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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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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 26<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER 2019 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE GRANITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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

WARRANT	AMOUNT
56471 VISA #1	MONTHLY BILLING \$229.49
56472 VISA #2	MONTHLY BILLING \$1,013.45
56473 VISA #3	MONTHLY BILLING \$363.49
56474 FLINT CREEK VALLEY BANK	PAYROLL & NOD FEE \$99,097.20
56475 POSTMASTER	TAX BILLS \$165.00
56476 360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OCTOBER STATEMENT \$2,602.18
56477 A & M FIRE AND SAFETY, INC	EXTINGUISHER SERVICE \$12.00
56478 ADLER TOWING	TOW SERVICE \$175.00
56479 AFFCO	SUPPLIES \$111.95
56480 AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	ACETYLENE \$27.25
56481 ANACONDA-DEER LODGE COUNTY	FIRE PROTECTION \$3.34
56482 BATTLE RIDGE BUILDERS, LLC	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE \$87,118.52
56483 BLACKFOOT CFT	OCTOBER BILLING \$3,603.19
56484 BLAINE BRADSHAW	TRAVEL \$43.82
56485 BOB WEAVER CONSTRUCTION	SAND \$7,000.00
56486 BOB'S QUALITY AUTO	MAINTENANCE \$898.00
56487 BUTTE PRODUCE	DRUMMOND SENIOR CITIZENS \$252.71
56488 CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES \$80.88
56489 CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL	EXCAVATOR \$1,144.07
56490 CENTURYLINK	CONTRACTED SERVICE \$355.88
56491 CENTURYLINK	FCP PHONE \$62.14
56492 CHARLES HINKLE	TRAVEL \$52.20
56493 COLBERT'S ELECTRIC	FCP - REPAIR \$1,082.50
56494 COMDATA	SEPTEMBER BILLING \$4,779.34
56495 CONNIE SCHIEDERMAYER	TRAVEL \$17.40
56496 CULLIGAN	HOT/COLD RENTAL \$66.50
56497 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	CONTRACTOR'S TAX \$879.99
56498 DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACTED SERVICE \$1,975.08
56499 DOWL	FCP - PMF STUDY \$8,295.00
56500 DOYLE & ASSOCIATES	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES \$405.00
56501 DRUMMOND COMMUNITY HALL	RENT \$300.00
56502 ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	EXPRESSVOTE TERMINALS \$14,980.00
56503 F & R LLC	SAND & GRAVEL \$50,025.00
56504 FICKLER OIL CO. INC.	FUEL & SUPPLIES \$3,430.63
56505 GARDEN CITY FUNERAL HOME	TRANSPORT \$200.00
56506 GENERAL DISTRIBUTING CO.	CO2, HP, ACETYLENE \$177.94
56507 GRANITE CO HOSPITAL DISTRICT	INMATE CARE \$175.00
56508 GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE \$554.79
56509 GRANITE COUNTY TREASURER	REFUSE FEE \$2,177.85
56510 GRANITE DISPOSAL	DUMPSTER - CO BLDG \$270.00
56511 GRANITE PHARMACY	INMATE CARE \$38.12
56512 GRANITE PREPAREDNESS, LLC	PHEP CONTRACT \$2,389.50
56513 GRANITE SPORTLAND	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE \$158.46
56514 GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES \$12,176.80
56515 HARLOW'S TRUCK CENTER	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE \$472.21
56516 HIGH TECH LINEN	RUGS \$130.38
56517 HOGAN'S RANCH & BUILDERS	TOOLS \$73.75

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56518	HUFFMAN GROCERY	INMATE CARE	\$366.55
56519	HUFFMAN GROCERY	DRUMMOND SENIOR CITIZENS	\$522.46
56520	HUFFMAN GROCERY	OCTOBER STATEMENT	\$91.28
56521	I STATE TRUCK INC	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$101.93
56522	JACKIE BOLSTER	TRAVEL	\$469.84
56523	K L S HYDRAULICS	SUPPLIES	\$596.62
56524	MACO	INMATE MED BUDGET PROTECTOR	\$67.00
56525	MAPS INC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$7,977.75
56526	MCGOWAN WATER COND, INC	SUPPLIES	\$52.40
56527	MIDWEST LABORATORIES, INC	GRASS HAY	\$119.00
56528	MISSOULA MOTOR PARTS	TOGGLE & FLUID	\$37.82
56529	MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$240.00
56530	MONTANA LAW ENFORCEMENT	TRAINING	\$300.00
56531	MOUNT POWELL TIRE	TIRES	\$1,018.48
56532	MSU ANIMAL & RANGE SCIENCES	IRM RED BOOKS	\$312.50
56533	MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	SALARY SHARE - HAUPTMAN	\$2,736.04
56534	MSU LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER	BOARD TRAINING	\$672.84
56535	NAPA AUTO PARTS	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE, SUPPLIES	\$423.38
56536	NICK DIESEL KESLER	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$1,133.75
56537	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO	MAINTENANCE	\$10,880.62
56538	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	OCTOBER STATEMENTS	\$3,363.57
56539	PACIFIC STEEL - MISSOULA	SUPPLIES	\$170.80
56540	PAYNEWEST INSURANCE, INC	TRAINING	\$420.00
56541	PFENDLER ELECTRIC	REPAIR HANDICAP DOORBELL	\$110.00
56542	PHILIPSBURG MAIL, THE	OCTOBER STATEMENT	\$696.00
56543	PHILIPSBURG SR CITZ CENTER	SUPPLIES	\$2,729.33
56544	PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF	WATER/SEWER	\$418.00
56545	PINTLER PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$4,354.79
56546	PINTLER WINDSHIELD REPAIR	REPAIR GLASS	\$139.00
56547	POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	\$344.70
56548	PROPANE SERVICES INNOVATED	TANK LEASE	\$100.00
56549	QUILL CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	\$512.74
56550	RDO EQUIPMENT CO	SUPPLIES	\$127.96
56551	REPUBLIC SERVICES #889	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$7,788.00
56552	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MONTANA	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$6,027.95
56553	REYNOLDS RADIATOR SERVICE	CLEAN CHECK REPAIR RADIATOR	\$300.00
56554	SAFEGUARD QBS	SUPPLIES	\$536.30
56555	SCOTT ADLER	TRAVEL	\$204.16
56556	SIRCHIE	SUPPLIES	\$109.61
56557	SOLE STONE REIMB SERVICES	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	\$139.48
56558	STATE BAR OF MONTANA	LAWYER'S DESKBOOK	\$65.00
56559	SWEET PEA SEWER & SEPTIC	REGULAR CLEANING	\$450.00
56560	TIRE-RAMA - MISSOULA	SILVERADO STUDDED TIRES	\$1,020.44
56561	TNT TRUCK PARTS	LIGHTBOX; STROBE BAR	\$422.00
56562	TRUENORTH STEEL, INC	BRIDGE SUPPLIES	\$4,119.88
56563	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPORT & MAINTENANCE	\$967.68
56564	VALLEY FOODS	SUPPLIES	\$140.12
56565	VERIZON WIRELESS	OCTOBER BILLING	\$1,010.94
56566	WESTERN STATES EQUIPMENT	MAINTENANCE & LOADER	\$37,517.37
56567	WESTTEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC	CONTRACTED SERVICE	\$667.00
56568	WILLOWROCK INC	SURVEY REVIEW	\$500.00
56569	WOODLAND CREATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$113.19
56570	TERRY JO VIETOR	VICTIM ADVOCATE	\$303.39
56571	TPL UNIT	MEDICARE REFUND	\$237.87

CLAIMS FUND TOTAL \$413,890.53

WARRANT/NOD	JOB TITLE	AMOUNT	
	ADLER, SCOTT C	COMMISSIONER	\$2,384.63
	ALT, PAUL	ROAD SUPERVISOR	\$7,122.50
	ANDERSON, MELINDA K	SOLID WASTE SECRETARY	\$1,105.35
	ANTONIOLI, SUSAN	CLERK	\$1,785.18
	BAUER, PATRICIA L	AREA V	\$899.51
	BOHRNSEN, CAROL P	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	\$4,256.47
	BOLSTER, JACKIE R	PH NURSE ASSISTANT	\$2,100.77
	BONNEY, JANEEN	CUSTODIAN	\$2,529.53
	BOUCK, LINDA	PLANNER	\$5,283.10
	BRADSHAW, BLAINE C	COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$8,379.68
	BRASHEAR, NATHAN	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,330.30
	BROWN, SAMUEL E	RELIEF JUDGE	\$129.18
	BUTLER, JODI L	SOLID WASTE	\$3,116.96
	CARTWRIGHT, VALERIE N	DISPATCH	\$2,771.20
	CAYKO, NICKIE N	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,903.05
19313	DAVIS, KATHRYN	DISPATCHER	\$350.31
	DUNKERSON, WAYNE S	SHERIFF	\$5,137.95

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FRATZKE, DEBBIE	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	\$2,092.50
GRAHAM, SARAH E	CLERK & RECORDER	\$4,085.74
HARDING, JEAN M	DISPATCHER	\$2,559.32
HARDING, VICKI B	TREASURER	\$4,716.26
HENKE, PATRICIA	DEPUTY CLERK	\$1,492.98
HENNAGER, DEANNA L	DISPATCHER	\$3,101.60
HINKLE, CHARLES	COMMISSIONER	\$2,131.49
HOEHNE, JOHNNY	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$4,322.50
HOLLAND, BRAD J	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,798.10
HULTMAN, TY R	DEPUTY	\$4,484.76
JACOBSON, STEVEN	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$4,153.40
KAHOE, MICHAEL	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	\$5,078.40
KENDALL, JOHN S	SOLID WASTE	\$3,372.72
KINGREY, ELWYN	JUNK VEHICLE	\$393.48
LARDY, JAMES D	SITE RELIEF	\$156.62
LATRAY, DANETTE L	TREASURER DEPUTY	\$3,527.16
LOOBEY, THERESA R	TITLE CLERK	\$2,936.64
LUCERO, DAVE	DEPUTY	\$1,562.09
MCDONNELL, FRED N	SOLID WASTE RELIEF	\$426.20
OLSEN, RICK C	DEPUTY	\$3,770.88
OSTLER, JASON K	DEPUTY	\$3,713.23
PALMER, KAREN P	COUNTY AGENT SEC	\$2,690.08
PARKE, CLAUDETTE	CO ATTORNEY SECRETARY	\$3,398.48
PETERS, STEVEN D	DEPUTY	\$3,738.45
RETTIG, SUSANNE	RELIEF	\$261.58
SCHIEDERMAYER, CONNIE	COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIALIST	\$225.00
SCHMIDT, JERRI	DISPATCHER	\$3,182.64
SLAUGHTER, BILL L	COMMISSIONER	\$2,231.96
SMITH, REBECCA	DEPUTY CLERK AND RECORDER	\$3,135.26
SMITH, THADDEUS M	DEPUTY	\$4,046.75
19314 TORRE, RICHARD R JR	SICK/VACATION PAYOUT	\$244.85
VICEDOMINI, KRISTEN	DISPATCHER	\$2,821.00
VIETOR, TERRY J	CRIME CONTROL ADVOCATE	\$1,207.20
WALDEN, JAMES L	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,836.10
WEST, WILLIAM H	DAM TENDER	\$346.51
WILKINS, KENNETH D	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$3,760.10
WILKINSON, BARBARA A	JUSTICE CLERK	\$1,265.44
	<b>TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL</b>	<b>\$152,853.14</b>

<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
19313 KATHRYN DAVIS	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"	
19314 RICK TORRE	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"	
19325 NATHAN BRASHEAR	SEE "GROSS PAYROLL"	
19315 AFLAC INS	\$528.61	
19315 AFLAC L & D	\$176.79	
19316 CHILD SUPPORT	\$66.14	
19317 CHRISTMAS CLUB	\$2,005.00	
19318 COLONIAL	\$18.75	
19319 FIT	\$9,454.46	
19319 MEDICARE	\$4,220.48	
19319 P.E.R.S.	\$18,665.50	
19319 PERS BUYBACK	\$263.90	
19319 PERS RETIREE	\$182.45	
19319 SHERIFF RETIRE	\$6,245.82	
19319 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$18,046.30	
19319 TRS	\$38.75	
19320 IUOE 400	\$455.00	
19321 MACO DENTAL	\$2,602.00	
19321 MACO VISION	\$584.00	
19321 MACOHCT	\$51,979.00	
19321 UNUMLIFE	\$768.25	
19322 PEBSC	\$4,225.00	
19323 SIT	\$5,999.00	
19324 UNION - PENSION	\$648.87	
19326 FIT	\$24.59	
19326 MEDICARE	\$26.48	
19326 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$113.20	
19327 SIT	\$19.00	
	<b>TOTAL PAYROLL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$127,357.34</b>

## GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

November 5, 2019

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

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Program Manager Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. The report included that the culvert in Capron Creek will be completed today and a culvert near Aspen Drive has been cleaned out. Discussion was held on the existing gravel supply and it was thought to be sufficient. Dura-patching on paved roads continues. Drainage on the north side of the courthouse was discussed and the Board agreed to write a letter to the mayor of Philipsburg requesting that a berm be built to divert water, which freezes and causes ice to build up near the north entrance to the courthouse. The action was taken on the motion of Commissioner Adler and seconded by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The request of the Flint Creek Fire Service Area to purchase two new cattle guards from the County was considered by the Board. The Board agreed to assist the fire service area by selling two new cattle guards to that agency at the county's cost.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.22 feet, according to the USGS gage. The lake is approximately 15.36 inches below full pool with an estimated 16.4 cfs over the weir below the power plant. Commissioner Adler moved to reduce the outflow to 12 cfs and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

In an administrative matter, the Board met with County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw regarding the potential liability of the county doing maintenance work on approaches to state highways. County Attorney Bradshaw agreed to investigate the matter.

Patrick Little, President of the Philipsburg Ambulance Association, along with other association members, Jaime Bancroft and Scott Wilson, met with the Board for discussion on how to improve interest and increase the number of volunteer EMT's for the Philipsburg Volunteer Ambulance. Patrick Little explained that he held an EMT class recently which started with 22 people and only one completed their EMT certification. He noted that generally speaking, people show initial interest in becoming EMTs and then it falls off rapidly as the classes progress. There is currently an EMT class being put on and the same pattern of waning interest has occurred. (I think he said this.) Patrick Little noted that the 9-1-1 emergency ambulance is not to leave Philipsburg to make a routine transfer, according to the group's regulations. He noted that other counties have paid one EMT or paramedic as an anchor to increase the organizational structure and the availability of the volunteers EMTs. Discussion was held on that plan and Patrick Little agreed to bring that idea up to the ambulance association. He noted that there is a new law that allows EMT's to work out of a hospital and make home health checks. Discussion was held on how a paid position could potentially work with the county health nurse. It was agreed to get sample position descriptions from other counties (Sanders and Powell) which use a paid position. Patrick Little noted that three donated used ambulances will be brought here from California next week; one will be used for transfers, one stationed at The Ranch At Rock Creek as a Quick Response Unit (which cannot transport patients) and one potentially used for parts or sold. Commissioner Slaughter stated that the Board will support a plan that includes the entire county. Jaime Bancroft noted that grants for new ambulances are based on the number of calls and she suggested that a professional grant writer be hired. It was agreed to have a meeting with both the Drummond and Philipsburg ambulance association personnel on November 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Scott Sylvester with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

In response to a request from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Portland Regional Office to schedule a meeting with the Board in Philipsburg sometime during the first quarter of 2020, the Board discussed available times. The available times will be reported to the FERC and a meeting date and time will then be agreed upon by the County and the FERC. The final meeting date and time will be placed on the Board's agenda.

The Board discussed design and engineering work for ADA compliant restrooms on the third floor of the courthouse at an estimated cost of \$158,000 and ADA compliant hand rails for the interior of the courthouse at an estimated cost of \$15,000, for a combined total of \$173,000. The estimates, made by architect Paul Filicetti with A&E Architects of Missoula, include design and construction, contingencies, bonds, taxes, and architectural and engineering fees. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, Clerk and Recorder Sarah Graham and courthouse custodian Janeen Bonney attended. The Board reviewed the current County Building budget. Commissioner Hinkle moved to encumber up to \$86,500 in each of the next two fiscal years (2019-2020 and 2020-2021) for a combined total of \$173,000 on these two projects. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. Discussion was held on repairing the existing plumbing on the third floor men's restroom as a certain pipe leak needs fixed now and the full remodeling project will not be done soon. Commissioners Slaughter and Hinkle voted in favor of the motion and Commissioner Adler abstained. Commissioner Hinkle moved to get a proposed contract from A&E Architects for the projects and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

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 11-5-2019 which included projected cash available of a negative -\$131,190, projected deposits of \$587,000, accounts payable of \$150,000 for projected cash reserves of \$305,810 (26 days of operation). She presented an Administrator's Report dated 10-29-2019 which reviewed legislative issues, and state and local healthcare concerns. She reported that the CT scan addition to the Granite County Medical Center is nearly complete and the interior is being finished now; she is searching for a qualified CT technician to operate the equipment. She also presented a utilization report, revenue analysis, and a profit and loss report. Discussion was held on potential cooperation between the medical center and the two volunteer ambulances.

The Board considered the "Addendum To Interlocal Library Agreement Dated November 28, 2018 And Recorded On November 30, 2018." This proposed Addendum Agreement is by and between Granite county, The Town of Philipsburg, and Philipsburg Area Community Library District. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw explained that the proposed addendum covers the issues arising from the county now owning the library building in Philipsburg. Further, County Attorney Bradshaw stated that Town Attorney Robert Medof provided input on the proposed Addendum, as did the County Commissioners and the Library District Board. He noted that the Addendum covers all of the outstanding issues regarding insurance, subleasing, and the like. Attending the meeting were Library District Board members, Linda Ransford and Barbara Cahill, who provided public comment in support of the proposed Addendum. Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve the said Addendum and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Adler. There was no further public comment. The motion passed unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and noted that he had reviewed and approved the Addendum Agreement for legal content. The Addendum, once fully executed by all parties, will be filed with the Montana Secretary of State and the Granite County Clerk and Recorder.

The Board considered a Road Maintenance Agreement with Powell County for snow plowing on a portion of the Dunkleberg Creek Road. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and noted that he had reviewed and approved the agreement for legal content. Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve the agreement and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (for planning purposes only) for Riddick Field Airport in Philipsburg. The plan establishes a timeline for rehabilitation of the runway, taxiway and apron at the airport. The Granite County Airport Board is in favor of approval. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the plan and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. As public comment, Mark Hudgens noted that there may be a future requirement to maintain the airport. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended and noted that the approval of

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the Capital Improvement Plan does not obligate the county financially and it does not guarantee funding from state or federal sources.

**Public Comment:** Paul Cousins met with the Board regarding the fact that the recycling bins in Philipsburg are full. The Board informed him that recycling is no longer available in the county because of the low prices for material to be recycled, which makes it not cost effective. The Board agreed to have the recycling bins removed.

During public comment, Scott Graviette and Heidi Graviette met with the Board regarding an incident which occurred recently at the Philipsburg Cemetery involving the mishandling of the burial of cremated human remains. Scott Graviette and Heidi Graviette both waived their right to privacy and the meeting remained open to the public. Scott Graviette gave a detailed timeline related the incident in which the family discovered that the cremated remains of a deceased loved one had been improperly buried under just a few inches of dirt and the vault which had been supplied to hold the mahogany urn had not been used. Scott Graviette said that when this was discovered that he immediately found the cemetery worker and insisted that he do the job properly. He then waited and watched until the worker performed a proper burial, including the use of the vault, which took approximately 25 minutes. He noted that the deceased had previously been the cemetery sexton for ten years and had taken great pride in the appearance and operation of the cemetery. He noted that this has been extremely stressful for him and the family. The Graviettes stated that they are not asking for anything from the Board, but they would like to assure that something like this does not happen again. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended. Commissioner Slaughter explained that the cemetery is its own separate district, that district employees are not county employees and such employees are under the direction of the Cemetery Board, but that the Commission can and will bring it to the Cemetery Board's attention. The Graviettes thanked the Board and then left the session. Chairperson Slaughter closed the session to the public as the privacy of the people involved outweighed the public's right to know. Chairperson Slaughter then reopened the session to the public. In open meeting, the Commissioners agreed to schedule a meeting with the Philipsburg Cemetery Board on next week's agenda.

During public comment, Riddick Field Airport Manager Vince Reece met with the Board and reviewed that the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Riddick Field Airport, approved by the Board earlier today, is only a plan for the future and does not obligate the county for any funds. He noted that he and airport board member Paul O'Leary were in Helena this morning to meet with the Montana Aeronautics Board to discuss the CIP and potential funding available through the state Aeronautics Board and the FAA to update the runway, taxiway and apron at the airport. Commissioner Slaughter requested a detailed timeline of when events are scheduled to occur and how they will be funded. Vince Reece indicated that an Airport Master Plan must be completed, which will require the services of an engineering firm, and there are very specific guidelines on how an engineering firm must be selected. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that the airport board is advisory can make recommendations but cannot sign any grant applications, contracts, and the like, as those must be brought before the Commission on its agenda for signature. Vince Reece acknowledged that such requests would be placed on the Commission's agenda for their approval.

**Correspondence:** The Board wrote a reminder letter to the Granite Conservation District that the carcass composting site at the Drummond Solid Waste Transfer Site is permanently closed and that other arrangements will need to be made for the disposal of animal carcasses. The letter emphasized that while the County will offer to provide some assistance in the establishment of a new carcass compost site, the County will not operate it.

Commissioner Adler moved to approve the October 29, 2019 Commission minutes, as amended, and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The session adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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Chairperson

ATTEST:

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November 12, 2019

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

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Program Manager Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. The report included an update that the Town of Philipsburg Public Works Director plans to do the work on Kearney Street to prevent ice buildup at the north entrance to the courthouse. Commissioner Adler moved that work on the East Fork Road be completed while the road crew is at the site. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The Board reviewed the proposed tax-exempt lease purchase financing documents from BMO Harris Equipment Finance for a new truck with snow plow. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the terms as presented. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.29 feet, according to the USGS gage. The lake is approximately 14.52 inches below full pool with an estimated 12 cfs over the weir below the power plant. 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. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

The Board considered proposals from A&E Architects of Missoula for architectural and engineering services for the design of ADA compliant restrooms on the third floor of the courthouse in the amount of \$19,900.00 and for the ADA compliant handrails for the courthouse in the amount of \$2,800.00. Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve both proposals and to cap expenses at a total of \$2,500.00 for both proposals. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. It was noted that the construction on this project for the bathrooms will be publicly bid out as it will be over \$80,000, but that the handrail project (under \$20,000 to complete in design and construction) will be completed under contract after at least three quotes are obtained per the County's Procurement Policy. These projects will commence in the current fiscal year, but will not be completed until the next fiscal year so that the project funding can be divided equally between the two fiscal years. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, courthouse custodian Janeen Bonney and Scott Sylvester with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

The Board reviewed county claims for October 2019. Commissioner Adler excused himself from voting on Claim No. 1456 for Adler Towing. The claims were approved on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Riddick Field Airport Manager Vince Reece met with the Board regarding a proposed grant application to the Montana Aeronautics Board for the 10% share (\$17,500.00) of funds for an Airport Master Plan for Riddick Field Airport, estimated to cost \$175,000.00. He presented a copy of the application to each Board member and explained the FAA requirements, including the requirement for the Airport Master Plan (which will require an engineer) to bring the airport up to FAA standards. He noted that the FAA will pay 90% of the cost and that a decision on the application for 10% of the cost is expected in early January from the Aeronautics Board. The Board indicated that once the Airport Master Plan is completed that a public meeting will be held to gauge the public's interest in airport improvements. Vince Reece reviewed the approved annual county budget for the airport, including funds for the airport in the Capital Asset Fund. He noted that airport funds are sufficient to cover the 10% of the Airport Master Plan should the grant application be declined. The Board inquired what strings are attached if the grant is received and discussion was held on the levied funds for the airport. Commissioner Hinkle moved to

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apply to the Montana Aeronautics Board for the grant in the amount of \$17,500.00 and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. Vince Reece commented that the Granite County Airport Board is in favor of the grant application. There was no additional public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Vince Reece was authorized by the Board to electronically sign the grant application. Further, Vince Reece noted that there is an opportunity to apply for a state grant to obtain for a free courtesy car for the airport or \$2,000 to purchase a courtesy car. Commissioner Adler moved to apply for the grant for the courtesy car, but not the \$2,000 in funds, and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The Board agreed that Vince Reece may electronically sign the grant application for the airport courtesy car. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, Mark Hudgens and Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended. Per the County Attorney's advice and if a courtesy car is obtained, Vince Reece agreed to take the appropriate steps to have the said car insured under the County's liability insurance policy.

The Board considered Pay Request #2 from Battle Ridge Builders LLC for work on the Flint Creek Dam Improvements (Spillway and Dam Face) Project. The pay request had been approved by Project Engineer Jonathan Weaver with Great West Engineering of Helena in the amount of \$87,118.52. Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve the pay request and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Chairperson Slaughter signed the pay request document. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Commissioner Adler gave his verbal proxy on two upcoming items on today's agenda; to vote in favor of the employee appreciation and to vote in favor of approving the Board minutes for November 5, 2019. Commissioner Adler excused himself from the session at noon.

The Board met with Philipsburg Cemetery District Board members Karen Palmer and John Johnson, at the County Commission's written request, to discuss an incident which occurred recently at the Philipsburg Cemetery. Cemetery District Clerk Matt LaTray was invited, but did not attend. The Commissioners informed the Cemetery Board members about the incident, which had been brought to the Board's attention, during an open public meeting, by family members involved. The Commissioners strongly emphasized the importance of such an incident not occurring again and urged the Cemetery Board to take the appropriate steps to assure that it does not occur in the future. John Johnson, who is relatively new to the Cemetery Board, stated that employees of the Cemetery District have been largely unsupervised for many years, which has been the custom. The Philipsburg Cemetery District by-laws were reviewed by the Commissioners. John Johnson presented budgets for the Valley Cemetery and the Philipsburg Cemetery for comparison. Commissioner Slaughter noted that the Cemetery District is an autonomous district, but that the incident was brought directly to the Commission's attention by family members involved in the incident. Per the recent counsel of the County Attorney, the Commission does have the power to appoint Cemetery District Board members and also has the power to remove members for cause. The Commissioners agreed that they will send a letter of apology from the County to the family involved.

The Board considered annual appreciation for county employees. Commissioner Hinkle moved to provide a spiral cut ham (same size and general expense per ham as last year) to all county employees who worked any time during 2019 as a show of appreciation to all county employees by the Board. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Adler's verbal proxy.

In an administrative action, Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve the state vendor invoice in the amount of \$15,306.20 for the county Junk Vehicle Program. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. The motion carried. The executed vendor invoice will be returned to state Department of Environmental Quality, Vehicle Recycling Program, for payment to the county in the amount of \$15,306.20.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: None.

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Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve the November 5, 2019 Commission minutes as presented and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Adler's verbal proxy.

The session adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Chairperson

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November 19, 2019

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

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Program Manager Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. The report included that blading continues on the Middle Fork Road. Commissioner Adler reported on rock sliding at Gillespie Creek. Commissioner Hinkle noted that the road work that was supposed to be done by the Forest Service this year on the Meadow Creek Road has not been done. The Board reviewed a county Resolution dated October 19, 1999 regarding the Lower Willow Creek Road (S-513) which indicates that the Montana Department of Transportation is responsible for maintenance on the paved portion of the road and Granite County is responsible for maintenance on the other portion of the road.

Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.34 feet, according to the USGS gage. The lake is approximately 13.92 inches below full pool with an estimated 12 cfs over the weir below the power plant. 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 two additional County claims for October 2019 which were not received in time for approval at the November 12, 2019 session. The claims were approved on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

In an administrative action, the Board held a telephone conference call with the Powell County Commissioners to set a date and time to discuss the Tri-County Fair schedule for 2020, which may prevent Granite County students from participating due to school being in session. Discussion was held with the Powell County Commissioners and Ruth Kohler. Powell County Commissioner Ralph Mannix noted that the fair date of August 18 to 23, 2020 was set last September by the Tri-County Fair Board and Commissioner Slaughter noted that the fair dates interfere with Granite County's participation due to school having started. Ruth Kohler noted that contracts are in place for rodeo stock and the carnival. Discussion was held that 4-H projects do not need to be in the fair to be completed and market animals can be taken to the fair in Missoula. On a separate subject, the Granite County Commissioners inquired about the operation of the Powell County ambulance service. Powell County reported that a levy was passed to support the ambulance, which is now associated with the Deer Lodge hospital, and ambulance personnel (EMT's and paramedics) are paid. The Powell County Commissioners said that they will know more about how that is working a year from now.

Joe Ashor, Manager for the Missoula Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), met with the Board and submitted a written update. He reported that there is now a final Resource Management Plan, which will be published for comment on the BLM website. He noted that the biggest change is the development of some Backcountry

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Conservation Areas due to public requests. He also reported that the Discovery Ski Area road is completed and ready to go for this ski season. Discussion was held on the design of the intersection of the Discovery road with Rumsey Road, which was designed for the future impact of anticipated increased traffic. Also, the BLM is working with the Flint Creek Trails Association to develop trails just southeast of Philipsburg. Joe Ashor noted that the Silver King Abandoned Mine Cleanup project is on hold due to easements being worked out. He reported on timber sales at Blacksheep Salvage and South Burr. Discussion was held on the BLM's overall success with timber harvest. Joe Ashor reported that he will be retiring at the end of the year and the Board expressed appreciation to him for his cooperation on many projects over the past five years. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Scott Sylvester with the *Philipsburg Mail* attended.

The Board discussed a proposed Mediated Settlement Agreement in the Ellen K. McKeon v. Granite County and Others Case, Granite County District Court Case No. DV-18-33. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw reviewed that he feels that Granite County has no liability in the case, but the cost of continued litigation would be very expensive so he advised to accept the proposed settlement agreement to settle the case as a nuisance case. The County's defense counsel hired by its insurance company, Susan Swimley, also advised the County should accept this proposed settlement agreement. The Board reviewed the proposed settlement agreement dated November 8, 2019, and the Report To Court dated November 12, 2019 from mediator Michael Grayson. The proposed settlement of \$20,000.00 will be covered by the county's errors and omissions insurance coverage, with a \$10,000.00 deductible. Commissioner Hinkle moved to ratify the settlement agreement dated November 8, 2019, and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Adler moved to pay the \$10,000 deductible from the county's Comprehensive Insurance Fund and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. Scott Sylvester with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

The Board discussed the review of the Owners Dam Safety Program (ODSP) for the Flint Creek Dam as a requirement of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The scheduling and noticing of Requests for Proposals (RFP) from independent engineers were discussed. Commissioner Slaughter moved to request engineer Jeremiah Theys to submit a proposal to the FERC that Granite County submit the ODSP at the same time as the next Part 12D inspection is done in 2021. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Scott Sylvester with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

Sheriff Scott Dunkerson, Clerk and Recorder Sarah Graham and courthouse custodian Janeen Bonney met with the Board to discuss uses for the former ambulance garage east of the courthouse. Sheriff Dunkerson indicated that he can use the entire building for sheriff and coroner duties, including the secure storage of vehicles held for evidence. The Board was in agreement with this use as requested by the Sheriff. Clerk and Recorder Sarah Graham noted that her need for off-site storage is now handled through a firm in Helena. The Board requested that Janeen Bonney obtain three cost proposals on a small pre-built garage building that would lock and house her four-wheeler with attached snow plow on the motion of Commissioner Adler and second by Commissioner Hinkle. There was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board agreed that the entire building will be utilized by the Sheriff's Department. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

The Board considered the three applications received for board reappointments and made the following board reappointments for the terms indicated:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Board of Adjustments	Donna Volberding	October 2, 2021
Valley Fire District	Richard Skaggs	October 2, 2022
Valley Fire District	J. B. Hendrix	October 2, 2022

The action was taken on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and second by Commissioner Adler. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

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**Correspondence:** None received. In an administrative action, the Board wrote a letter of support for the Healthy Granite County Network’s grant application to the Rural Health Network Development Program to provide a central point of contact for patients, develop a mental and behavioral health program, and create telehealth options for medical services. The action was taken on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and second by Commissioner Adler. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve the November 12, 2019 Commission minutes as presented and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Clerk

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November 26, 2019

The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Office of the Granite County Courthouse with Chairperson Bill Slaughter and Commissioners Scott Adler and Charles Hinkle attending. Also attending was Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance. Wayne Hale attended a portion of the morning session.

Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Program Manager Paul Alt did not meet with the Board. The Board agreed to put requests for RAC (Resource Advisory Committee) grant projects on next week’s agenda 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 6,428.42 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender’s report. The lake is approximately 12.96 inches below full pool with an estimated 12 cfs over the weir below the power plant. Commissioner Slaughter moved to reduce the outflow to 10 cfs and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.

Drummond and Philipsburg ambulance volunteers met with the Board for discussion on potential ways to increase volunteer participation. Patrick Little, president of Philipsburg Volunteer Ambulance, reported that he had met with EMS personnel for solution. Robert Medof, an EMT and Philipsburg Ambulance Association member attended as well. He felt that a hired coordinator for the Philipsburg ambulance is a long-term solution. EMT’s would be a collaboration with the hospital. A paid on-call service would be the most likely solution for Philipsburg. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw reviewed the good Samaritan law (statute) protections and the qualifications. Frank Prince, president of Drummond Volunteer Ambulance, said that the Drummond Ambulance is doing fine; as of today the group has responded to 87% of their calls. He suggested that a paid coordinator position would not be effective in Drummond; they have worked out the times of availability among themselves. He noted that if both ambulances and the hospital were combined, there would not be a Drummond Ambulance. He noted that having the interstate and railroad in Drummond is an asset in getting grant funding. Frank Prince stated that Drummond does not want to be combined with any other group and they do not want to be paid; they do it on a volunteer basis with a dedication to the community. Discussion was held on whether ambulance patients must be taken to the Philipsburg medical center. Monica Prince emphasized that volunteers need to be community minded for an organization to work. Discussion was held that a paid coordinator through the hospital would not be associated with the Drummond Ambulance. Commissioner Slaughter indicated that there is liability if

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a call is not responded to. Jackie Bolster noted that response helps the sheriff's deputies and the deputies help the ambulance service. Patrick Little noted that Philipsburg has one primary ambulance that cannot leave the county for a routine transfer; there are limited resources and an increasing need for ambulance services. He suggested that a stipend of \$100/per call should be reconsidered. He has visited with the local fire department for ambulance drivers and they are simply not interested. Patrick Little noted that the paid on-call EMT had been tried and didn't work in the past. Monica Prince suggested that Philipsburg should approach the local organizations like the Rotary and the school for volunteers. A cadet program was discussed and it was voted down in Drummond. Patrick Little noted that over 30 people started the EMT course, but either didn't pass the test or didn't stay long enough to take the test. Bill Slaughter inquired what the county can do to help the Philipsburg Ambulance. Patrick Little noted that some pieces of equipment on the ambulance do not work, including the inverter. The Board stressed that it supports safety every time, and noted concern that people are invited to the community and then a service is not available. Commissioner Hinkle indicated that Philipsburg should consider a resort tax. Patrick Little indicated that a paid hourly call rate and an EMT schedule may work. He estimated that hours on call, transfers and runs to Missoula would amount to approximately \$20,000 per year. Discussion was held that if people are paid that the public will expect more. Commissioner Slaughter requested that Patrick Little bring a specific plan for the Board's consideration and he noted that it is up to the Philipsburg community to support the ambulance service by volunteering. Patrick Little agreed to bring a paid on-call plan and a list of needed equipment to the Board for consideration. Commissioner Slaughter expressed appreciation to the volunteers for all they do. Scott Sylvester with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper also attended.

The Board held a public meeting on a complaint regarding the violation of covenants at Henderson Mountain Holdings Minor Subdivision. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw and Planning Director Linda Bouck and local landowner Russell Morrison attended. Local landowner, Jeremy Mickey, who initiated this complaint, could not attend. County Attorney Bradshaw noted that the county is a party to the covenants regarding health and safety, and the county may enforce such covenants in court. Russell Morrison, also a complainant, noted that a resident fenced off an easement after being informed about the location of the right-of-way easement and this fencing is in violation of the applicable covenants. Russell Morrison further noted that horses were getting out and getting on the highway, then the property owner built a permanent fence (which Russell Morrison marked on a copy of the subdivision plat) within a road right-of-way in the subdivision which is in violation of the recorded covenants. County Attorney Bradshaw concurred that all such fencing was in violation of the recorded and binding covenants. Linda Bouck noted that it is access to all of those lots and it should not be blocked off. Commissioner Adler moved to request that County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw write a letter to the violator, and demand that the fencing be removed within 30-days, or a solution be brought to the Commission in that same time frame of 30-days. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. Russell Morrison gave public comment that this appears to be a good solution. The motion carried unanimously. Scott Sylvester with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended.

Planning Director Linda Bouck met with the Board and presented a document regarding road classifications developed by the Granite County Planning Board. She noted that the Planning Board worked on the document for several years and it can be amended as road classifications change. The Board expressed appreciation to the Planning Board for the document.

The Board requested that County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw write a letter to Flint Creek Hydroelectric LLC, the operator of the power plant below the Flint Creek Dam, regarding the county's desire to amend the existing contract to increase the county's share of electrical production revenue. Commissioner Hinkle moved to send the letter and Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board of County Commissioners discussed the status of the Philipsburg Cemetery Board and its membership. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw, Philipsburg Mayor Daniel Reddish, cemetery board member John Johnson and Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper attended. It was brought up that private matters would be

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brought up regarding statements allegedly being made by John Johnson in previous weeks. The County Attorney advised that the meeting should be closed to the public by the Commission Chair unless John Johnson waived his right to privacy in these matters. John Johnson expressly waived his right to privacy. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw related that John Johnson had made a statement that he did not care if the county was sued over a recent matter involving the Cemetery Board. John Johnson admitted to saying that "he wouldn't mind if the County was sued." John Johnson said that he felt that some financial inconsistencies had occurred with the Cemetery Board in the past (within past 5-7 years). Commissioners Slaughter and Adler expressed their frustration with John Johnson's actions and advised that such matters should be attempted to be properly worked out before costly litigation is brought. The Commission also inquired as to why these financial issues were not brought to the Board's attention. John Johnson said that a civil legal action often brings some of these things to light. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw noted that he is not the cemetery board's legal counsel per se, but he can offer them legal opinions per Montana law. Commissioner Adler inquired of John Johnson why he thinks there were financial inconsistencies. John Johnson said that he would review the matter with County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw in private. Commissioner Slaughter informed John Johnson that the cemetery board has the authority to investigate the board's finances, but that he should stay in his lane and within his scope of authority, and not encourage lawsuits against the County. Commissioner Slaughter strongly urged John Johnson to work towards fixing matters in the right way, being a team player. John Johnson indicated that the cemetery board is advertising for a third member, as there are only two members now. Commissioner Hinkle agreed that John Johnson should meet with County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw to discuss the details of the matter.

The Board considered two proposed contracts from A&E Architects of Missoula for architectural and engineering services for the design of ADA compliant restrooms on the third floor of the courthouse in the amount of \$19,900.00 (with expenses capped at \$2,300) and for the ADA compliant handrails for the courthouse in the amount of \$2,800.00 (expenses capped at \$300). County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw explained that if the bid comes in too high that the contract can be terminated and then a new contract with the architect initiated to complete the project, which may be more expensive. Commissioner Hinkle moved to approve both contracts. There was no second to the motion. The motion failed. Commissioner Slaughter moved to do the bathrooms, but not the handrails. There was no second to the motion. The motion failed. Commissioner Hinkle commented that both projects will have to be done at some point to meet ADA compliance and he moved to approve both contracts following a walk through with the architect. Commissioner Adler seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the Mr. Chuck Houtz/Granite County/Blackfoot Communications' Mutual Release. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw reviewed that the mutual release, which had been agreed to by all parties, was related to an incident on or about May 17, 2018 at or about 79 East Fork Road where Blackfoot Communications telecommunications facilities were cut. The mutual release was on the Board of County Commissioners' agenda on August 6, 2019 and was approved at that time with Commissioner Adler dissenting. County Attorney Bradshaw noted his legal opinion that Granite County was not legally liable here, but reminded the Board that two of the commissioners believed the County had a moral obligation to indemnify Mr. Houtz here since the County originally broke the post which eventually led to this incident happening. Granite County is now bound to pay as expressly agreed in the mutual release. Per the mutual release, the cost to Granite County is \$4,371.46 (50% of the invoiced amount). The Board agreed to pay the settlement of \$4,371.4 on the motion of Commissioner Hinkle and second by Commissioner Slaughter. Commissioner Adler commented that both Blackfoot and the county shared responsibility, and the county should not be paying anything as it was a learning experience for all parties. The motion carried with Commissioners Slaughter and Hinkle voting in favor of the motion and Commissioner Adler voting to oppose the motion. Commissioner Hinkle moved to pay the settlement from the Road Fund 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.

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The Board reviewed the drawdown request to the DNRC Renewable Resource Grant Program in the amount of \$125,000 for the Flint Creek Dam (Spillway and Dam Face) Improvements Project. The Board noted that the \$125,000 is the total grant amount to be received from DNRC for this project, but 10% will be held by DNRC until the project is completed. Commissioner Adler moved to approve the drawdown request for \$112,500.00 and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Treasurer Vicki Harding met with the Board to explain that some additional wiring will be required to make the new computers at both the Philipsburg and Drummond solid waste transfer sites work properly. There is also other work which needs done with the scales, according to Treasurer Harding.. The Board agreed to put the matter on next week's Commission agenda.

Also during public comment, Granite County Extension Agent Ben Hauptman met with the Board to report that he and fair board members will be attending a meeting about the Tri-County Fair next week.

Correspondence: The Board reviewed a letter from Sam Donahue regarding the unavailability of a place to put septic waste when it is pumped from individual septic systems. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw agreed to contact the towns of Drummond and Philipsburg to see if they would meet with the County Commission regarding these matters and potentially be willing to take such septic material from within the county, if paid by the septic hauler and users.

Commissioner Adler moved to approve the November 19, 2019 Commission minutes as presented and Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

The session adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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