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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA Supreme Court No. DA 23-0728

GBSB HOLDING, LLC,

Plaintiff and Appellant,

v.

FLATHEAD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND FLATHEAD COUNTY, MONTANA; WHITEFISH VILLAGE, LLC; WILLIAM F. OSWALD AND JULIANA M. OSWALD, Co-Trustees of the Oswald Family Trust dated May 23, 2016; SEAN PATRICK JAMES AND KRISTIN PATRICIA BELL; WHITEFISH HILLS VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; and JOHN DOES 1 and 2,

Defendants and Appellees.

On Appeal from The Montana Eleventh Judicial District Court Consolidated Cause Nos. DV-20-995(A) and DV-21-206(D) Filed in DV-20-995(A) The Honorable Amy Eddy

ANSWER BRIEF OF APPELLEES WILLIAM F. OSWALD AND JULIANA M. OSWALD, Co-Trustees of the Oswald Family Trust Dated May 23, 2016, SEAN PATRICK JAMES, KRISTIN PATRICIA BELL, and SCOTT C. MARTIN AND RIKKI ANN MARTIN, Trustees of the Scott and Rikki Martin Family Trust Dated July 15, 1998

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