

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD
Of Ferry County Commissioners
April 11, 2011**

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

Also present were Michael Sternberg and Mike Blankenship.

Additions & Corrections: There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Board Reports:

Commissioner Heath reported that he met with Larry Abel on Tuesday regarding the property tax assessment issue. Commissioner Heath advised that he attended the Aging and Long Term Care Community Planning meeting to take suggestions for the 2012 – 2015 area plan. Commissioner Heath advised that on Wednesday he went to Paradise Cove Road where the road crew is working on the grading of the road.

Commissioner Dansel advised that he went to the City of Republic council meeting on Monday. The City Council appointed Loni Simone to the council. Commissioner Dansel reported that on Tuesday he met with a citizen concerned about the hospital. Commissioner Dansel directed her to contact the Ferry County Public Hospital board of directors. On Wednesday Commissioner Dansel attended the Weed Board meeting where they reported the hiring of two seasonal employees. Commissioner Dansel met with a Trout Creek resident who was concerned about the road and would like to see a 20 mph speed limit. Commissioner Dansel advised that on Friday he met with constituents.

Commissioner Miller reported that on Wednesday he went to the Spring Permittee meeting with the Forest Service grazing permit holders. This is the annual meeting to address any issues the Permittee and Forest Service may have. Commissioner Miller reported that he attended the Trauma Council meeting at the 911 center. They are planning on doing a health and safety fair. Commissioner Miller advised that he spoke with Eric Weatherman regarding the Lake Roosevelt cabins.

Minutes Approval: After review and discussion Commissioner Dansel made a motion to approve the minutes of April 4, 2011 as corrected. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Correspondence Review:

Letter to Kinross Kettle River Operations requesting funds for law enforcement as provided for in the 2011 budget. (Exhibit 1)

Letter to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee responding to their recommendation to look at cost effective ways of running the Torboy Transfer Station. (Exhibit 2)

Letter to Office Manager/Controller Shelene Brown expressing gratitude for the 11 years of service and dedication she has given to the county. (Exhibit 3)

Letter to Superintendent Debbie Bird and Commercial Services Specialist Marsha Buchanan from the Parks Service requesting a 90 day extension to the Notice and Comment period for the Environmental Assessment on the Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area Vacation Cabins. (Exhibit 4)

Commissioner's Staff Update: Fairgrounds Business Manager Cathy Lindsey, Risk Manager Jill Gates and Clerk of the Board Debbie Bechtol met with the Board to give updates. Ms. Lindsey reported that she has received the fire camp rental agreement from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Ms. Lindsey advised that the DNR would like to use the Carousel Building as a possible command center. Ms. Lindsey would prefer that they use the exhibit hall instead. The Board would like them to use something other than the Carousel Building if possible. Ms. Lindsey advised the Board that there is still confusion on the Fair Association's website. Ms. Gates reported that the ADA lift is working. Discussion followed regarding the keys to the ADA lift. The Board requested further research regarding the best location and use of the keys. Ms. Gates advised that everything in the ADA lift was replaced except the rail. Ms. Gates reported that she should have an estimate for the repair of the front steps in the near future. Ms. Bechtol advised that she has researched the agreements with the PUD and Homeland Security. She will notify both agencies prior to renting the Franson Peak lookout tower.

Public Works Update: Director Troy Reynolds, Office Manager/Controller Shelene Brown and Solid Waste Coordinator Kristy Cromwell met with the Board to give updates. The Board inquired about the metal recycling. Ms. Cromwell advised the Board that she has pulled the bids for metal recycling. Ms. Cromwell explained that in order to bid on the metal, the bidders need to know about how much the tonnage will be. Ms. Cromwell reported that Solid Waste will still accept the metal, and then open the bid for hauling in the fall. Ms. Cromwell reminded the Board that it is Ferry County Pride month and there are many activities planned. Ms. Cromwell advised that she is working on a vehicle recycling program. Mr. Reynolds advised that they are looking at removing some trees at the fairgrounds to access the gravel. Mr. Reynolds has contacted the PUD

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and they will be removing the trees but will require compensation. Mr. Reynolds reported that Boyds Shop Foreman Ron Palmer is retiring. Mr. Reynolds will need to run an add for Mr. Palmer's replacement. Mr. Reynolds requested advertising in house first. If the position is filled in house Mr. Reynolds will need to run an ad for a maintenance worker position. The Board approved the ad for the Forman position. Mr. Reynolds advised the Board that the new dust control policy requires the contractor doing the oiling to secure a permit. The Board would like to make a list of roads to review their speed limits then meet with Mr. Reynolds and discuss possible revisions. Mr. Reynolds advised the Board that he has a meeting on Tuesday with Forest Capital regarding an access agreement. The Board advised Mr. Reynolds that the Resource Advisory Committee will be meeting on May 10 to review the submitted projects. Commissioner Heath advised Mr. Reynolds that he went to Paradise Cove Road and the residents express their appreciation for the road's condition. Mr. Reynolds reported that he has a meeting with Kinross on Wednesday to review the Customs Road project. The Board advised Mr. Reynolds that they are moving forward with the Forest Service on the generic road agreement.

Recreation Project Update: Forest Service Recreation Program Manager Eric McQuay, Forest Service Representative Carmen Nielsen and Americorp member Mikayla Martin met with the Board to give an update. Also present was Sharon Shumate and Larry Beardslee. Mr. McQuay reported that the 2010 Title II funding will be used for the Gibraltar Trail project. This project is scheduled to begin in May or June. It includes parking for up to 3 trailer truck combos or 5 regular vehicles. The second phase of the project is a proposed 13.5 mile trail that will be reviewed by the Resource Advisory Committee on May 10th. They have requested \$65,000 in funding to construct this portion of the trail. Mr. McQuay reported that another project is the reconstruction of the Kettle Crest Trail from Sherman Pass Highway to Boulder Creek Road. Mr. McQuay reported that they have received additional funding under recreation site improvement funds. The site improvement will be paving at Swan Lake to the CCC kitchen, additional fire grills, and the fishing dock replacement. Mr. McQuay reported that the Forest Service is looking at options to salvage the dying Lodgepole Pine at the Sherman overlook along with two other sites. Mr. Beardslee inquired about Scatter Creek road seal. Mr. Beardslee advised that it is way past due. Mr. McQuay will research this matter further. The Board advised Mr. McQuay that they appreciated him meeting with them to give the update.

Consent:

Misc. Non-Dept. Funds Transfer in the amount of \$300 to the Veteran's Relief fund for the 2011 CE contribution. (Exhibit 5)

MIS Funds Transfer in the amount of \$37.10 to the Insurance Fund for reimbursement of a bill paid from the incorrect fund. (Exhibit 6)

Recreation Funds Transfer in the amount of \$42.18 for Empire Lake Snow Park snowplowing for March 2011. (Exhibit 7)

Public Disclosure from the Ferry County Treasurer that during the period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010, no public funds under her control were invested in any institution in which she held office. (Exhibit 8)

Rural Arterial Program project agreement for Bridge Creek 12 amending the project to a phased construction methodology. (Exhibit 9)

Rural Arterial Program project agreement for Bridge Creek 10 amending the project to a phased construction methodology. (Exhibit 10)

Resolution No. 2011-17 Dust Control Policy and Permitting. After review and discussion Commissioner Dandel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-17 Dust Control Policy and Permitting. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. (Exhibit 11)

Resolution No. 2011-18 Allowing Seasonal Full Time Employees to Receive a Payroll Draw. After review and discussion Commissioner Heath made a motion to adopt Resolution No. Allowing Seasonal Full Time Employees to Receive a Payroll Draw. Commissioner Dandel seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. (Exhibit 12)

Resolution No. 2011-19 rescinding Resolution No. 2003-01 Establishing Policy for Public Access to Audio Recordings of the Ferry County Commissioners' Meetings. After review and discussion Commissioner Dandel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-19 Establishing Policy for Public Access to Audio Recordings of the Ferry County Commissioners' Meetings. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. (Exhibit 13)

Vouchers/Warrants: Funding in the amount of \$267.98 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #241016-241018 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$10.00.

Weed Control in the amount of \$99.98.

Connections in the amount of \$158.00. (Exhibit 14)

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Title III Project Reviews: Sign in sheet is on file. Ms. Bechtol advised the Board that there are two projects that qualify for the Title III funding. The total funding available for distribution is \$101,841 and projects need to be obligated by September 30, 2012. Ponderosa Park Project is requesting \$78,000 which will complete their project in its entirety. WSU Ferry County Extension working with Ferry Conservation District requested \$40,676 for their project. (Exhibit 15 & 16) After review and discussion Commissioner Heath made a motion to allocate \$78,000 to Ponderosa Park and \$23,841 to WSU Ferry County Extension, Commissioner Dansel seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

ADA Accessibility: Auditor Dianna Galvan met with the Board to discuss ADA Accessibility in the courthouse. Ms. Galvan advised the Board that she has received a letter from David Lord of Disability Rights Washington regarding his visit and survey. The purpose of the survey is to identify what counties are doing that helps make elections more accessible for people with disabilities. Ms. Galvan reviewed the recommendations made by Mr. Lord with the Board.

Telephone Conference: Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers telephoned the Board to discuss various issues including Payment In Lieu of Taxes, the Keller Ferry, Lake Roosevelt Cabins and Wilderness Areas.

Critical Areas Ordinance Timeline: Planning Commission Chair Tamra Stevens and member Lorna Johnson met with the Board to discuss the Critical Areas Ordinance timeline. Sign in sheet on file. Ms. Stevens advised the Board that she is concerned about the timeline for the Critical Areas Ordinance. A letter from GMA Attorney Brian Amsbary was presented stating it is imperative that the County meet the June 24th, 2011 deadline. After discussion the Board requested that the Planning Commission stay on the current timeline that has been established. Commissioner Dansel is concerned about ensuring the process is done correctly. Ms. Stevens requested a laptop for the Planning Commission to use during their meetings. The Board will check with MIS to see if any are available.

Plant Sale Update: Conservation District Supervisor Charlotte Coombs met with the Board to give an update on the plant sale. Ms. Coombs advised the Board the annual plant sale will be held on Friday and Saturday the 15th and 16th of April.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until April 18, 2011.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BRAD L. MILLER, Chairman

APPROVED 4/18/2011

ATTEST: _____
Debbie Bechtol, Clerk of the Board