

FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM with Commissioners Miller, Dansel and Heath present. Also present was Michael Sternberg.

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda: At 11:45 am E-911 Coordinator Ray Maycumber met with the Board regarding the Flagstaff tower site contract.

Board & Committee Reports:

Commissioner Miller, District #1

Concerned Citizen – May 10, 2011 Commissioner Miller spoke with a concerned citizen regarding the Kettle River and possible flooding. Commissioner Miller checked on the river and it is about normal for this time of year so far. The State Emergency Management is aware of possible flooding.

Airport Hangars and Property – May 11, 2011 Commissioner Miller met with Airport Manager Justin Smith to review the Hangar Lease Agreement. Commissioner Miller spoke with Ken Graham from State Parks regarding the property and a possible boundary adjustment and sent maps for Mr. Graham to review.

Buckhorn Community Advisory Association Meeting – May 12, 2011 Commissioner Miller attended the meeting at the Eagle Cliff Grange. and spoke with Kinross representatives and they stated they are willing to help with the repairs/potholes to Kettle River Road.

May 13, 2011 Commissioner Miller worked at his home office doing research and catching up on e-mails.

Commissioner Dansel, District #2

Canvassing Board & Farm Bureau Meeting – May 10, 2011 Commissioner Dansel attended the Canvassing Board meeting regarding the Keller School District special election and it passed. Commissioner Dansel attended the Stevens County Farm Bureau meeting in Colville. They discussed the “Open Range Areas” Ordinance issue, GMA Attorney fees, opposing “Designated Wilderness Areas” and Lake Roosevelt Vacation Cabins.

Canvassing Board & Republic Shop – May 11, 2011 Commissioner Dansel attended the Canvassing Board meeting to sign off on the election. Commissioner Dansel met with the Forman and Employees at the Republic shop. They stated that they were happy with the sand that is coming from the Fairgrounds gravel pit.

Elected Officials & Department Heads – May 12, 2011 Commissioner Dansel performed his weekly visit to the Courthouse to communicate with the other Elected Officials and Department Heads.

Fairgrounds – May 14, 2011 Commissioner Dansel met with Fairgrounds Maintenance Manager Wayne Egner. They discussed the gravel pit that Public Works is using and the possibility of exchanging work between departments.

Commissioner Heath, District #3

RAC Meeting – May 10, 2011 Commissioner Heath attended the RAC meeting at the Spokane Community College. Projects were decided on and Commissioner Heath reported that the Day Creek road project did not get selected however the Ferry County Noxious Weed Department project did.

Upper Columbia RC&D – May 11, 2011 Commissioner Heath reported that RC&D Coordinator Gary Mitchell is no longer with the RC&D and the Office is being moved to the Natural Resources Conservation Services Office in Spokane.

North Central Washington Regional Support Network (NCWRSN) – May 13, 2011 Commissioner Heath attended the meeting in Davenport and they reviewed and discussed reports from the State.

Aging and Long Term Care – May 13, 2011 Commissioner Heath stated they reviewed 16 recommendations and they were approved. They also discussed how to handle contracts with budget shortfalls.

Minutes Approval: After review a motion was made by Commissioner Heath, seconded by Commissioner Dansel with all in favor to approve the minutes of May 2nd as corrected.

Public Hearing: At 10:00 am the Board held a Public Hearing in the matter of the Development Regulations Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan for Ag Lands and the changes the Planning Commission has recommended. The hearing was recorded and attendance sheet is on file. Commissioner Dansel made the motion to except the changes, Commissioner Heath seconded and the motion passed with all in favor. The Board approved an additional 60 day comment period for the accepted changes. It was suggested that the Commissioners do their own finding of facts for these documents. The Board agreed and will set a Tuesday work session meeting specifically for that purpose.

Consent: The Board approved the following:

Letter to the Assistant Secretary for Aging and Disability Service Administration allowing the NCWRSN to explore the possibility of merging with the SRSN. (Exhibit 1)

Contract #10-46000-211 Amendment between Ferry County Connections and Washington State Department of Commerce Community Services and Housing Division, Housing Assistance Unit for an additional amount of \$12,946.00. (Exhibit 2)

Contract #F10-31103-011 Amendment A between Ferry County Connections and Washington State Department of Commerce Community Services and Housing Division, Office of Crime Victims Advocacy for an additional amount of \$3,000.00. (Exhibit 3)

Warrant Register: Funding in the amount of \$288,986.21 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant #241397-241639 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$55,859.31
County Road in the amount of \$71,054.48
Drug Abuse in the amount of \$334.65
Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$474.00
Veteran's Relief in the amount of \$1,262.99
Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$8,142.00
Boating Safety in the amount of \$255.52
Inmate Welfare in the amount of \$191.23
Title III in the amount of \$1,585.26
Affordable Housing for All in the amount of \$625.00
Recreation Fund in the amount of \$2,010.65
Crime Victims in the amount of \$317.36
Weed Control in the amount of \$952.08
Tourism in the amount of \$5,453.00
Connections Transportation in the amount of \$704.58
Fair Grounds Management in the amount of \$753.52
Connections in the amount of \$7,047.76
Airport in the amount of \$297.388
Solid Waste in the amount of \$33,896.94
Post Closure in the amount of \$5,014.87
Equipment Rental & Revolving in the amount of \$69,998.52
Management Info Systems in the amount of \$448.48
Medical Trust in the amount of \$20.00
Fire District #13 in the amount of \$7,253.13
Fire District #14 in the amount of \$11,881.33
E.M.S. District in the amount of \$3,151.67
(Exhibit 4)

E-911 Coordinator Ray Maycumber: Mr. Maycumber met with the Board regarding the contract and power usage at the Flagstaff Mountain tower site. Mr. Maycumber will do more research and report back to the Board at a later date.

Public Hearing: At 1:00 pm a public hearing was held in the matter of rescinding Ordinance No. 2010-06 Restricting "Open Range Areas" to cattle only. The public hearing was recorded and attendance sheet is on file. After review and discussion motion was made by Commissioner Dansel, seconded by Commissioner Miller with the majority in favor of approving **Ordinance No. 2011-05 rescinding Ordinance No. 2010-06 restricting "Open Range Areas" to cattle only.** Commissioner Heath objected. (Exhibit 5)

Ferry County Health Foundation & Ferry County Public Hospital Updates:

Health Foundation Executive Director Barrett Stillings and Ferry County Hospital Interim CEO Jim Richardson met with the Board to give updates. The Health Foundation is involved in the Health & Safety Fair and Blood Drive being held at the Republic School. They will also help organize the “Gold Rush Run” during Prospectors Days. Mr. Stillings had previously requested a letter from the Board giving an overview of the Health Foundations purpose and asking for public participation. The Board agreed to write the letter within the next couple of weeks. Ferry County Hospital Interim CEO Jim Richardson stated that it takes a minimum of 90 to 120 days to hire a new CEO and he will be here until then. The search for a permanent CEO will be done on a National basis. There are several issues Mr. Richardson will be working on to ensure a solid and financially solvent hospital. Among these issues to be addressed are stronger communications and restoring pay cuts. Mr. Stillings and Mr. Richardson will continue to update the Board on the progress of the Health Foundation and the Hospital.

Ferry County Fairgrounds: Fairgrounds Maintenance Manager Wayne Egnor met with the Board to discuss Fair and Fairgrounds issues. Also present were WSU Extension Agent Dan Fagerlie, Fairgrounds Business Manager Cathy Lindsey and Chief Deputy/Accountant Joyce Schertenleib. Mr. Egnor gave an overview of the improvements that have taken place at the Fairgrounds Campground over the last few years and would like to continue the improvements. Mr. Egnor suggested reviewing the rental rates, supplying access for wireless internet and installing an RV dump site. Mr. Egnor discussed the possibility of getting credit toward equipment use from the Public Works Department in exchange for the gravel they are getting from the pit. The possibility of charging Public Works for the gravel to produce Fairgrounds revenue was also discussed. There was extensive discussion on all suggestions but further research needs to be done before any decisions can be made.

NEW Alliance Counseling Services: Executive Director David Nielsen met with the Board to discuss NCWRSN issues. Also present was NEW Alliance Counseling Services CFO Bob Schwartz. Mr. Nielsen is requesting a letter be sent stating the Boards approval to research the financial feasibility of merging with the Spokane RSN. After discussion the Board agreed to sign the approval letter for the research to be done. No decisions of merging with Spokane RSN will be made at this time.

Washington County Risk Pool: Executive Director Vyrle Hill and Member Services Manager David Goldsmith met with the Board to discuss the Risk Pool. Also present was Insurance/Risk Manager Jill Gates. Mr. Hill and Mr. Goldsmith explained the benefits and membership of the Risk Pool. Ferry County is currently a member of the Washington Rural Counties Insurance Pool (WRCIP) and will continue to be members of WRCIP at this time.

With no further business, the Board adjourned until May 17, 2011.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON

BRAD L. MILLER, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Bechtol, Clerk of the Board