

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD
Of Ferry County Commissioners
February 22, 2011**

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

Also present was Michael Sternberg.

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda/Minutes Approval:

Legislative update was removed from the agenda due to the preceding holiday.

After review and discussion Commissioner Dansel made a motion to approve the minutes of February 14, 2011 as corrected. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion. Commissioner Miller abstained. The motion carried with a majority vote.

Board Reports: Commissioner Heath reported that he attended the Inchelium senior dinner. Commissioner Dansel reported that he attended the Legislative Steering Committee meeting in Olympia and while there met with Representative Morton, Representative Short, and Representative Kretz. Commissioner Miller advised that he will be meeting with Deputy Forest Supervisor Rodney Smolden from the Forest Service this week regarding the South Fork Boulder Creek Road repairs. Commissioner Miller reported that he attended the Forest Service meeting where they were working on the Walker Project which is a stewardship project. Commissioner Miller attended the Legislative Steering Committee Meeting in Olympia. While there he met with Representative Morton, Representative Short, and Representative Kretz and discussed that some of the legislation is good for counties and some legislation is not good for counties. Commissioner Miller had lunch with the Tribal Counsel Vice Chair John Stensgar. Tribal Counsel will be signing on with the Northeast Washington Forest Coalition's extended project that includes creating a fire break on the border of the tribal lands and national forest.

Correspondence Review:

Letter from Washington State Department of Transportation regarding the Golden Tiger Pathway eliminating any impacts to Ferry County with the Federal Highway Administration. (Exhibit 1)

Letter from Prosecuting Attorney Mike Sandona regarding his opinion on waiving of Commissioner's salary raises. (Exhibit 2)

Memo to Payroll/Accounts Payable Deputy Auditor regarding waiver of Commissioner's salary raises for Commissioner Miller. (Exhibit 3)

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Memo to Payroll/Accounts Payable Deputy Auditor regarding waiver of Commissioner's salary raises for Commissioner Heath. (Exhibit 4)

Commissioner Staff Update: Clerk of the Board Debbie Bechtol, Deputy Clerk of the Board Teri Kinney, and Risk Manager Jill Gates met with the Board to give updates. Ms. Bechtol advised that she has all the information regarding the Open Range Ordinance together in a file. After one year the Board will review the ordinance to determine if it is still necessary. Ms. Bechtol advised that the E911 Coordinator, Ray Maycumber, has requested authorization to purchase an NAS storage device for \$750. This is reimbursable from the State. The Board approved. Ms. Bechtol advised the Board that the sheriff is requesting approval for some additional camera's for the jail. The Board would like more information before making a decision. Ms. Bechtol reported that the State Auditor will be here on June 20th to do their annual audit. Ms. Bechtol reported that the Title III project proposals will go in the paper for the 45 day comment period. Ms. Bechtol advised the Board that there is \$1907 in the Tourism Funds for the North East Washington Trends website. Ms. Gates advised the Board that she sent a response letter to the Human Rights Commission regarding the ADA lift. Ms. Gates reported that she has spoken with Tom Allman, the Accessibility Coordinator from the Secretary of State's office. Ms. Gates advised that she received a letter from Canfield regarding claim on Boyds shop. Canfield will mail out the claim check to the county in the next few days.

Jail Overtime: Auditor Dianna Galvan, Chief Deputy/Controller Joyce Schertenleib, Sheriff Pete Warner, Undersheriff Tom Williams, E911 Coordinator Ray Maycumber, Jail Sergeant Judy Gard, and Corrections/Controller Margaret Strasser. Ms. Galvan advised the Board that the Jail is currently working 12 hours shifts. Ms. Schertenleib went online and found a shift schedule model that shows potential savings for the county. Ms. Galvan reported that to date the Jail has used 35% of their overtime. The Board requested that they review the schedules and come back with ideas.

Consent:

Misc. Non-Department Funds Transfer in the amount of \$1,849.00 to Insurance Fund for NDAA Lawyers Professional Liability insurance for 2011. (Exhibit 5)

Misc. Non-Department Funds Transfer in the amount of \$6,000.00 to the Airport Fund for a portion of 2011 CE Contributions – February Vouchers. (Exhibit 6)

Airport Funds Transfer in the amount of \$1,419.98 to County Road for 2010 plowing/operations. (Exhibit 7)

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Final Contract Voucher Certificate for Knife River in the amount of \$106,866.45 for Incheilium Safe Routes to School. (Exhibit 8)
Final Contract Voucher Certificate for Knife River in the amount of \$461,223.47 for Bridge Creek Road Safety Improvements. (Exhibit 9)

Vouchers/Warrants: Funding in the amount of \$193,128.76 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for warrant #240375-240570 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$38,273.84.
County Road in the amount of \$24,702.15.
Drug Abuse in the amount of \$381.42.
County Fair in the amount of \$85.36.
Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$1,665.10.
Inmate Welfare in the amount of \$1,353.92.
Title III in the amount of \$1,461.76.
Affordable Housing for All in the amount of \$625.00.
Recreation Fund in the amount of \$54.65.
Law Library in the amount of \$827.24.
Weed Control in the amount of \$85.00.
Connections Transportation in the amount of \$334.22.
Fair Grounds Management in the amount of \$1,093.10.
Connections in the amount of \$5,679.11.
Airport in the amount of \$4,448.70.
Solid Waste in the amount of \$22,324.57.
Post Closure in the amount of \$3,140.59.
Equipment Rental & Revolving in the amount of \$81,506.48.
Management Info Systems in the amount of \$463.04.
Insurance Fund in the amount of \$1,849.00.
Curlew Water District in the amount of \$1,448.94.
E.M.S. District in the amount of \$1,325.57. (Exhibit 10)

Vouchers/Warrants: Funding in the amount of \$51,576.90 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for warrant #19212-19217 and direct deposit payment advice #106590-106645 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$22,934.90.
County Road in the amount of \$21,467.00.
Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$275.00.
Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$1,700.00.
Connections in the amount of \$2,950.00.

Management Info Systems in the amount of \$1,550.00.

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$700.00. (Exhibit 11)

Tourism Project Reviews: Jon Chrysler and Valerie Hester from the Republic Regional Visitors & Convention Bureau were present. There was review and discussion for the awards.

Public Defender Decision: Brenda Starkey was present. After review and discussion Commissioner Heath made a motion to offer the Public Defenders Contract negotiations to Dennis Morgan. Commissioner Dandel seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

Risk Management Resolution: Risk Manager Jill Gates met with the Board to finalize the Risk Management and Human Resource Resolution. After review and discussion the Board requested Ms. Gates to complete the changes on the draft resolution and have it ready to sign next week.

Transfer Station Proposal: Cliff and Shirley Couse of Couse's Sanitation and Recycling met with the Board to discuss his transfer station proposal. Also present were Brenda Starkey, Melissa Rose, Larry Heming, Valerie Hester, Risk Manager Jill Gates, Solid Waste Coordinator Kristy Cromwell and Public Works Director Troy Reynolds. The Board inquired about the minimum rates in Couse's proposal for dumping fees. Mr. Couse believes it should be \$12. The Board inquired if the schedule at the Transfer Station should change. Mr. Couse believes that it should be changed. Mr. Couse would go back to 2 days in the winter, 3 days in the summer. The Board inquired about fuel prices. Mr. Couse reported he doesn't foresee fuel surcharges. Mr. Couse advised that if the proposal was accepted then private industry jobs would be created. Mr. Couse advised that the county would have to lay off personnel and he would hire his own replacements. Mr. Couse presented the Board with a spreadsheet which shows a profit of \$1200 a year if Couse's Sanitation and Recycling ran the Transfer Station. The Board inquired why Mr. Couse would want it with limited profit. Mr. Couse replied that it would help him with his customers. Commissioner Miller does not think it is in the county's best interest to accept this. Commissioner Dandel made a motion to not accept Couse's proposal for the Transfer Station. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until February 22, 2011.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BRAD L. MILLER, Chairman

Approved 3/7/11

ATTEST: _____
Debbie Bechtol, Clerk of the Board