

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD
Of Ferry County Commissioners
March 28, 2011**

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

Also present was Michael Sternberg.

Board Reports:

Commissioner Heath: Commissioner Heath attended the Rural Resources meeting and advised the Board that Rural Resources is dealing with budget issues. Commissioner Heath attended the Lake Roosevelt Forum where they discussed the Canadian treaty and new technology in fish monitoring of both fish growth and fish movement. Commissioner Heath attended the Martin Hall meeting on Thursday and they discussed destroying records that have passed their retention limits. Commissioner Heath visited the Ricky Creek cabins in Stevens County.

Commissioner Danel: Commissioner Danel attended the TEDD meeting in Colville. At this meeting they passed new by-laws. Commissioner Danel was assured that 51% of the combined board of the RTPO and TEDD will be comprised of elected officials as called for. Commissioner Danel reported that he attended the Fair Board meeting. Commissioner Danel advised the Fair Board to keep an eye on state fair funding. They discussed sponsorship packages and made some changes to the draft MOU. Commissioner Danel reported that on Thursday and Friday he spent most of the day calling Senators to get support for House Bill 1094. Commissioner Danel reported that on Friday he attended the Taste of Region put on by the Visitor's and Convention Bureau.

Commissioner Miller: Commissioner Miller attended the Conservation District meeting where they discussed Ferry County Pride Month being held in April. Commissioner Miller advised the Board that the Department of Ecology is in the process of writing their own grazing manual. Natural Resource Conservation Service has guidelines that have been used for years so Commissioner Miller is unsure why the Department of Ecology is doing this. Commissioner Miller reported that he participated in a conference call with Conservation Northwest and Northeastern Washington Forestry Coalition. The Coalition paid for a study completed by Mark Melman. Mr. Melman contacted 400 people in Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille and Spokane County his results were in favor of wilderness. Commissioner Miller questioned the results and expressed concerns regarding the limited number of persons contacted. Commissioner Miller reported that he met with Ginger Gilmore at the Forest Service. They discussed the Franson Peak Road and he

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was referred to the Forest Service Realty Specialist Ed Shaw. The Forest Service is working on an agreement with Forest Capital which would land lock the county property. Commissioner Miller provided the Board with a draft road maintenance agreement with the Forest Service. This is a generic agreement that can be amended to specific roads as needed. Commissioner Miller reported that he spoke with Eric Weatherman on the cabins at Lake Roosevelt. Mr. Weatherman is concerned because the environmental study reports that the residents will only be allowed live in the cabins seasonally. Some residents live there year round and this may cause them to be homeless. Commissioner Miller reported that he telephoned other county commissioners and requested they get involved in House Bill 1094. Commissioner Miller also sent a message to the Chair of the committee requesting he move the bill forward. Commissioner Miller reported that he attended the Taste of the Region event and thought it was a good sample of our area's wares.

Minutes Approval: After review and discussion Commissioner Dandel made a motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2011 as corrected. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

After review and discussion Commissioner Dandel made a motion to approve the minutes of March 22, 2011 as presented. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Commissioners Staff Update: Maintenance Director Erin McBride, Deputy Clerk of the Board Teri Kinney and Clerk of the Board Debbie Bechtol met with the Board to give updates. Ms. McBride advised the Board that the Prosecutor's annex building heater has been cleaned but is still not functioning. Ms. McBride requested a service call and ABC Heating. Ms. Bechtol inquired about recording the meetings. Ms. Bechtol feels in the future it may be a requirement. The Board inquired if the approved minutes are the official record of the meetings then are the recordings a public record. Ms. Bechtol will research the matter further. Ms. Bechtol advised that she reviewed the letter from the Cattlemen regarding range areas. The letter from the Cattlemen did not request the ordinance be rescinded and neither did the Prosecutor's letter. The Board has made a decision to revisit the ordinance in a year as previously agreed. Ms. Bechtol reported that the credit card policy is ready for signatures. Ms. Bechtol advised the Board that the Jail camera's can be paid for by inmate welfare funds. Ms. Bechtol requested an opinion from Municipal Research Service Center and they found instances where other counties have purchased jail cameras with inmate welfare funds. The Board inquired if there are enough funds in the inmate welfare fund to cover the cameras. Ms. Bechtol advised the Board that there are adequate funds. The Board advised Ms. Bechtol to

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move forward with the cameras. Ms. Bechtol reported that the inmate medical insurance was discussed a few years ago. Bill Voegler from the National Association of County Officials discussed this at a meeting. Ms. Bechtol is researching this further.

E911 Funds: E911 Coordinator Ray Maycumber met with the Board to discuss the state E911 Funds. Also present was Chief Clerk/Controller Joyce Schertenleib. Mr. Maycumber is working with the state to fund the next generation phone system. Mr. Maycumber reported that Governor Christine Gregoire is trying to block the funding that has been budgeted to fund the next generation phone system. The state usually replaces the phone systems on a 5 year schedule; our system has been running for 8 years. Mr. Maycumber reported that acquiring next generation phones will cost the same as refreshing our current equipment. The Board would like Mr. Maycumber to arrange for the new system in this budget cycle with the State. Mr. Maycumber advised the Board that Governor Gregoire is also proposing a rewrite for the WAC's for more access to the E911 funds. Mr. Maycumber is unsure of how broad the rewrite will be. The Board will inquire with Washington State Association of Counties on Wednesday regarding this issue.

Consent:

Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs General Release Agreement authorizing Colville Tribe's fire management Program to conduct the proposed treatment near Simpson Lake. (Exhibit 1)

Certification – County Road Administration Board confirming the forms have been certified by the listed signatures and submitted to and accepted by the County Road Administration Board. (Exhibit 2)

Proclamation – April 2011 as Grange Month. After review and discussion Commissioner Dansel made a motion to proclaim April as Grange month. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. (Exhibit 3)

Resolution No. 2011-05 Establishing a Credit Card Policy. After review and discussion Commissioner Dansel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-05 Establishing a Credit Card Policy. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. (Exhibit 4)

Public Defender Contract between Ferry County and Dennis W. Morgan to provide public defender services for the calendar year 2011-13. (Exhibit 7)

Public Hearing – Resolution No. 2011-12 – Public Works Surplus vehicles and equipment: As per duly published notice the public hearing to take public comment on Resolution No. 2011-12 – Public Works Surplus vehicles and equipment listed herein can be sold as surplus through public auction procedures was held at 1:00 p.m. The public

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hearing was recorded and a sign in sheet and written comment letter are on file. After review and discussion Commissioner Dansel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-12 Public Works Surplus vehicles and equipment. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. (Exhibit 5)

Public Hearing – Resolution No. 2011-07 – Amending the 2011-2016 Six Year Transportation Improvement Programs: As per duly published notice the public hearing to take public comment on Resolution No. 2011-07 – Amending the 2011-2016 Six Year Transportation Improvement Programs amending Resolution No. 2010-25 was held at 1:15 p.m. The public hearing was recorded and a sign in sheet is on file. After review and discussion Commissioner Heath made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-07- Amending the 2011-2016 Six Year Transportation Improvement Programs. Commissioner Dansel seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. (Exhibit 6)

Public Works Update: Director Troy Reynolds and Office Manager/Controller Shelene Brown met with the Board to give an update. Mr. Reynolds advised the Board that the Forest Service will be using the Golden Tiger Pathway for their pack test. Instead of spray painting the mile markers on the pavement each year they would like to install mile marker signs. The Board approved. Mr. Reynolds advised the Board that they are having a few issues with employees keeping their medical cards current. The Board suggested that the personnel policy be changed to clarify the employee's responsibility to keep the cards current. Mr. Reynolds informed the Board that Ms. Brown has resigned from her position as office manager/controller effective April 28. The Board accepted her resignation. Mr. Reynolds requested authorization to go to ad for a new office manager/controller. The Board approved.

Commissioners Working Session:

Letter to Stevens County Farm Bureau regarding range areas. (Exhibit 8)

Executive Session: At 3:00 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 present. This was to review pending litigation regarding Human Rights Commission complaint. The session was scheduled from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. At 3:30 p.m. the Board came out of Executive Session. After discussion the Board decided to have Canfield Insurance handle the claim and proposed settlement. Commissioner Dansel objected to paying the proposed settlement.

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until April 4, 2011.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BRAD L. MILLER, Chairman

Approved 4/4/11

ATTEST: _____
Debbie Bechtol, Clerk of the Board