

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND & 29TH OF OCTOBER 2019 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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

<u>WARRANT</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
56369	POWER SYSTEMS WEST	ALARM BOARD & PROGRAM \$1,076.93
56370	WESTTEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC	SERVICE & MAINTENANCE-AUG \$667.00
56371	FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK	PAYROLL & NOD FEE \$102,612.43
56372	VISA #1	RAPID FAX \$13.99
56373	VISA #2	OIL CHANGE 2019 SILVERADO 1500 \$100.49
56374	VISA #3	AED PADS & DISPENSER BOTTLE \$198.59
56375	360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SEPT. OFFICE SUPPLIES \$2,048.58
56376	A & M FIRE AND SAFETY, INC	SUPPLIES & EXTINGUISHER SERVICE \$34.20
56377	A&E ARCHITECTS	ADA ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW \$940.00
56378	ALAN BOOMER	HELI SPRAY-DOUGLAS WEED GRANT \$3,100.00
56379	ALLIED WASTE SERVICES	BAILING WIRE \$110.00
56380	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	ACETYLENE & CYLINDER RENTAL \$26.85
56381	BATTLE RIDGE BUILDERS, LLC	FLINT CREEK DAM IMPROVEMENTS \$34,860.25
56382	BILL SLAUGHTER	MACO CONFRENCE TRAVEL \$590.12
56383	BILL WEST	REPLACEMENT COVER \$6.99
56384	BLACKFOOT CFT	JUNE BILLING \$3,605.32
56385	BOB BARKER CO INC	SUPPLIES \$104.51
56386	BOB'S QUALITY AUTO	STUDED TIRES COUNTY CAR \$412.00
56387	BRUCE WIGHT	HELI SPRAY- DOUGLAS WEED GRANT \$5,851.20
56388	BUTTE PRODUCE	SUPPLIES FOR DRUMMOND SENIORS \$381.81
56389	CAR TUNE OF BUTTE LLC	MAINTENANCE FOR DEPUTY PICKUP \$1,799.84
56390	CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES	EXCAVATOR PMT \$1,144.07
56391	CENTURYLINK	MT EMERGENCY BUNDLE SERVICE \$415.80
56392	CENTURYLINK	FCP PHONE \$62.06
56393	CHUCK HINKLE	MACO CONFRENCE TRAVEL \$577.40
56394	COMDATA	MONTHLY BILLING \$4,380.21
56395	CONNIE SCHIEDERMAYER	TRAVEL \$110.20
56396	CROWN CORRECTIONAL TELEPHONE	INMATE CALLING CARDS \$280.00
56397	CULLIGAN	HOT COLD RENTAL \$10.00
56398	DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	CONTRACTOR GROSS WITHHOLDING \$348.60
56399	DIS TECHNOLOGIES	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES \$1,642.00
56400	DOUG ANDRUS DISTRIBUTING INC	TYPE C TREATED SALT \$14,833.63
56401	DRUMMOND AMBULANCE ASSOC	ACCUCHECK TEST STRIPS \$89.98
56402	DRUMMOND COMMUNITY HALL	DRUMMOND SENIOR RENT \$300.00
56403	DUNNE COMMUNICATIONS	GRADER & SLIDE ROCK \$2,455.50
56404	ED MCLEAN	3/4 MINUS ROAD GRAVEL \$240.00
56405	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	LICENSE & MAINTENANCE \$3,470.00
56406	F & R LLC	3/4 NATURAL \$154.44
56407	FICKLER OIL CO. INC.	DYED DIESEL & DEF \$1,628.99
56408	GENERAL DISTRIBUTING CO.	CO2; CUFT; ACETYLENE \$172.20
56409	GRANITE AMMUNITION	SUPPLIES-SHERIFF \$250.00
56410	GRANITE COUNTY HOSPITAL DIST	INMATE CARE \$175.00
56411	GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE \$476.97
56412	GRANITE DISPOSAL	ROAD SERVICE AUG-SEPT \$330.00
56413	GRANITE PHARMACY	DRUMMOND AMBULANCE SUPPLIES \$647.27
56414	GRANITE PREPAREDNESS, LLC	PHEP CONTRACT \$2,389.50
56415	GRANITE SPORTLAND	CHISELS & ANTIFREEZE \$199.02
56416	GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	DAM INSPECTION & REPAIR \$23,889.79
56417	HIGH TECH LINEN	SEPT RUGS AND MATS \$130.38
56418	HUFFMAN GROCERY	INMATE MEALS & SUPPLIES \$1,466.32
56419	HUFFMAN GROCERY	DRUMMOND SENIOR SUPPLIES \$481.66
56420	HUFFMAN GROCERY	SUPPLIES \$13.98
56421	INTOXIMETERS, INC	MOUTHPIECE FOR FST \$141.25
56422	JACKIE BOLSTER	DES CONFRENCE TRAVEL & SUPPLIES \$380.08
56423	JENSEN RANCH COMPANY	HELI SPRAY-DOUGLAS WEED GRANT \$1,070.75
56424	JOHNSON TUNING FORK RANCH	HELI SPRAY-DOUGLAS WEED GRANT \$1,219.00
56425	LANE & ASSOCIATES	RANDOM TESTING \$125.73
56426	MACO	INMATE MED BUDGET PROTECTOR \$129.60
56427	MCGOWAN WATER COND, INC	SALT & RENTAL \$45.45
56428	MED-TECH RESOURCE	PHILIPSBURG AMBULANCE SUPPLIES \$686.24
56429	MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES \$73.49
56430	MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	SEPT SALARY SHARE-HAUPTMAN \$2,322.78
56431	NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS & SUPPLIES \$717.25
56432	NICKIE CAYKO	DOT PHYSICAL & TRAVEL \$353.00
56433	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO	SCARIFIER BIT \$862.57
56434	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	SEPTEMBER STATEMENTS \$2,905.82
56435	PACIFIC STEEL - MISSOULA	ANGLE IRON \$170.75
56436	PAUL ALT	TRAVEL \$223.00
56437	PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	MONTHLY BILLING \$1,278.00
56438	PHILIPSBURG SR CITZ CENTER	PRISIONER MEALS \$320.00

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56439	PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF	SEPT. UTILITIES	\$444.50
56440	PINTLER PETROLEUM	#2 DYED DIESEL & OIL	\$3,099.21
56441	POSTMASTER	PO BOX RENT-ATTORNEY	\$120.00
56442	POSTMASTER	POSTAGE FOR TAX BILLS	\$1,625.00
56443	REPUBLIC SERVICES #889	PICK UP SERVICES	\$8,401.80
56444	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$5,877.39
56445	RTW ENTERPRISE	TIRE REPAIRS	\$642.50
56446	SAFEGUARD QBS	WARRANTS; TAX STATEMENT LABELS	\$845.46
56447	SELBY'S	PLOTTER REPAIRS	\$447.95
56448	SHI	WINDOWS OS UPGRADES	\$3,003.33
56449	SIX ROBBLEE'S	SUPPLIES-ROAD	\$134.61
56450	SOLE STONE REIMBURSEMENT SERV	DRMD AMB SUPPLIES & BILLING	\$503.47
56451	SPORTSMAN'S WAREHOUSE	GPS SYSTEM SEARCH & RESCUE	\$2,048.00
56452	STATE BAR OF MONTANA	2020 LAWYERS DESKBOOK	\$65.00
56453	SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$225.00
56454	TERRY GIESS	A/C COMPRESSOR & OIL SENSOR	\$1,608.96
56455	TERRY JO VIETOR	VICTIMS ADVOCATE	\$516.67
56456	TNT TRUCK PARTS	AMBER BEACON & SUPPLIES	\$446.25
56457	TRANSUNION RISK SOLUTIONS	SEARCHES & REPORTS	\$75.00
56458	TRI-COUNTY SANITARIAN	1ST QTR SALARY SHARE	\$13,378.04
56459	TRUENORTH STEEL, INC	CULVERT SUPPLIES	\$768.00
56460	TW ENTERPRISES, INC	DRMD HS GENERATOR FINAL PMT	\$12,866.67
56461	US POSTAL SERVICE	COMMISSIONER ENVELOPES	\$940.00
56462	VALLEY FOODS	DRUMMOND SENIOR SUPPLIES	\$92.00
56463	VERIZON WIRELESS	MONTHLY BILLING	\$950.71
56464	WESTERN STATES EQUIPMENT	PARTS & REPAIRS	\$1,973.29
56465	WESTTEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC	MONTHLY SERVICE & MAINTENANCE	\$667.00
56466	WILLOWROCK INC	GENDREAX/HAWKES 2 LOTS	\$125.00
56467	WM DINGWALL CO	HELI SPRAY-DOUGLAS WEED GRANT	\$7,376.50
56468	WOODLAND CREATIONS	SUPPLIES- ROAD & WEED DEPT	\$298.35
56469	ZUERCHER TECHNOLOGIES LLC	DISPATCH UPGRADES	\$117,600.50
		CLAIM FUND TOTAL	\$421,496.99

<u>WARRANT/NOD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
ADLER, SCOTT C	COMMISSIONER	\$2,301.11
ALT, PAUL	ROAD SUPERVISOR	\$7,122.50
ANDERSON, MELINDA K	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY	\$1,211.90
ANTONIOLI, SUSAN	CLERK	\$1,427.69
BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V	\$961.23
BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	\$4,256.47
BOLSTER, JACKIE R	PH NURSE ASSISTANT	\$2,545.26
BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN	\$2,610.00
BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER	\$5,179.20
BRADSHAW, BLAINE C	COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$8,379.68
BRASHEAR, NATHAN	WEED SPRAYER	\$2,417.40
BROWN, SAMUEL E	RELIEF JUDGE	\$43.06
BUTLER, JODI L	SOLID WASTE	\$2,657.60
CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N	DISPATCH	\$2,797.18
CAYKO, NICKIE N	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,663.07
19299 DAVIS, KATHRYN	DISPATCHER	\$823.66
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	\$3,194.94
HARDING, VICKI B	TREASURER	\$4,716.26
HENKE, PATRICIA	DEPUTY CLERK	\$1,725.59
HENNAGER, DEANNA L	DISPATCHER	\$2,520.50
HINKLE, CHARLES	COMMISSIONER	\$2,092.05
HOEHNE, JOHNNY	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,867.50
HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,398.30
HULTMAN, TY R	DEPUTY	\$4,601.19
JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,716.20
KAHOE, MICHAEL	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	\$4,636.80
KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE	\$2,932.80
KENDALL, JOY J	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$117.68
KINGREY, ELWYN	JUNK VEHICLE	\$393.48
LARDY, JAMES D	SITE RELIEF	\$365.54
LATRAY, DANETTE L	TREASURER DEPUTY	\$3,527.16
LOOBEY, THERESA R	TITLE CLERK	\$2,681.28
19300 LUCERO, DAVE	DEPUTY	\$1,152.23
MCDONNELL, FRED N	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$829.61
MORRISON, RUSSELL F	WEED SPRAYER	\$2,417.40
MUHLY, KATIE	COUNTY HEALTH NURSE	\$2,871.27
19301 MUHLY, KATIE	VACA/SICK PAYOUT	\$828.25

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OLSEN, RICK C	DEPUTY	\$3,739.60
OSTLER, JASON K	DEPUTY	\$3,573.85
OWENS, NANCY	RELIEF	\$341.95
PALMER, KAREN P	COUNTY AGENT SEC	\$2,456.16
PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY	\$3,102.96
PETERS, STEVEN D	DEPUTY	\$3,974.95
SCHIEDERMAYER, CONNIE	COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIALIST	\$250.00
SCHMIDT, JERRI	DISPATCHER	\$2,631.04
SHEPARD, RAYLENE O	DISPATCHER	\$259.64
SLAUGHTER, BILL L	COMMISSIONER	\$2,180.92
SMITH, REBECCA	DEPUTY CLERK AND RECORDER	\$3,135.26
SMITH, THADDEUS M	DEPUTY	\$4,326.91
SWANSON, DAVID C	WEED FOREMAN	\$2,767.60
TORRE JR, RICHARD R	CUSTODIAL RELIEF	\$352.56
VICEDOMINI, KRISTEN	DISPATCHER	\$2,466.83
VIETOR, TERRY J	CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE	\$1,207.20
WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,447.44
WEST, WILLIAM H	DAM TENDER	\$521.08
WILKINS, KENNETH D	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,661.15
WILKINSON, BARBARA A	JUSTICE CLERK	\$1,261.21
59 EMPLOYEES	TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	\$157,957.54

WARRANT		AMOUNT
19299 KATHRYN DAVIS	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"	
19300 DAVID LUCERO	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"	
19301 KATIE MUHLY	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"	
19302 AFLAC INS		\$705.40
19303 CHILD SUPPORT		\$152.85
19304 CHRISTMAS CLUB		\$2,005.00
19305 COLONIAL		\$18.75
19306 FIT		\$9,558.73
19306 MEDICARE		\$4,384.22
19306 P.E.R.S.		\$18,471.47
19306 PERS RETIREE		\$422.40
19306 SHERIFF RETIRE		\$6,258.22
19306 SOCIAL SECURITY		\$18,746.12
19306 TRS		\$18.31
19306 UNEMPL. INSUR.		\$1,273.83
19307 IUOE 400		\$461.30
19308 MACO DENTAL		\$2,602.00
19308 MACO VISION		\$584.00
19308 MACOHCT		\$51,979.00
19308 UNUMLIFE		\$768.25
19309 PEBSC		\$4,225.00
19310 SIT		\$6,144.00
19311 UNION - PENSION		\$509.37
19312 WORKERS' COMP		\$18,018.61
	TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES	\$147,306.83

GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

October 1, 2019

The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:10 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.

The Board participated in the quarterly meeting of the Granite County Safety Committee. Minutes of that meeting are kept separately.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt presented information on plow trucks that he believes are worth looking at in Sioux Falls, SD. Bill Slaughter would like to see a payment schedule of what the county currently has under lease on other equipment in order to determine whether it's possible to purchase a new truck rather than a used one. Commissioner Adler moved that the trucks Paul Alt mentioned in his report be inspected

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and driven. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Paul reported on mowing and tree trimming progress and need for seasonal help in order to finish this work before the snow flies. Commissioner Adler moved to hire short-term help for the road crew. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.49 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 12.12 inches below full pool with an estimated 41.1 cfs through the power plant and an estimated 41.1 cfs over the weir below the power plant. The Commissioners tabled their decision on any change in outflow until they could hear the report from the engineer and contractor for the dam improvements project.

Representative Mark Sweeney met with the Board to discuss the rock slide on the Drummond frontage road west. Mr. Sweeney serves on a Transportation Subcommittee with Montana legislature and he will communicate the concerns of the Commissioners with issues on county roads that are being used as detours when there are slides on state frontage roads. Discussion was held on access with fire and emergency vehicles. Commissioner Slaughter volunteered to attend the subcommittee meeting with Mr. Sweeney to voice local government concerns on these issues. Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper commented that she has not had a hard time with reaching DOT. Her main concern is if the hill above the Clark Fork River continues to come down and goes into the river, that this could dam the river causing havoc. Elena Gagliano questioned why the County Sheriff was not involved as far as declaring an emergency. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw stated that this is a state issue on a state road. The Board said they would follow up with Mr. Sweeney and MDOT, but that the matter needs to be resolved by the state.

The Board discussed the appointment of a member to the Granite County Planning Board representing the Upper Flint Creek Area. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that a "Public Notice Regarding Potential Appointment of a Relative" was published in the September 12, 2019 issue of the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper regarding the potential appointment of Mrs. Heidi Hinkle (the wife of Commissioner Charles Hinkle). Two applications were presented; one from Heidi Hinkle and one from Elena Gagliano. Commissioner Hinkle recused himself from the matter. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw stated that it is a political decision not a legal matter as the law has been followed. Commissioner Adler moved to appoint Heidi Hinkle and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. The motion carried. Elena Gagliano asked if anyone was present from the planning board. There was not. For the record, she stated that she will be present at all planning board meetings; and that, for the second time, this process should have followed proper procedure.

Grant Agreements from the State Homeland Security Program for two projects were discussed: Generator and Compressor for the Philipsburg Volunteer Fire Department Project and an Active Shooter Preparedness, Training and Exercise Project. Audrey Walleser, Western District Field Officer for DES (Disaster Emergency Services), grant coordinator Sheri Pool with state DES and Jackie Bolster, Granite County DES Coordinator, attended. Sheri Pool discussed a grant application process which would pay half of the DES coordinator's salary. Audrey Walleser discussed opportunities across the state that the DES coordinator can attend. She and Sheri Pool will help Jackie Bolster streamline a program for Granite County. The Commissioners asked Jackie Bolster to review her job responsibilities and how much time she will need to accomplish her duties and get back to them. Jackie Bolster reviewed details of the Drummond School Generator Grant. Sheri Pool reviewed some of the grant requirements. The Board reviewed the updated Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Program Policy for the Courthouse. Sheri Pool explained that procurement policy must be followed on all Federal Grants and that she will audit the grant when it is finished to make sure all documentation is in place. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw indicated that the counties' procurement policies must be followed. Commissioner Adler moved to enter into a grant agreement for the Generator and Compressor Grant Agreement for the Philipsburg Volunteer Fire Department and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. Attorney Bradshaw advised there should be an MOU entered into between the County and Town (and Fire Department) regarding the generator project, and that he will plan to draft that document. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

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unanimously. Commissioner Adler moved to enter into an agreement for Active Shooter Preparedness Training Exercise Project. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. Dick Motta commented that these projects were not in the budget and Commissioner Slaughter responded that the budget will be amended according to law. The motion carried unanimously.

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. Jacob Pierce demonstrated a tie system for forms to dewater the sections that will be poured with concrete. Jonathan Weaver reported that they had found another small void approximately 6 inches by 12 inches that a couple bags of grout will remedy. Jacob Pierce discussed change orders to request more time to complete the project; a winter shutdown and complete the project next summer, which would also allow the county to inspect the outlet on the west side of the dam. The contractor is offering more work in exchange for extra time to complete the project; and such will not be an additional cost to the County. The change order agreement will be on the Commission's agenda soon. There will not be a construction progress meeting at the next weekly Commissioner meeting as the engineers have another engagement. The water level of Georgetown Lake was discussed based on this report. Jacob Pierce strongly recommended leaving lake level as is to facilitate the construction on the dam. With forecasted precipitation this week, Commissioner Adler stated his opinion that the lake outflows should remain the same at 41 cfs to carry out the contractor's needs regarding the lake level. Commissioner Hinkle moved to leave the lake outflow at the current level. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Courthouse Custodian Janeen Bonney met with the Board for discussion on building maintenance. The dome repairs seem to be good, as she hasn't noticed any leaks. The third floor bathrooms need renovation for a working men's restroom. Janeen Bonney discussed the plans for these repairs and changes. The brick work around the top of the courthouse near the dome and on the jail need to be addressed. These repairs would come up out of the County Building Budget. Commissioner Slaughter recommended getting together the architectural plans for the bathrooms and existing budget amounts and put it on the agenda for the end of October for discussion. Janeen Bonney stated that both of her fill in custodian employees had resigned. As there is a need for a fill in position in the Road, Solid Waste, and Custodian Departments, a new position description will be written and advertised internally within county offices and departments. Janeen Bonney will look for someone to provide a bid for brick work on the top of courthouse and sheriff's office. This work would not commence until next Spring.

The Board held the second 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 Employees And Salary Increases For Certain Officials." Commissioner Adler moved to adopt Resolution 2019-19. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. As public comment, Dick Motta asked why the salary increases weren't part of the budget hearing. Commissioner Slaughter stated that the salaries were considered by the county salary board at a separate public meeting. Mr. Motta stated that for the record, Mr. Slaughter is denying him public comment. Dick Motta handed the Commission a copy of his objection to the adopted budget. The Board considered Mr. Motta's objections, but disagreed with the objections. Hearing no other public comment, the motion carried unanimously. The board also signed the levy sheet as prepared by Clerk and Recorder Sarah Graham for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

The Board reviewed the updated Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Program Policy for the Courthouse. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the policy, with Commissioner Hinkle seconding. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

Thor Sichveland met with the Board to request a speed limit change on Upper Willow Creek Road. Lisa Bohrsen and Jenna Schaffer attended. Thor Sichveland stated that there have been a couple of accidents on the road near Tim Luthje's residence. The current speed limit is 35 mph. Reducing the speed limit to 25 mph was discussed. The board will check

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with County Attorney Bradshaw and Sheriff Scott Dunkerson and revisit the issue on a future agenda.

As an administrative matter, the Board noted a payment of \$239,466.40 was received for road work done under the Forest Service agreement and the Board agreed that the 10% overhead of \$21,769.3 be split with 75% (\$16,327.04) to the Road Fund and 25% (\$5,442.35) to the General Fund, as was done last year. Also, that work done by the Granite County Road Department, amounting to \$31,402.50, be deposited to the Road Fund.

As an administrative matter, the Board discussed a Memorandum of Agreement Between The Montana Association Of Counties And The USDA, U.S. Forest Service Northern Region. The Board agreed to request the current President of MACo, Greg Chilcott, meet with the board on a future agenda regarding the memorandum.

Public Comment: Elena Gagliano stated she feels the MACo meetings should be put on the agenda for a report on meetings attended by the Commissioners. She also asked where she can get a copy of all minutes approved by the Commissioners. Commission stated that other boards minutes are not approved by them. She suggested that on the website all county boards along with who the members are and their contact info should be listed. The board will look into this as there are privacy issues involved. She suggested that the board training to be held on October 16, 2019 be advertised in the newspaper with the public invited.

Correspondence: None

The Board reviewed minutes for September 24, 2019. The minutes were approved as presented on the motion by Commissioner Hinkle and seconded by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Elena Gagliano requested and received a copy of the approved minutes.

Wade Cebulski with the Montana Board of Aeronautics was unable to meet with the Board and Tim Conway made a presentation on House Bill 661 regarding revised airport funding levels. Airport Board members Vince Reece and Paul O'Leary attended. Topics covered were resources available through the FAA, Pavement Condition Indexes, State Impact study, 5010 Capital Improvement Plan, Federal Funding, NPE Program, state loan and grant funds, Technical Assistance, Courtesy Car Program, and Safety and Education. Vince Reece introduced Phil Odegard from TD&H Engineering who commented on design and construction planning as part of the FAA application process and on the design of an airport master plan. Commissioner Slaughter stated that the Commission would like to see a plan from the Airport Board on future spending plans and grant opportunities. Boosting the income for the airport was discussed. Mark Hudgens attended and mentioned the ongoing runway condition problem and that the county commission should commit more funds to repairing the runway. Commissioner Slaughter responded that the request would be considered during the budget process. The airport board will come back to meet with the Commission after they devise a financial plan. Vince Reece commented that it is the Airport Board's plan to make the airport facility self-sustaining.

Dustin Muhly, Linda Ransford, Barbara Cahill, and Kristen Vicedomini with the Philipsburg Area Community Library District Board met with the Board with a request for the county to accept a deed conveying real property in Philipsburg to the county. The Library Board is in the process of buying the Broadway Trading building in downtown Philipsburg for a public library. The proposed building would have income rental potential, and would be more economically feasible than remodeling the town hall and it is a bigger building. The Library Board indicated the Library District would then be responsible for all costs and fees associated with the Library, including repairs and maintenance. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw explained by law that a Multijurisdictional Library District cannot hold an asset of real property in its name, so the county or town (or combination thereof) would need to hold the deed. Issues of insurance and other costs would need to be worked out between the Library Board, town, and county. A written addendum could be added to the current Interlocal Agreement between the town and county (and Library District), if such could be negotiated that fully resolves all outstanding issues regarding the purchase of a new library building and transfer of any Town assets to the Library Districts such as books, equipment, etc. The Commission agreed that this is a good project and would like to invite public comment. Linda Ransford explained that there was a lot of positive

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public comment when the levy for the library was passed. These issues will be revisited at the next regular meeting.

The session adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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October 8, 2019

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

Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt joined the meeting by teleconference. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, County Planning Director Linda Bouck, Sheriff Scott Dunkerson, and Ciche Pitcher attended. Paul Alt reported that the used plow (snowplow) trucks he inspected in Sioux Falls, SD are not suitable for county use due to their wear and tear. Paul Alt has made calls all over the area and has located a new plow truck (International) in Pendleton, Oregon for sale by Woodpecker Truck and Equipment, a nationwide truck dealer of International trucks. The county purchased their most recent plow truck from Woodpecker as well. Woodpecker is a Sourcewell vendor which gives local government discount pricing. County Attorney Bradshaw gave his legal opinion that such a truck purchase should be on the Commission’s agenda next week, but that the purchase (even if truck’s purchase price over \$80,000) could be made without additional public bidding since the county has an agreement with Sourcewell, a government purchasing cooperative, and the truck’s price has already been publicly bid out by Sourcewell. Commissioner Adler moved to direct Paul Alt to put a hold on the new snow plow truck until the Commission could formally approve the purchase. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

There was general discussion on the newly constructed intersection of the new road to Discovery Basin Ski Area, called Colter Creek Road, and Rumsey Road, a county road. Sheriff Dunkerson and several local residents have raised concerns about this intersection. Linda Bouck stated that the road was designed to make skiers got to the ski hill and not down the Rumsey Road. Linda Bouck further stated that local residents were involved in the planning process and wanted this current intersection plan. Ciche Pitcher of Discovery Basin Corporation expressed his concern that his family’s company expended an additional \$20,000 to \$25,000 to make the required changes to this intersection and feels like certain locals are only being obstructionists to this new road to the backside of Discovery Basin. The Board discussed the matter and stated that the current plan for this intersection was required by the county because of public comment and request for such. Commissioner Slaughter stated that Sheriff Dunkerson was asked to weigh in during the public comment time and he failed to do so and did not provide any input at that time. Sheriff Dunkerson expressed that local landowners’ biggest complaints are that the stop signs on Rumsey Road are slowing traffic, unneeded in such a remote area, and are even a safety concern. The Sheriff believes that the stop signs on Rumsey Road should be removed. The Board indicated their thought was to keep the intersection the same, as is, since it was originally planned that way due to public comment. Commissioner Adler moved to keep the intersection of Rumsey Road and Colter Creek Road the same (as is), and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion passed unanimously. Sheriff Dunkerson noted that he disagreed with the decision not to remove two of the stop signs.

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Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.36 feet, according to the USGS gage. The lake is approximately 13.68 inches below full pool with an estimated 40.5 cfs over the weir below the power plant. Brad Liermann, fisheries biologist from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks joined the session by teleconference. Commissioner Hinkle gave an update of his latest inspection on the dam repairs. He stated that it is critical to keep the lake level at the current level as the workers are getting ready to pour the concrete for the spillway and west face. Brad Liermann voiced concerns about letting the level go down too far. Commissioner Adler after hearing Commissioner Hinkle's report moved to leave the lake level as is, Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Dawn Hauptman and Eaf Parke, Granite County representatives on the Tri-County Fair Board were present to ask the Commissioners where they want the Fair Board to stand in relation to the three counties that govern the Tri-county Fair. Ben Hauptman, County Extension Agent attended. There are no bylaws for the Fair Board as such was destroyed in a Powell County Courthouse flood. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw stated he is willing to work with the Fair Board and two other county attorneys to draft new Bylaws that would then need to be approved by the Fair Board and three county commissions. Discussion then was held about \$3000 versus \$6000 per year being paid by Granite County for the Fair. Commissioners stated that Granite County is not going to pay \$6000 per year as that was a one-time payment to help with improvements on a building at the fairgrounds, and the County has never agreed to pay \$6000 per year. Future payments by Granite County for the Fair would need to be worked out based upon actual financial need. Dawn Hauptman recommended that the Granite County Commissioners set up a meeting with the Powell and Anaconda-Deer Lodge Commissioners to attempt to work out all existing issues. Commissioner Slaughter asked Dawn Hauptman and Eaf Parke to put together a one-page list of items to discuss when they meet with the other Commissions. Commissioner Adler moved to set up the said meeting, and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Scott Sylvester from the Philipsburg Mail joined the session.

Steve Kimball, DNRC Local Government Forest Advisor met with the board to discuss collaborative programs between counties, DNRC, BLM and the Forest Service. Brian Robbins and Sean Steinbach with the DNRC also attended. Small grant programs including the Good Neighbor Authority program were discussed. Commissioner Slaughter suggested that Steve Kimball attend the FMAC (Forest Management Advisory Committee) meeting tomorrow as it is Granite County's local advisory board.

Dustin Muhly, Chair of Philipsburg Area Community Library District Board met with the Board as a follow up from last month's meeting. Twenty-six people from the community were present to provide public comment. They were Town Council Member Nicole Nelch, Mayor Dan Reddish; Town Attorney, Robert Medoff; Kathy Smith, Gina Vale, Lorraine Dell Bishop, Ruby Kikkert, Josh Erickson, Jacquie Venard, Ron Beck, Susan Sundstrom, Jenny Pugh, David Pugh, Claudette Parke, Pat Siler, Stephanie Burd, Maddy Mason, Jon Statler, Emily Petroski, Elona Weinch, Teri Phelan, Leslie Casey, Edith Schilz, Pat Dent, Jeani Adams, Barbara Cathill, and Linda Ransford. Jennie Pugh suggested a show of hands from those present from the community whether or not they were in support of the County accepting the deed for the new library building. All members of public present, except one, raised their hand in support. Leslie Casey, library volunteer, stated that the library provides a safe place for children to go after school until their parents can pick them up. Elena Gagliano asked that it be clarified that the Library District is buying the building, but turning it over to the County. This was affirmed. Edie Schultz stated that the library needs a bigger building for the children of this community. Rudy Kikkert mentioned that the library is a nice place for out of towners, who spend a lot of money here to visit, to relax and stay longer. Mayor Dan Reddish thanked the Library Board and all involved and is in support of this purchase and the County accepted conveyance of the deed. There was general discussion between the Commissioners and those present from the community on the fact that this will become a county asset and that the county will ultimately be responsible to maintain it. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the deed conveying Lots 17 and 18 in Block 3 of the Original Townsite of Philipsburg to Granite County, and Commissioner

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Hinkle seconded the motion. An Addendum to the Interlocal Library Agreement is now needed to clarify all remaining issues. The motion carried unanimously.

Philipsburg Mayor Dan Reddish met with the Board regarding the Philipsburg Cemetery Agreement. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the Agreement, Commissioner Hinkle, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Maria Stoppler, CEO for the Granite County Hospital District presented her monthly financial report. Finances are a little slow right now as they haven't had as many swing beds this month. Auditors have done field audits and should be reporting any day on where the hospital stands. She mentioned that the CT scanner and modular building have been delivered. Finish work is completed on the inside of the building housing the CT scanner and has now started on the outside. It should be noted that the county commission previously authorized these improvements under the existing lease.

There have not been any applications submitted as of yet for a Public Health Nurse. It was decided to run the ad until the position is filled and to also run it in the *Missoulian* and *Montana Standard*.

The following appointments were made to County Boards:

Airport Board: Commissioner Hinkle moved to reappoint DuWayne Ulrich and Vince Reece, Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Planning Board: Commissioner Hinkle moved to reappoint Tom Sanders, Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Flint Creek Fire Service Area Board: Commissioner Adler moved to reappoint Joseph Brabender, Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried with Commissioner Hinkle being the only one voting nay.

Valley Cemetery Board: Commissioner Adler moved to reappoint William Parke, Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Tri-County Fair Board: Commissioner Adler moved to appoint Katie Burden to the vacant position. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Public comment was the next agenda item. There was no public comment.

Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve the October 1, 2019 minutes, Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Slaughter moved to accept the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, Task Order, Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried with Commissioner Adler voting nay.

Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve Payment No. 1 from Battle Ridge Builders for the Flint Creek Dam Project, Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Adler moved to accept the New Position Description for Part-Time Fill-In Position as long as the Road crew members have priority (in-house preference), Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business Commissioner Adler moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Chairperson

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ATTEST:

Clerk

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October 15, 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 clerk Sue Antonioli, filling in for Executive Assistant, Mike Kahoe. 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. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw joined the session. Gravel hauling continues on the East Fork Road. Two Encroachment permits were presented and signed. Commissioner Adler moved that the County purchase a new 2020 International Snow Plow Truck (VIN number: 3HAEKTAT0LL371303) with new Crown dump box from Woodpecker Truck & Equipment Inc. of Pendleton, Oregon a Sourcewell vendor (government purchasing cooperative with government discount pricing and substantial savings through public bidding process) with the smallest down payment being paid as allowed by vendor. County Attorney Bradshaw gave his legal opinion that the purchase not to be put out for additional public bidding as the purchase was through Sourcewell vendor and the pricing had already been put out to public bid through Sourcewell. The total down payment to be paid by the County on the new Snow Plow will be \$50,000.00, with the total purchase price (including down payment) being \$153,854.75. It should be noted that this purchase was budgeted for in the current county road department budget. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Regarding the Union Agreement with the road crew, Paul Alt was granted authority to extend the 4-day work week for the road crew into November, but this is fully dependent upon the weather as the Commission does not want to pay overtime for snow removal on Fridays. Paul Alt will work with the County Attorney so an amendment can be drafted and signed by the county and Union representatives, if the 4-day work week is extended into November. Per Paul Alt, the recent safety recommendations from the Montana Department of Labor and Industry inspection are 100% completed.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.29 feet, according to the USGS gage. The lake is approximately 14.52 inches below full pool with an estimated 40.5 cfs over the weir below the power plant. Commissioner Hinkle gave an update of his latest inspection on the dam repairs. The contractor making dam repairs is pouring concrete this week and is asking for the lake levels and outflows to remain the same. Commissioner Hinkle moved to make no change in the outflow and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed County Claims for September 2019. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the claims for September, 2019. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Scott Sylvester joined the session. Linda Ransford and Barbara Cahill from the Philipsburg Area Community Library District Board met with the County Commission regarding the library property with building being purchased by the Library District and in which the County will be assigned the deed. This property includes Lots 17 and 18 in Block 3 of the Original Townsite of Philipsburg. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw stated that the bank is not ready for closing today and would like to table it until the next regular session. He stated that the bank asked for a Resolution from the Commission authorizing who could sign for the Commission and authorizing acceptance of the deed. The Commission agreed to table the closing on the property until the following week, and the closing would be on the Commission's agenda. County Attorney Bradshaw presented Resolution 2019-20 GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSION'S RESOLUTION DATED OCTOBER 15, 2019 AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES ON CLOSING DOCUMENTS AND ACCEPTING ASSIGNMENT OF DEED. Attorney Bradshaw noted that the Resolution could be adopted

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today as this was needed to avoid delays in closing the transaction the following week and sufficient public notice had been given as the matter has been on the Commission's agenda three times. Commissioner Adler moved to approve Resolution 2019-20 on the condition that the Commission would have to approve any additional liens placed on the property other than the trust indenture from the Granite Mountain Bank. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Bradshaw has some additional items to add to the maintenance and insurance addendum to the existing Interlocal Library Agreement. The final language in the addendum still needs to be worked out soon by the county, town, and library district, and the addendum will need approved by these entities. It was reiterated that Granite County cannot hold any debt (meaning county would not pay claims if the district has insufficient funds) of the Philipsburg Area Community Library District during interim if revenues do not come in on time and to keep the lines of communication open.

Flint Creek Dam Improvements Project, Progress Report: Engineer Jonathan Weaver with Great West Engineering of Helena, Jacob Pierce with contractor Battle Ridge Builders and Dam Tender Bill West met with the Board and presented a written progress report. Jacob Pierce reported that they were ready to pour the spillway slab on Thursday at 2:00 p.m. and if they are able, pour the west face on Friday. The east side will be dewatered this week and poured next week. Jonathan Weaver will notify the County prior to the spillway slab pour as this will result in the road across the dam being closed for a about an hour. Appropriate entities will be notified at that time. Jonathan Weaver submitted Change Order No. 2 for review. This order modifies the original Contract date from October 25, 2019 to no later than August 31, 2020. This Change Order will be placed on the Commission's next week's agenda for discussion and decision. All those present gave recognition to Commissioner Hinkle for doing weekly inspections. The Commissioners requested that they be provided a photo documentation of the project.

Drummond Mayor Gail Leeper and Drummond Town Council members Cary McLure, Earl Clute and Ray Powell met with the Board to present a letter to set the record straight on PILT money used on the Drummond Water Tower Project. Mayor Leeper stated that assumptions made on September 9, 2019 during a Budget Work Session were incorrect and presented the Board with an informational packet and asked that this information be recorded in the minutes. (Please see letter from Town of Drummond attached. The Commission's response, after viewing a video of the September 9, 2019 budget work session, is also attached.)

October 15th, 2019

We have come here today to set the record straight to Commissioner comments made on Sept 9th, 2019 Budget Work Session. You made assumptions that were incorrect.

- 1) Chairman you initiated the conversation as to whether the Drummond Town Council was using the PILT money fraudulently and stated there had been no updates to the water tower projects. Actually, I updated you more than once. Your approved July 30th 2019 minutes reflect the latest update.
 - 2) Commissioner Adler you stated that you didn't think we had done anything. The truck fill spout has been finished since June and has been laying on the tower cross beams. It has been visible since it was constructed.
 - 3) Commissioner Hinkle you stated we should ask them if anything was done. Why didn't you call at that moment?
 - 4) Commissioner Adler you stated last time you asked about the tower we said we were doing a different study and also that you spoke with our engineer but he didn't say anything. We never stated that we were doing a different study. We stated that the contractors wanted to start the work in August which is directly in fire season and after discussing the situation with the fire chief the Council thought it was best to postpone the project so it would not put the Town in a difficult situation. Also, the Town's engineer would never discuss this project with you. He is not an official spokesperson for the Town.
 - 5) Chairman and commissioner Adler your statements concerning our attorney being present with me is not your decision. The council directs the attorney to accompany me. There has not been a penny of PILT money spent on the attorney.
 - 6) Here is an envelope for each of you with the invoices that have been paid. October 7th, 2019 a contractor installed a new automatic switch to replace the 40 year old one. When we pay an invoice a copy will be sent to the County for your records.
 - 7) In the future we would ask if you have any assumptions you contact us for accurate information.
 - 8) We would like all of this information recorded in the minutes.
- Thank you for your time.

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Dear Town of Drummond:

We as the Granite County Commission reviewed the YouTube video that was posted by Elena Gagliano of the County Commission's meeting on September 9, 2019. At the time, we were going over and discussing PILT budgetary matters.

Commissioner Slaughter asked a legitimate question in regards to PILT funds transferred to the Town of Drummond. This was a question, not an accusation.

The discussion among the Commissioners was what would happen if funds are spent on non-specified property or services. There were absolutely no allegations of fraud made. The Commission has every right to ask such questions and make such inquiries on behalf of Granite County.

We acknowledge Mayor Leeper has provided us updates, but no recent updates had been made prior to September 9, 2019 that we recall. The reason we had questions then is there hadn't been a recent update and this project was described as an emergency. We invite you to meet with us soon so this matter can be resolved.

Sincerely,
Commissioner Bill Slaughter
Commissioner Scott Adler
Commissioner Chuck Hinkle
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MSU Extension Agent Ben Hauptman met with the Board. Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve the Annual Agreement between Granite County and MSU, Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Hinkle moved to extend the Noxious Weed Trust Fund Project and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hinkle moved to accept Cathy Smith's reappointment application to the County Compensation Board and to accept Bill Hoehne's application to fill the vacancy on the Philipsburg Cemetery Board. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw rejoined the session. Commissioner Slaughter moved to rescind Bill Hoehne's appointment on the advice of County Attorney Bradshaw. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

There have been no applications for the County Health Nurse position. The Board directed clerk Sue Antonioli to check with Maria Stoppler at the hospital on places to advertise for this position and to explore other venues for advertising the position.

There was no Public Comment on Matters within the Commissioners' Jurisdiction.

Correspondence: E-mail from Patrick Saffel with FWP, with a carbon copy to Brad Liermann with FWP, on Georgetown Lake outflows; this e-mail was dated October 14, 2019.

Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve the October 8, 2019 minutes, Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business Commissioner Adler moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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October 29, 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/Solid Waste Program Manager Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. The report included that a culvert will be replaced on the East Fork Road and he will continue hauling gravel to the county yard (this gravel was purchased through public bidding process earlier in the calendar year). The remains of the former carcass composting site at the Drummond Solid Waste Container Site will be buried soon as the final step in closing that carcass composting site. Paul Alt reported that Road and Bridge Department employees continue to work four ten-hour shifts per week.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.18 feet, according to the USGS gage. The lake is approximately 15.84 inches below full pool with an estimated 16.9 cfs over the weir below the power plant. The flow reduction was made on 10-25-2019 as previously agreed by the Commission. Commissioner Adler moved to make no change in the outflow and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board held discussion on the Philipsburg Volunteer Ambulance. Commissioner Hinkle suggested the possibility of having an existing county position revised to include an administrator/organizer for the Drummond and Philipsburg ambulance services. Also, he suggested a legislative change be made which would allow ambulance volunteers to be paid and still fall under Good Samaritan liability protection. The Board spoke with Patrick Little with the Philipsburg Ambulance by speaker telephone and he indicated that the association has been more responsive to calls recently; he also suggested that more EMT classes be held and a call schedule be utilized for EMT's. He noted that some Philipsburg EMT's will fly to the Los Angeles area soon to bring back three donated ambulances. Patrick Little indicated that problems with billing for ambulance runs has been resolved. He agreed to come in to meet with the Board on next week's agenda. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Scott Sylvester with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

The Board held discussion on the Memorandum of Agreement between the Montana Association of Counties (MACo) and the U.S. Forest Service dated 2-20-2015. The Board reviewed MACo's resolutions and policies. The matter was tabled to give the Board additional time to review MACo's resolutions and policies and to have the FMAC (Granite County Forest Management Advisory Committee) to propose a revisionary policy to be submitted to the MACo membership at an upcoming meeting. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Scott Sylvester with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

The Board considered an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Drummond TV District Board. Commissioner Hinkle moved to reappoint Michael Coyle to the Drummond TV District Board for a term ending October 2, 2022 and 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 voting to oppose the motion.

The Board held a work session for the preparation of an employee's periodic performance evaluation. This agenda item was closed to the public as the employee's right to privacy outweighs the public's right to know and the employee did not expressly waive the employee's own right to privacy.

Jonathan Weaver with Great West Engineering of Helena, Jacob Pierson with Battle Ridge Builders, Dam Tender Bill West, Clerk and Recorder Sarah Graham and County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw met with the Board to give a progress report on the Flint Creek Dam (Spillway and Dam Face) Improvements Project. Jacob Pierson reported that the final concrete pour of the season will occur tomorrow. Jonathan Weaver reviewed the parts of the project which will be completed next construction season, including finishing the repair work on the spillway and spillway seams. Jacob Pierson noted that when a crane will be needed in July or August 2020 and that it will be necessary to close the road across the dam for approximately one week. A detour will be considered that connects the road across the dam with Travelers Home Lane and onto Highway One near Philipsburg. Discussion was held that notice of the detour and signage will be needed and it will be further discussed on the agenda next year. An electrician has completed the electrical work of decommissioning

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an electrical line and installing a needed electrical outlet onsite. Friday (November 1, 2019) will be last day of work on the project for this construction season. Jonathan Weaver noted that the one-year warranty inspection of the Gabion Baskets and Gate Valve Project was completed last week. Two areas of settlement in the gabion baskets were noted and will be repaired by the contractor next summer. Jonathan Weaver will draft and send a letter to Battle Ridge Builders identifying the deficiencies within the warranty period. Discussion was held on a piezometer in the dam which does not appear to be working properly and neither of the piezometers have caps which fit properly. Commissioner Adler moved to have Road and Bridge Superintendent Paul Alt look at the two piezometer covers to see if the county road crew can make the repairs. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Sarah Graham discussed the remaining dollar amounts due to Great West Engineering for work on this project and Jonathan Weaver will investigate and report back. Jacob Pierson noted that the final invoice for the project will likely be submitted in July or August 2020 and that there will be an invoice (Invoice No. 2) from Battle Ridge Builders for the work completed this construction season. The Board agreed that the DNRC grant of \$125,000 will be requested once the second Battle Ridge Builders invoice is paid.

Project Change Order No. 2: Jonathan Weaver noted that Change Order No. 2 extends the contract time, issues a winter shutdown after November 1, 2019 (work will commence in 2020 on a date mutually agreed to by the County and Contractor, tentatively July 27 through August 9, 2020), and adds several work items in exchange for the contract time extension. Commissioner Adler moved to approve Change Order No. 2 and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Adler gave his verbal proxy to Chairperson Slaughter to vote in favor of the four items requiring a vote on this afternoon's Commission agenda. Commissioner Adler then excused himself from the session at noon.

The Board reviewed the proposal for the Inmate Excess Medical Insurance Program for Policy Year 2019-2020 (November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2020) through the Montana Association of Counties (MACo). The proposal noted that there is no premium increase from the previous policy year and the premium is based upon the number of inmate days. Sheriff/Coroner Scott Dunkerson attended and requested that the Board maintain the Inmate Excess Medical Insurance Program due to past experience. The County Attorney has advised that having this insurance in place is a wise decision. Commissioner Hinkle moved to accept the proposal for the same coverage as the previous policy year and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Adler's verbal proxy in favor of the motion.

The Board considered the proposed Letter of Engagement with Doyle & Associates of Lolo dated 10-18-2019 to compile the Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 at the standard hourly rate of \$75.00 per hour plus out-of-pocket costs. Commissioner Hinkle moved to accept the Letter of Engagement and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Adler's verbal proxy in favor of the motion.

The Board met with a county employee to review the employee's periodic performance evaluation. This agenda item was closed to the public as the employee's right to privacy outweighs the public's right to know, and the employee did not expressly waive their right to privacy. The employee received a satisfactory performance evaluation from all three Commissioners and was recommended for a step increase on the county's pay matrix. The employee's written performance evaluation will remain in the employee's personnel file.

In an administrative action, the Board agreed to advertise regionally for the vacant county Public Health Nurse position with ZipRecruiter Inc. for 30 days at the standard rate of \$249.00. The position is also being advertised locally in the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper.

Public Comment: None.

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Correspondence: None.

Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve the October 22, 2019 minutes as amended and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Adler's verbal proxy in favor of the motion.

The session adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk

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