

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD
Of Ferry County Commissioners
May 9, 2011**

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

PLEASE NOTE: The Commissioners' meetings are now being recorded.

Additions & Corrections: The Minutes Approval was removed from the agenda. Acting Forest Ranger Al Watson was added to the agenda at 2:00 PM.

Board Reports:

Commissioner Heath, District #3 Commissioner Heath reported that he took a look at the fish passage at Barnaby Creek. He also reviewed the RAC projects that are proposed for funding.

Commissioner Dansel, District #2

May 3, 2011 Commissioner Dansel reported that he had a meeting with Vaagens Brothers Lumber in Colville.

May 4, 2011 Commissioner Dansel reported that he met with Republic Road Crew. They have a \$50 spending freeze limit and there was discussion that they should be able to follow the \$300 spending limit. The shops also need to have some essential inventory on hand to save time and money.

May 5, 2011 Commissioner Dansel reported that he met with Department Heads. There is still some concerns in regards to the personnel policy and Commissioner Dansel assured them that the Board wants to include everybody in the process. Commissioner Dansel attended the Cinco De Mayo fundraiser dinner for the sports programs at Republic High School.

Commissioner Miller, District #1

Commissioner Miller continued to work on obtaining the airport property. Commissioner Miller met with Engineer Bob Breshears and Planning Director Irene Whipple about the airport property. Part of the property the airport sits on belongs to State Parks. With the boundary line adjustment, it would leave .9 acres of State Parks property which is less than the minimum lot size of 2 ½ acres that is required by county ordinance. Commissioner Miller will discuss with State Parks the potential of attaching the .9 acres to the remainder of the park property which belongs to Fish and Wildlife.

Correspondence Review:

Letter to USDA Rural Development regarding the Tri-County Stronger Economies Together support letter. (Exhibit 1)

Letter from Stevens County Commissioners to Rodney Smoldon, District Ranger for the Three Rivers Ranger District regarding reopening of a section of South Boulder Road that was damaged in weather related events in 1998. (Exhibit 2)

Forest Service: Forest Supervisor Laura Jo West and Public Affairs Lead Debbie Kelley met with the Board to discuss Forest Plan Revisions. Forest Planner Margaret Hartzell who was originally on the agenda was unable to attend. A sign in sheet is on file. Ms. West advised the Board that she is here to give a preview of the proposed action for the revised draft forest plan. The forest plans are good for 15 years and the Colville Forest is past due for it's revision. The Forest Service uses the standard National Environmental Policy Act process. This is a three phase process. First they present what the proposed action is going to be. A year from then they hope to have a draft environmental impact statement and a draft forest plan. They will take comment on that, and then issue a final forest plan and a record of decision. After action is taken the Forest Service can start implementing it. Ms. Kelley advised that the proposed action and maps are available online or on cd.

Commissioners' Working Session: Sharon Shumate met with the Board to provide a map of roads that the Forest Services has proposed to be decommissioned.

Consent:

Maintenance Worker Job Description for Public Works Department. (Exhibit 3)
Resolution No. 2011-23 Ferry County Commissioners & Ferry County Weed Control Board rail corridor noxious weed control agreement. After review and discussion Commissioner Heath made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-23 Ferry County Commissioners & Ferry County Weed Control Board rail corridor noxious weed control agreement. Commissioner Dansel seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. (Exhibit 4)

Resolution No. 2011-24 Annual Construction Program for 2011 After review and discussion Commissioner Dansel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-24 Annual Construction Program for 2011. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. (Exhibit 5)

Pre-finding Settlement Agreement between the Washington State Human Rights Commission and Leslie O. Burton and Ferry County Courthouse. (Exhibit 6)

Recycling/General Operations Operator Job Description for Solid Waste. (Exhibit 7)

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Nomination Form for WSAC "County Engineer of the Year" for 2011. (Exhibit 8)

Vouchers/Warrants: Funding in the amount of \$429,505.56 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #19310-19351 and direct deposit payment advice #107007-107134 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$198,513.21.

County Road in the amount of \$131,520.26.

Fair Association in the amount of \$588.81.

Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$1,352.88.

Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$33,331.16.

Grant Fund in the amount of \$1,133.03.

Weed in the amount of \$8,264.83.

Fairgrounds Management in the amount of \$3,295.75.

Connections in the amount of \$29,515.18.

Management Info Systems in the amount of \$6,775.19.

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$3,120.27.

Fire District #13 in the amount of \$402.61.

Fire District #14 in the amount of \$1,830.05.

Fire District #3 in the amount of \$1,049.59.

Curlew Water in the amount of \$204.54.

Inchelium Water District in the amount of \$2,922.71.

EMS District #1 in the amount of \$5,685.49. (Exhibit 9)

Event on Trail: Randy Kinney met with the Board to discuss an event on the rail corridor. Also present was Stan Christie. Mr. Kinney advised the Board that he is putting a run, bike, canoe/kayak event on during Prospectors Days' weekend. Mr. Kinney would like to use ATV's on the rail corridor from Miyoko Point boat launch to the Heron Creek Road. Mr. Kinney would need to use ATV's on Sunday June 5th to clean some of the big rocks off the corridor. Sunday June 12th is the actual event and Mr. Kinney would like to place ATV's along the rail corridor in case there is an emergency. Tri-County Motorized Recreation Association has volunteered to man the rail corridor with radios to watch for any emergency due to the rough terrain on that section. The Board approved a special use permit on the 5th of June for maintenance and 12th of June for the event. The Board would like Mr. Kinney to contact the Rail Corridor Committee and advise them of his plan.

Commissioner's Staff Update: Risk Manager Jill Gates and Deputy Clerk of the Board Teri Kinney met with the Board to give an update. The Board inquired about the Human

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Rights Commission Pre-Finding Settlement Agreement. Ms. Gates advised the Board that Canfield has reviewed the agreement and find it appropriate. Ms. Gates requested authorization for the purchase of \$300 for bloodborne pathogen kits. The Board approved the purchase. Ms. Gates advised the Board that she has spoken with the Public Works Director about the office manager/controller candidate. The candidate has requested exemptions from the personnel policy. The Board reviewed the personnel policy on employees rehired and advised Ms. Gates that they are not willing to deviate from the personnel policy. Ms. Kinney advised that the Clerk's Conference was very informative. The Kittitas County Prosecuting Attorney gave a great presentation on the Open Public Meetings Act. Ms. Kinney advised that it was very valuable information.

Forest Service: Forester Mary Rourke and Acting Forest Ranger Al Watson from the Forest Service met with the Board to introduce the new Acting Forest Ranger. Mr. Watson advised the Board that he is from the Mount Saint Helens area. The Board welcomed Mr. Watson to Republic. Mr. Watson asked the Board if there are any local issues of concern. The Board informed Mr. Watson that the new forest plan, wilderness areas, and access to the Colville National Forest are concerns of local importance. Mr. Watson would like an open line of communication between the Forest Service and the County. The Board agreed and thanked Mr. Watson for coming in.

Facilities Grant: Weed Coordinator Mary Fee and Weed Board Chair Craig Lamberson met with the Board to discuss a facilities grant. Ms. Fee advised the Board that USDA has funded a portion of the Weed Control Equipment Storage Facility in the amount of \$13,750. Unfortunately that leaves \$11,250 as the match that the Weed Department needs to come up with. USDA wants the grant to be ran through the county as it will sit on county property. Ms. Fee inquired if capital improvement funds would be available for the match. The Board advised Ms. Fee that in order to use capital improvement funds the facility would need to be on the county's capital facilities list. The Board inquired about the timeline for the grant. Ms. Fee advised that the letter does not give a timeline. The Board would like more time to research funding for the project. Mr. Lamberson reported that there is a possibility that the Weed Board could pay the county back over time for the project. The Board is willing to work with the Weed Board to come up with a solution.

Recycling General Operations Operator Position: Solid Waste Coordinator Kristy Cromwell met with the Board to discuss the Recycling General Operations Operator position. The current operator has submitted his date of retirement for May 31, 2011. Ms. Cromwell would like authorization to go to ad for the position so they can fill it in a

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timely manner. The Board approved the advertisement. Ms. Cromwell inquired about an ordinance that would require commercial haulers to compact their loads. The Board requested that Ms. Cromwell research the matter further.

District Court Vehicle Use Authorization: District Court Administrator Tracy Palmier met with the Board to request authorization to use a county vehicle to attend a conference in Cle Elum. Ms. Palmier advised that the Juvenile department has a vehicle available to use if the Board agrees. The Board approved the use of the vehicle for Ms. Palmier.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until May 16, 2011.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BRAD L. MILLER, Chairman

Approved 5/17/11

ATTEST: _____
Debbie Bechtol, Clerk of the Board