

Board of Ferry County Commissioners
January 24, 2011
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. with Commissioners Miller, Dansel, and Heath present.

Also present was Michael Sternberg.

Additions & Corrections to the agenda:

After review and discussion Commissioner Dansel made a motion to approve the minutes of January 18, 2011 as corrected. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Board Reports:

Commissioner Heath attended Rural Resources and Tri County Health District meetings. Commissioner Heath commented on the House Bill 1124 Cougar hunting with dogs. Commissioner Dansel went to Olympia and testified on House Bill 1094 for GMA. Commissioner Dansel met with Representative Short and Representative Kretz respectively and both representatives advised Commissioner Dansel to watch County budgets as State budget cuts are forthcoming. Commissioner Miller attended the Tri County Health District where he was elected chair. Commissioner Miller also attended the State E911 meeting at Camp Murray. Commissioner Miller advised that there was a change in administration at the State E911 headquarter. Commissioner Miller met with the E911 Coordinator and the MIS Director regarding the E911 contract with MIS.

Correspondence Review:

Letter to Tammy Stevens thanking her for her willingness to serve as the Ferry County Planning Commission Chairperson. (Exhibit 1)

Letter to Prosecuting Attorney Mike Sandona regarding the hiring freeze. (Exhibit 2)

Memo to the Elected Officials/Department Heads regarding Credit Card Maintenance Designations. (Exhibit 3)

House Bill 1203 Mr. Sternberg provided the Board with a copy of House Bill 1203 and advised the Board that he supports the bill and will be sending a letter of support to Olympia. This bill authorizes the use of four-wheel, all-terrain vehicles on public roadways that are not concrete or asphalt.

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Department Heads & Elected Officials Update: Sign in sheet on file. Ms. Fee advised the Board that Ms. Gates gave an update on the ADA lift. The Board advised that it has come to their attention that according to RCW 43.09.2855 that the Board is required to set policy and procedures for credit cards. The Treasurer is to oversee the credit cards. A memo will be sent out to all Elected Officials/Department Heads regarding this matter. The Board inquired if the Elected Officials/Department Heads monthly updates were useful or if they prefer to have quarterly updates. No consensus was reached. Ms. Fee advised the Board that Ms. Rowe Maloret reported that Connections is hiring a replacement for the property manager position. Connections is also starting a parent group in Inchelium in February. Ms. McBride updated everyone on the surplus and transfer of the Datsun pickup. Mr. Maycumber updated everyone on the MIS contract that is being negotiated. Ms. Gard gave an update on the new Jail vans. The Board inquired about surplus of the old vans. Ms. Gard advised that the equipment is being taken out of them. Mr. Reynolds advised that he is working on a RAC grant. Ms. Fee advised the Board that the Weed Department has hired Theresa Wilson for their office help replacement. Ms. Galvan provided an update on revenues received. Ms. Booher updated the Board on the new audio system being installed in the courtroom. Ms. Booher explained that there are still concerns on the courtroom panic buttons. Mr. Fagerlie advised that the Governor may be reducing fair funding.

Risk Management: Risk Manager Jill Gates met with the Board regarding a draft resolution for risk management and human resource programs. After review and discussion the Board requested Ms. Gates to schedule time on next week's agenda to finish working on the draft resolution.

Vouchers/Warrants: Funding in the amount of \$57,915.52 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for warrant #240211-240213 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$57,841.81.

Inchelium Water District in the amount of \$73.71. (Exhibit 4)

Consent:

PBX Funds Transfer in the amount of \$917.93 to the Auditor's O&M for December's inter-fund loan payment for the phone system. (Exhibit 5)

Certification of the 2011 Road Levy and estimated revenue produced for the County Road Administration Board. (Exhibit 6)

Contract between Ferry County and State E911 with contract total not to exceed \$441,800. (Exhibit 7)

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Bid Opening – Public Defender Contract: At 1:00 p.m. a bid opening was held at the Commissioner’s office for the Public Defender Contract at which time bids were publicly opened and read. The bids were received as follows:

James A. Von Sauer	2011	Per Month	\$6,600.00
		Per Year	\$79,200.00
	2012	Per Month	\$7,000.00
		Per Year	\$84,000.00
	2013	Per Month	\$7,500.00
		Per Year	\$90,000.00

(Exhibit 8)

James E. Keech	2011	Per Month	\$7,000.00
		Per Year	\$84,000.00
	2012	Per Month	\$7,000.00
		Per Year	\$84,000.00
	2013	Per Month	\$7,000.00
		Per Year	\$84,000.00

(Exhibit 9)

Dennis W. Morgan	2011	Per Month	\$7,500.00
		Per Year	
	2012	Per Month	
		Per Year	\$96,000.00
	2013	Per Month	
		Per Year	\$96,000.00

(Exhibit 10)

Executive Session: At 1:25 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110 (1.) (g) Commissioner Miller called an Executive Session with Judge Rebecca Baker on speaker phone, Clerk of the Board Debbie Bechtol and Deputy Clerk of the Board Teri Kinney. The session was scheduled from 1:25 p.m. to 1:35 p.m. At 1:35 p.m. the Board came out of Executive Session with no decisions made.

Public Works Update: Engineer Bob Breshears, Director Troy Reynolds, and Solid Waste Coordinator Kristy Cromwell met with the Board to give an update. Mr. Reynolds
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provided the Board with the 2011 Project/Maintenance Schedule (Exhibit 11). The Board inquired if road approaches are all set the same. Mr. Reynolds replied that there are standards in place. Mr. Breshears advised the Board that Public Works will be working on Bridge Creek 4, guardrail work, and go out to bid for countywide Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) project. Preliminary reports show that the HMA will be less expensive and a better product. The Board inquired about the use of county forces. Mr. Reynolds advised that there are plenty of projects for the county forces. The Board inquired about the Customs Road project. There are problems with the permitting process on the pit that Kinross wants to use and therefore they may be coming back to renegotiate the road work. Mr. Reynolds replied that if the road doesn't get the work needed then the road will be subject to restrictions. The Board inquired if there is funding to patch Kiwanis Road. Mr. Reynolds advised that they patch Kiwanis Road every year.

Juvenile Department – Spending Freeze: Probation Counselor Cleve Ives and Transport Officer Mick Parr met with the Board to discuss the spending freeze. Mr. Ives reported that the Juvenile Department has 2 vehicles, a 2001 Crown Victoria with 107,000 miles and an auxiliary vehicle. The 2001 Crown Victoria brakes and emergency brake need repairs. The total cost is \$900. The auxiliary vehicle has summer tires on it. Mr. Ives explained that the cost for all weather tires is \$600. Mr. Ives would prefer to repair the brakes so they have 2 vehicles available. The Board approved the \$900 for repairs.

Capital Improvement Plan: Golden Tiger Pathway Chairman Larry Beardslee met with the Board to discuss a grant for the Golden Tiger Pathway enhancement. The first step in the grant is to ensure that the project is on the capital facilities list. Mr. Beardslee inquired if this list is current. The Board advised that it is a current list. Mr. Beardslee wanted the Board to be kept advised of what he is submitting. Mr. Beardslee is requesting approval for applying for a planning grant to get some help with his presentation. The Board suggested he inquire with the Planning Director and the County Engineer for guidance. Mr. Beardslee provided the Board with a sign for private forests requesting users to stay on the trail or lose access. Mr. Beardslee purchased the signs for \$303 and would like authorization for reimbursement from the Trail Fund. The Board approved the reimbursement as long as there is money in the Trail Fund. Mr. Beardslee provided the Board with a draft resolution to go along with the grant application.

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Unfinished Business: After review and discussion Commissioner Heath will assume the North Central Washington Regional Support Network and Aging and Long Term Care committees this will result in a reduction of travel expenses.

Snowmobile Acquisition: Randy Kinney met with the Board to inquire about snowmobile acquisition. The Forest Service has three snowmobiles that are being surplused. The snowmobiles must go to a government agency or a 501C3 organization. Mr. Kinney will get donations and purchase the snowmobiles through the Sheriff Department. The snowmobiles will be used for search and rescue, and grooming the Golden Tiger Pathway for cross country skiing. The Board approved and requested Mr. Kinney to move forward.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until February 7, 2011.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Brad L. Miller, Chairman

ATTEST: **Approved 2/7/11**

Debbie Bechtol, Clerk of the Board

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