

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD
Of Ferry County Commissioners
March 21, 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: Diane Dymack cancelled her 1:00 p.m. appointment regarding open range.

Legislative Update: A telephone conference was held at 8:15 a.m. with Lobbyist Jim Potts regarding Legislative Updates.

Board Reports: Commissioner Heath attended the WIRA 53 meeting in Davenport. Commissioner Heath reported that he attended the Lake Roosevelt cabin meeting in Kettle Falls. Commissioner Heath also reported that he attended the North Central Regional Support Network (RSN) in Davenport. At the RSN meeting there were seven recommendations for changes on how the RSN operates. Commissioner Dansel reported that he went to Olympia and gave testimony in support of HB 1094 the Growth Management opt out bill. While there Commissioner Dansel met with Representative Kretz and Representative Short. Commissioner Dansel advised that he attended the Public Works all staff meeting at the Parish Hall. Commissioner Dansel reported that he also attended the Connections Advisory Board meeting. Commissioner Miller reported that he attended the annual meeting held by Kinross. The exploration project approval that Kinross is working on has slowed. Commissioner Miller reported that he attended a Forest Service meeting concerning the Walker fuel reduction project. Commissioner Miller advised that he went to Olympia and met with Representative Kretz and State Parks Lands Acquisition Specialist Ken Graham regarding the airport property and using in kind work to help with the purchase. Commissioner Miller also attended the Legislative Steering Committee meeting. He voiced opposition to a bill allowing early release of prisoners from the penitentiary. He also spoke against an amendment to the medical marijuana bill requiring more county involvement. Commissioner Miller stopped an effort within the Washington State Association of Counties to change WSAC's position on House Bill 1094. As a result WSAC maintained their position in support of the bill.

Commissioners Working Session: After review and discussion Commissioner Dansel made a motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2011 as corrected. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

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

Department Heads & Elected Officials Update: Assessor Rachel Siracuse, Jail Sergeant Judy Gard, Juvenile Probation Officer Cleve Ives, Risk Manager Jill Gates, Weed Coordinator Mary Fee, Connections Assistant Director Tony Lembcke, Maintenance Director Erin McBride, and Fair Grounds Business Manager Cathy Lindsey met with the Board to give updates. Auditor's office reported that the problem with the fax lines was narrowed down to the long distance carrier. They have changed their long distance carrier to Frontier. Ms. Gates reported that she is working on a cell phone policy for county cell phones. Ms. Siracuse advised the Board that they inquired with Prosecuting Attorney Mike Sandona about the Prosecutor's annex building. Mr. Sandona reported that the furnace is being cleaned by the maintenance department and the floors need to be refinished. Discussion was held on the practicality of the prosecutor's move. Discussion was held on the repair of the front steps of the courthouse. Ms. Gates is waiting to receive an estimate on the front steps. After the estimate is received she will attempt to recover the cost of the repairs from the original contractors bond. Ms. Gard advised that the jail is in need of additional cameras and will move forward with this project. Ms. Gard suggested a contract with the hospital for the inmates' medication. This could potentially save 35% on the medications. The Board requested that Ms. Gard document the cost of the medication for the inmates. The Board reported that state budget updates came out this week and there is an additional 770 million dollar shortfall in expected revenue. The Board reported that HB1094 on Growth Management and the cougar bill are stalled at this time. The Board inquired with Ms. Siracuse if there have been many appeals on tax assessments. The Assessor advised the Board that there have been an increase number of appeals.

Consent: Misc. Non-Dept. Funds Transfer in the amount of \$100 to the Airport for a portion of 2011 CE Contribution – March vouchers. (Exhibit 1)

Misc. Non-Dept. Funds Transfer in the amount of \$2,696.01 to the Insurance Fund for 1st quarter billing. (Exhibit 2)

Recreation Funds Transfer in the amount of \$354.19 to County Road for Hall Creek Sno-Park & Empire Lake Sno-Park snow plowing for February 2011. (Exhibit 3)

CE-Sheriff Funds Transfer in the amount of \$133.18 to Enhanced 911 to reimburse E911 for Maycumber's deputy hours. (Exhibit 4)

County Road Funds Transfer in the amount of \$107,679.00 for equipment rental and depreciation for February 2011. (Exhibit 5)

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ER&R Funds Transfer in the amount of \$47,250.54 to reimburse ER&R costs and shop rental for February 2011. (Exhibit 6)

Trail Reserve Funds Transfer in the amount of \$1,263.62 to County Road for rail train engineering services November through March and "Stay on Trail" signs and hardware. (Exhibit 7)

Weed Board Facilities Grant through USDA Rural Development for a storage facility for Noxious Weed control equipment. (Exhibit 8)

Ferry County Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan (Exhibit 9)

Rural Arterial Program project agreement for construction proposal for Bridge Creek 4. (Exhibit 10)

Resolution No. 2011-10 Establishing a vendor list process for purchasing, rescinding Resolution No. 2001-63. Commissioner Dandel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-10 Establishing a vendor list process for purchasing. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. (Exhibit 11)

Resolution No. 2011-11 Ferry County Public Works Department Organization Chart. Rescinding Resolution No. 2004-56. Commissioner Dandel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-11 Ferry County Public Works Department Organization Chart. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. (Exhibit 12)

Vouchers/Warrants: Funding in the amount of \$52,031.10 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #19261-19264 and direct payment advice #106765-106823 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$23,389.10.

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 13)

Vouchers/Warrants: Funding in the amount of \$179,382.31 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #240690-240901 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$54,354.73.

County Road in the amount of \$17,862.31.

Veteran's Relief in the amount of \$700.00.

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Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$8,936.68.
Grant Fund in the amount of \$873.89.
Inmate Welfare in the amount of \$134.44.
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 \$144.44.
Crime Victims in the amount of \$49.45.
Weed Control in the amount of \$91.25.
Connections Transportation in the amount of \$545.29.
Connections in the amount of \$6,630.72.
Airport in the amount of \$342.13.
Solid Waste in the amount of \$24,336.55.
Equipment Rental & Revolving in the amount of \$58,458.36.
Management Info Systems in the amount of \$538.34.
E.M.S. District in the amount of \$6,296.97. (Exhibit 14)

Vouchers/Warrants: Funding in the amount of \$(1,472.82) has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for cancellation of warrant/voucher #9239827, 238823, and 240014 and payment for warrant/voucher #93987, 938823, and 940014 for the following:

Clearing Fund in the amount of \$1472.82. (Exhibit 15)

Vouchers/Warrants: Funding in the amount of \$930.96 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #240690-240901 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$930.96. (Exhibit 16)

Executive Session: At 1:30 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110 (1.) (i) Commissioner Miller called an Executive Session with Prosecuting Attorney Mike Sandona, Risk Manager Jill Gates, Clerk of the Board Debbie Bechtol and Deputy Clerk of the Board Teri Kinney. This was to review pending litigation regarding ADA compliance. The session was scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. At 2:00 p.m. the Board came out of Executive Session with no decisions made.

Ferry County Extension Education Outreach: WSU Extension Agent Dan Fagerlie met with the board to discuss the Ferry County Extension Education Outreach. Mr. Fagerlie presented the Board with draft brochures for the Ferry County Cattlemen and Ferry County Horsemen brochures regarding open range. The Board would like a

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separate brochure for each with all the contact information listed for the Cattlemen and the Farm Bureau.

TEDD Update: Tri County Economic Development Specialist Julie Abernethy met with the Board to give an update. Also present was Americorp member Mikayla Martin. Ms. Abernethy reported that at the broadband meeting on Monday everyone was given an update on Noanet's project. Noanet plans to start work from both ends and meet in the middle. Ms. Abernethy advised the Board that the Republic Regional Visitor and Convention Bureau's "Taste of the Region" event is this Friday at the Northern Inn from 4 to 6. Ms. Abernethy reported that she is still considering the relocation of her office. There is a possibility of TEDD and Rural Resources sharing a suite at the Klondike Plaza. The Board inquired if that would lower the dues owed to TEDD. Ms. Abernethy advised that it would not lower the dues. The Board inquired if the move was contingent on the Rural Resources moving upstairs. Ms. Abernethy advised that it is. The Board would like to know where the funds from the rent savings are used. Ms. Abernethy reported that the application for the Americorp member position is due in April. Ms. Abernethy is considering not applying for a member this year. Ms. Abernethy inquired if the Board had an opinion regarding having an Americorp member. The Board concurred Ms. Martin provided the Board with an events guide from Stevens County. Ms. Martin is preparing a similar version for Ferry County.

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

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BRAD L. MILLER, Chairman

Approved 3/28/11

ATTEST: _____
Debbie Bechtol, Clerk of the Board