

**December 10, 2019**

**The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Office of the Granite County Courthouse with Chairperson Bill Slaughter and Commissioner Scott Adler attending. Commissioner Charles Hinkle was absent this day to attend Commissioner Certification Training sponsored by the Montana Association of Counties in Helena. Also attending was Executive Assistant Mike Kahoe. The session convened with the pledge of allegiance.**

**Road and Bridge Superintendent/Solid Waste Manager Paul Alt met with the Board and gave his report. The report included that straw bales are available and may be used to protect the solid waste scales from wind and ice. He presented an agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation for salvaged millings, which will be put on the following week's Commission agenda. He reported that he is traveling to Pendleton, Oregon tomorrow to deliver the snow plow to be fitted to the 2020 International truck that is on order.**

**Georgetown Lake level was reported at 6,428.60 feet, according to the USGS gage and the dam tender's report. The lake is approximately 10.80 inches below full pool with an estimated 10 cfs over the weir below the power plant. Commissioner Adler moved to make no change in the outflow and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw attended.**

**As set on the public meeting agenda, Commissioners Slaughter and Adler and Extension Agent Ben Hauptman comprised the selection committee and conducted an interview with Rae McKay for the advertised Granite County Public Health Nurse position. Attending were Jackie Bolster and Scott Sylvester with the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper.**

**An offer of employment was considered for the Granite County Public Health Nurse position by the selection committee. Commissioner Adler moved to not make an offer of employment to Rae McKay and Ben Hauptman seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.**

**The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2019-21 "A Granite County Resolution Amending The Granite County Subdivision Regulations To Revoke The Agricultural Covenant Exemption." County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw explained the details of the existing agricultural covenant exemption and the revisions proposed by this Resolution. He said that the provision of Resolution 2019-21 prevents the circumventing of subdivision laws and regulations through the use of agricultural exemption. He noted that the Resolution is recommended by the Granite County Planning Board, which held public hearings on the proposed changes. Philipsburg Town Attorney Robert Medof attended.**

**The Board held the first reading of Resolution 2019-22 "A Granite County Resolution Adopting Amendments To Granite County's Growth Policy Pertaining To The Section Regarding The Town Of Philipsburg And Adding A Section On Local Government Coordination For Federal And State Lands." County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw reviewed the provisions of the Resolution and noted that it is recommended by the Granite County**

**Planning Board and the Granite County Forest Management Advisory Committee. Philipsburg Town Attorney Robert Medof attended.**

**The Board considered an application for the Philipsburg Cemetery District Board from Danna Landry of Philipsburg. Commissioner Adler moved to appoint Danna Landry to the Philipsburg Cemetery District Board for a term ending October 2, 2022. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried. Emily Petrovski with the *Philipsburg Mail* attended.**

**The Board considered a proposal from Great West Engineering of Helena to update the EAP (Emergency Action Plan) for the Flint Creek Project, as required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), for an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. Commissioner Adler moved to accept the proposal of Great West Engineering to be paid through the Flint Creek Project Fund. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. During discussion, the Board noted that the county Disaster and Emergency Services does the call down list for the EAP and the technical aspects of the plan require an engineer. Discussion was held on the excessive requirements of the FERC. Scott Sylvester with the *Philipsburg Mail* attended.**

**Public Comment: Scott Sylvester with the *Philipsburg Mail* met with the Board and discussed the county's public health nurse vacancy and he suggested that one of the two most recent public health nurses may be interested in the position now that it is full-time.**

**Also during public comment, Steve Immenschuh met with the Board to discuss the Philipsburg Volunteer Ambulance and the shortage of volunteers. He suggested that the county adopt a resort tax with the same boundaries as the Philipsburg School District to financially support the ambulance service and potentially pay some ambulance personnel. He also suggested that a representative of the ambulance volunteers stay in very close communication with the County Commissioners.**

**Correspondence: The Board reviewed a letter dated November 30, 2019 from Philipsburg Volunteer Ambulance president Patrick Little outlining proposals for short term solutions and for long term solutions for getting more volunteer EMT's and drivers, obtaining additional ambulances and establishing QRU's (Quick Response Units). The proposal would be considered at a noticed public meeting in the future.**

**Commissioner Adler moved to approve the December 3, 2019 Commission minutes as presented and Commissioner Slaughter seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.**

**The session adjourned at 2:45 p.m.**