the Upper Flint Creek Area may also submit an application for the position.

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Harold Blattie, Field Services Representative with the Montana Association of Counties (MACo), met with the Board for general discussion. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. The discussion included CSKT Water Compact and off reservation water rights. Mr. Blattie reviewed the legislative process and MACo's involvement in it; and he noted that MACo did not take a position on the CSKT Water Compact because it was extremely controversial between eastern and western counties. Other subjects covered included preserving the county's entitlement share; state assumption of welfare, the office of the public defender, and district courts; forest management and the effect of forest fire smoke on public health; and regional meetings and training provided through MACo.

Flint Creek Dam Improvements Project, Progress Report: Engineer Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering of Helena notified the board by email that due to poor weather there was little progress on the project and there would be no report today, but that he would be available by telephone. Commissioner Hinkle reported that he inspected the project on September 6, 2019.

The Board held a budget work session on the preliminary 2019-2020 fiscal year budgets.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: The Board noted the receipt of a letter from Clerk and Recorder Sarah Graham requesting to use the former Department of Revenue Office on the main floor of the courthouse as a secure county Elections Office. Commissioner Adler moved to agree with the request and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board will notify the Clerk and Recorder of the decision by letter.

The Board reviewed a copy of the letter from Granite County Solid Waste dated August 28, 2019 to Jonathan Perry of Drummond regarding his waste overages for the last two years for a total of \$908.72. Commissioner Slaughter moved to prevent Jonathan Perry from further dumping at any Granite County Solid Waste Transfer Site until the overages are paid in full, due to the significant amount being owed. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Jonathan Perry was notified today by a letter from the Commission that he is not allowed any dumping at any Granite County Solid Waste Transfer Sites until the overages are paid in full. Paul Alt, Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Program Manager, was also notified.

The Board reviewed minutes for September 3, 2019. The minutes were approved with one minor change on the motion by Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board began the budget hearing on the preliminary budgets for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Commissioner Slaughter noted that the preliminary budgets have been completed and that Clerk and Recorder Sarah Graham is making the final budget revisions, and the budgets will be available in that office for public inspection. Dick Motta inquired what transpired at yesterday's meeting and Commissioner Slaughter responded that it was a budget work session, as stated on the Board's agenda, and open to the public. Elena Gagliano inquired about the FMAC (Forest Management Advisory Committee) budget and the Board responded that there is a \$5,000.00 DNRC grant for that budget. Elena Gagliano inquired whether the preliminary budget would be online and the Board responded that it has not routinely been posted on the county's website. Dick Motta inquired about what budget appropriations are made for capital outlay. Elena Gagliano read the notice from the Philipsburg Mail newspaper regarding the budget hearing and final approval on September 17, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Dick Motta inquired about the budget for the PILT (Payments In Lieu of Taxes) and Commissioner Slaughter responded that those funds are budgeted and it is in the Board's authority to maintain those funds for an emergency funds or a catastrophic event, which is good public policy. Dick Motta questioned the appropriations for each county agency and Commissioner Slaughter responded that the independent audits of county funds for the past two years were clean audits, which indicates that the funds are appropriately expended. Dick Motta further discussed the disposition of PILT funds in the 2018-2019 fiscal year for the Town of Drummond for fire suppression and the Town of Philipsburg for water line improvements. The county's contribution of \$25,000 to Broadwater County in the 2018-2019 fiscal year and the Flint Creek Project in the 2019-2020 fiscal year were

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discussed. The Board noted that no PILT funds have been budgeted to the Flint Creek Project Fund and the Board expressed concern about the limited amount of funds remaining in the Flint Creek Project Fund following the current Flint Creek Dam Improvements Project. Commissioner Slaughter stated that the Commission has completed the preliminary budgets and they are now in the office of the Clerk and Recorder. Dick Motta indicated that the Board's agenda should be published in the local newspaper. Elena Gagliano noted that the Town of Philipsburg completed its preliminary budget much earlier than the county has and Commissioner Slaughter noted that the Town of Philipsburg is governed by its own group of elected officials. Dick Motta made a final statement that the Board's process of completing the preliminary budget is not consistent with state law and he may have to file a complaint with the county attorney. The hearing was recessed at 4:00 p.m. to be resumed at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2019.

Due to the resignation of the public health nurse, the Board canceled the agenda item regarding the meeting with Public Health Nurse Katie Muhly and consideration of the proposed Independent Contractor Consultant Agreement for Medical Billing, Medical Coding, Insurance Claims Submission and Education of Staff for the Granite County Public Health Office.

The session adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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September 11, 2019

The Board of Granite County Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. in special session in the Bearmouth Chalet at 1611 West Drummond Frontage Road, Clinton with Chairperson Bill Slaughter and Commissioners Scott Adler and Charles Hinkle attending for a joint session with the Towns of Drummond and Philipsburg. Other Granite County personnel attending were County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. Attending from the Town of Drummond were Mayor Gail Leeper, council members Cary McLure and Earl Clute, and town attorney Jana R. McGill. Attending from the Town of Philipsburg were Mayor Daniel Reddish, council members Scott Lyons, Nicole Nelch and John L. Johnson, and town attorney Robert Medof. Members of the public attending were Gregory Cook, Debora Glover Asbridge, Tom Asbridge, Marge Agee, Dan Agee, Ronald Lauer, Vicki Weaver, Terry Giess, Michele Christmas, Kathe Wood, Tim Allen and Ray Powell.

CALL TO ORDER

The session convened with Commissioner Slaughter requesting a moment of silence for the people and first responders who lost their lives during the 9/11 terrorism tragedy 18 years ago today.

INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were made.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2019 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Leeper said that there is talk of some buildings coming down and other buildings going up. The town needs a grocery store. Commissioner Slaughter reported on the federal Good Neighbor Authority through the farm bill, which provides for cooperation

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between the Forest Service and the county; the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest is specifically included. The county hopes to hire a forester to look at the forests within Granite County. He stated that it is an exciting potential to increase timber sales utilizing the county's Forest Management Advisory Committee. More will be learned at the MACo (Montana Association of Counties) annual conference later this month. Mayor Reddish reported that a lot of maintenance has been done on the town and the summer season was good with tourists for businesses.

GRANITE COUNTY UPDATE

Flint Creek Dam Improvements:

Commissioner Hinkle reported that Battle Ridge Builders started two weeks ago on dam face repairs, which will require dewatering of sections at the upstream dam face so that repairs can be made. The county had hoped to lower the lake level by increasing outflows for irrigation, but recent rain has prevented that. Construction is about \$170,000 and engineering about \$100,000 for the project. The Commission is concerned about the low balance in the Flint Creek Dam Fund, which has only been used for dam maintenance and repairs, but the FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) is requiring expensive studies and those regulations are out of hand. The Commission wants to meet with the hydro people and also talk with the FERC about delaying some studies to allow the fund to build up. The Commission is committed not to spend public funds on the dam. A public meeting will be held when options are available. FERC regulations have become more prolific since the county took ownership of the dam.

Courthouse and Jail Improvements:

Commissioner Slaughter reported that a new roof was installed this summer on the main part of courthouse and the jail wood shingle roof has been oiled to increase longevity. Patching has been done on the courthouse dome and it has been good so far, even during the recent heavy rain. The courthouse is a beautiful old building and the Commission is committed to taking care of it.

Update on Solid Waste Charges:

Commissioner Hinkle reported that solid waste charges had fallen behind and information provided by Granite Disposal was used to update units charged. Most businesses will see an increase in units in line with what they actually dump, but a few will see a reduction in units. The Commission urged anyone with questions on how their units were assessed to please come in and speak with them about it.

New Computers for Solid Waste Sites:

New computers and printers are being installed at the solid waste transfer sites, as well as updated software. It is hoped that these improvement will prevent computer glitches and long lines of people waiting to dump. A public comment inquired if the system rounds up to the nearest 20 pounds and the Commission said it would check on that. Also, a public request was for a running total of pounds dumped through the year to be printed on each receipt. The Commission will check on that also.

Drummond Frontage Road Detour:

Commissioner Slaughter said that the Commission had contacted DOT and their response was that the county road is not designated by DOT as a detour, so it is not their problem. One lane is now open on the frontage road. Tim Allen said that he has spoken with DOT and it was their intention to clear one lane then all options are on the table, including abandonment. Public comment: The county road is though on vehicles and people need to get to medical appointments; many elderly and sick people use the frontage road frequently. Also, trains stopped and blocking the county road is a problem; this has interrupted people's lives. The county and lawyers should be able to get something done. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that the county road was not designed to handle the current volume of traffic public due to people using it as a detour. Also, safety response is severely hampered and the Commission won't quit working on a solution. A public comment suggested an on and off ramp at Bear Gulch and since the Garnet Ghost Town is involved, get the BLM involved. Also, people have talked about blowing the rock slide on the frontage

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road out themselves and Granite County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw indicated that they will not likely win a legal battle with the state as suggested by one member of the public. It was noted that state representative Mark Sweeney is on the state Transportation Committee and he may be able to provide assistance. Commissioner Slaughter assured the public that the Commission won't forget and won't quit working on the problem.

TOWN OF DRUMMOND UPDATE

Mayor Leeper reported that the written reports from the Sheriff's Office are appreciated. The town cleanup continues; they are not telling people what to do, but people have responsibilities when they live in a municipality; economic development will follow. She noted that the town is taking over the lease from Cenex currently held by Better Than Logs. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that he would cite, after notice, the owner or lease holder (if property is leased) for any violations, not the property owner. Mayor Leeper noted that the town has stayed in the black even through the recession and has led by example.

Montana Limestone Resources Update:

Mayor Leeper introduced Kyle Carter, project manager, who gave an update on the project. The DEQ application is complete and compliant, and public comment on it ended in early June. The Environmental Assessment draft is nearly complete, which will be followed by more public comment. Next is the operating permit, then an air quality permit, which is estimated to take a year to a year and a half. He noted that it is planned to be an open pit mine for limestone, which is used to treat water in Superfund cleanup sites like the Berkeley Pit in Butte. He noted that operations of similar size employ 25 to 40 people. The plan now is to truck the material, but it is possible that it could be shipped by rail in the future. A member of the public inquired about the location and Kyle Carter reported that it is on the former Mooney Ranch just southwest of Drummond. The group thanked him for the comprehensive report.

TOWN OF PHILIPSBURG UPDATE

Mayor Daniel Reddish reported that it has been an active summer and the town has replaced hundreds of feet of water main and is planning on 1,000 more feet; also installing valves so smaller portions of the town can be isolated at one time. Working on the sewer lagoons, where, coincidentally, lime will be used to treat the water; town is waiting on one more permit. The town is in the process of leasing and purchasing better equipment. The Fred Burr water line is being engineered and plans are at DEQ for review now. They are making progress in keeping stormwater out of the sanitary sewer, which results in less water to be treated. A lot of paving and curbs have been completed. The Library District is negotiating to lease the town hall. Mayor Reddish noted that Dan Clark of MSU will be doing board education on October 16th at the courthouse at 3:00 p.m. and it is free of charge; he anticipates all of the Philipsburg town council members will attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The crossover road at Phelan Gulch was discussed and does the county plan to put in a larger culvert. Commissioner Adler responded that permission is needed from the land owner and the county would like it to be where it was previously. A member of the public noted that a culvert on Bear Gulch has been covered up. Commissioner Adler agreed to get with county Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt and come to the site. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that the DEQ has not been responsive regarding the mining operation in that area. A public member inquired whether the Bear Gulch Road is a county road and Commissioner Adler responded that it is, but not the section of the road in question. A member of the public suggested a one-way sign south bound as people are getting lost going to the ghost town. Tim Allen requested that the 35-mph sign be replaced on Edwards Gulch. A public member inquired whether Packer Gulch is a subdivision and those present indicated that it is not, to their knowledge. A final public comment was that two mules are lost in the Bear Gulch area and to please notify the owner if they are found.

NEXT JOINT MEETING

Plans call for it to be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Drummond Library. Those present thanked the Bearmouth Chalet for hosting this meeting and the owner responded that the group is welcome any time for such meetings.

ADJOURN

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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September 17, 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 were Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe and clerk Sue Antonioli, who was attending for orientation. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Program Manager Paul Alt was not able to meet with the Board today. The Board reviewed the potential purchase of a snowplow truck. Paul Alt will look at the potential trucks but any purchase will not be approved until that department’s budget is finalized. The Board reviewed the Letter of Agreement dated 9-10-2019 with Damon and Sherri Wahl for the storage of salt sand and a front-end loader on their property at 7 Rock Creek Road for \$600 a year. The Letter of Agreement was approved 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.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.68 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender’s report. The lake is approximately 3.6 inches below full pool with an estimated 41.7 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 41.7 cfs over the weir below the power plant. Brad Liermann with FWP participated by telephone. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. The information dated 9-16-19 from Dave Amman with DNRC was reviewed. Commissioner Hinkle moved to make no change in the outflow today and to follow scenario number three in Dave Amman’s recent correspondence, which remains at approximately 45 cfs, as such is authorized per the current temporary modification plan in place. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Patrick Little with the Philipsburg Ambulance was not able to meet with the Board today to discuss the 2019-2020 fiscal year preliminary budget and the billing process when ambulance runs are made.

The Board reviewed county claims for August 2019. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the claims and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

As public comment, Dave Carlson, new president of the Georgetown Lake Homeowners’ Association, met with the Board to discuss Georgetown Lake water levels, which he indicated were good this summer.

Flint Creek Dam Improvements Project, Progress Report: Engineer Jonathan Weaver with Great West Engineering of Helena and Jacob Pierce with contractor Battle Ridge Builders met with the Board and presented a written progress report. Discussion was held regarding a void discovered under the spillway slab. Engineer Jonathan Weaver reported that the void had been investigated as far as possible with a camera and he now recommends drilling to determine the full extent of the void. The engineer will complete a plan for the investigation of the void and submit it to the FERC for review. Jacob Pierce reported an electrical issue which will be investigated and Johnathan Weaver agreed to contact Flint Creek Hydro regarding the issue. Commissioner Adler moved that the engineer

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determine if the electrical heat gauge and measuring device are necessary, and if not, have it removed. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion passed unanimously. The outstanding submittals listed in the report were discussed. Commissioner Hinkle reported that he inspected the project on September 13, 2019.

As public comment, Patrick McGowan met with the board to discuss putting gravel on Lodgepole Lane in the Lakeview Subdivision. The Board referred him to Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt.

Commissioner Adler excused himself from the session at noon.

Tony Colter, with Sun Mountain Lumber and a member of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest Working Group, met with the Board regarding the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Proposal. He explained the proposal and its purpose, and presented detailed information. The priorities of the Continental Headwaters landscape are to: increase public safety, restore landscapes, increase the flow of wood products, and increase existing partnerships. A decision will be made at the end of this week to determine if the proposal proceeds to Tier 2 in the process. The Commissioners will refer it to the FMAC (Forest Management Advisory Committee) for its recommendation. Tony Colter plans to attend the October 9, 2019 FMAC meeting. Commissioner Hinkle moved that Tony Colter go to the advisory council (FMAC) and obtain a formal response from them. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Scott Sylvester with the *Philipsburg Mail* attended. Elena Gagliano attended and commented on the coordination process. She stated, for the record, that she is not supporting any collaborative group.

Public Comment: Elena Gagliano commented that she wanted to comment on the minutes of last week's meetings, but could not because they have not been approved. Dick Motta would like to have it in the county records that the Commissioners are denying him a draft copy of the minutes for September 9, 10, and 11, 2019.

Correspondence: None

The Board reviewed minutes for September 9, 10 and 11, 2019. The minutes were approved as presented on the motion by Commissioner Hinkle and seconded by Commissioner Slaughter. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Dick Motta requested and received a copy of the minutes approved today.

Commissioner Adler rejoined the session at 2:00 pm.

The Board continued the budget hearing at 2:00 p.m. on the county preliminary budgets for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. A copy of the General Fund preliminary budget was given to each of the public members present. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, Elena Gagliano and Dick Motta attended. Mr. Motta commented that the Board denied the public process and County Attorney Bradshaw stated that he would not argue the law with Mr. Motta. Public comment on the preliminary budget was opened by Chairperson Bill Slaughter. Dick Motta stated that there were none of the heads of other agencies present, making it hard to get comment from them. Dick Motta quoted a section of law and commented on the Philipsburg Ambulance budget and the PILT fund. Elena Gagliano had questions on the Philipsburg Ambulance budget and suggested that there had been overspending on certain budgets. Elena Gagliano read a notice from the August 19, 2019 issue of the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper regarding the public hearing on the budget. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that the preliminary budget is a working document until it is formally adopted. Elena Gagliano suggested that Montana codes should be noted in the public notice in the future. County Attorney Bradshaw indicated that he had approved the published notice to comply with the Montana codes. Dick Motta commented that the preliminary budget should be put on the county's website to give adequate public notice for comment. Discussion was held on the PILT Fund and Dick Motta encouraged the Board to use PILT funds to reduce the tax levy. Following public comment regarding the use of PILT funds to assist Broadwater County in a prosecution, County Attorney Bradshaw indicated that it was judicial efficiency to assist Broadwater County in the prosecution of Lloyd Barrus for multiple criminal offenses, including the attempted deliberate homicide charge in which Granite County Sheriff Scott Dunkerson was shot at by Lloyd Barrus. County Attorney Bradshaw noted that criminal charges could have been filed in several counties, including Granite County, and that having the Broadwater County Attorney handle all charges with

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Granite County financially assisting Broadwater County was much less costly to Granite County and its taxpayers. Dick Motta noted that notice of the meeting on September 9, 2019 was not published in the newspaper. Elena Gagliano noted that there was no one to take minutes at the meeting on September 9, 2019. The budget hearing concluded at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Adler moved to approve and adopt the 2019-2020 county budget and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. The Board reviewed that there were some changes in the preliminary budget. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2019-19 "A Resolution Setting Granite County's 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget, Including Salaries Of All Granite County's Elected Officials And Deputies, And Cost Of Living Increase For All County's Employees And Salary Increases For Certain Officials." The Board had no discussion on Resolution 2019-19. Dick Motta stated that the Board had exceeded the time limit for budget adoption. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw reviewed the differences between the preliminary budget and the final budget. Dick Motta stated that notice of the budget meetings should be published in the paper and he informed the Board that he was leaving the meeting.

The Board discussed the upcoming vacancy of the public health nurse position effective September 30, 2019. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, Scott Sylvester with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper, and Elena Gagliano attended. Discussion was held on advertising the position as a full-time position at a Grade 15 on the county's pay matrix and to request current Public Health Nurse Katie Muhly to assist in modifying the current position description. Commissioner Adler stated his belief that making the public health nurse position full-time would encourage applications, and the successful applicant would be incentivized to remain employed with the county for a longer term. The full Commission concurred with Commissioner Adler's comments. Commissioner Adler moved to advertise for a full-time public health nurse position, reduce the qualifications to a minimum of a two-year nursing degree and pay \$26.53/hour with benefits. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The session adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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September 24, 2019

No regular session was held to allow Commissioners to attend the Annual Conference of the Montana Association of Counties in Great Falls.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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