

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD  
Of Ferry County Commissioners  
June 6, 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.

**Additions & Corrections:** None.

**Board Reports:**

**Commissioner Heath, District #3:**

May 24, 2011 Commissioner Heath reported that he attended a meeting at Rural Resources where he was informed that they are considering closing the Republic Office.

May 25, 2011 Commissioner Heath attended the Tri-County Economic Development meeting where discussion was held regarding advertising on Facebook. Commissioner Heath reported that he spoke with Keith Metcalf from Washington State Department of Transportation about the new Keller Ferry.

May 26, 2011 Commissioner Heath advised that he attended a meeting at Martin Hall and discussion was held regarding conducting a energy audit. Commissioner Heath reported that at the Workforce Development meeting they discussed the unemployment rates in different counties.

May 31, 2011 Commissioner Heath reported that he visited the Republic Shop also went to Barnaby Creek to view the fish passage project. While there he spoke with Project Engineer Tech Lou Miller who was very pleased with the Boyds and Inchelium Crew and the progress being made.

June 1, 2011 Commissioner Heath advised that he attended the dedication of 28 homes on Buttercup Lane which is a tribal project near Inchelium.

June 4, 2011 Commissioner Heath gave a scholarship on behalf of the American Legion at the Inchelium School graduation.

**Commissioner Dansel, District #2:**

May 25, 2011 Commissioner Dansel reported that he received a call on flooding on St. Peters Creek.

May 26, 2011 Commissioner Dansel attended the emergency meeting in the Commissioners' office declaring a state of emergency for Ferry County.

May 27, 2011 Commissioner Dansel advised that he received a call from John Foster Fanning who had recommendations for communications in regards to the flooding. Commissioner Dansel reported attended the Timber Counties meeting in Olympia.

Commissioner of Public Lands Peter Goldmark gave a report on Timber issues effecting Washington including the states role in exporting timber and lumber products.  
June 10, 2011 Commissioner Dansel visited with Tri-County Economic Development office and the Republic office will be staying at their current location.

**Commissioner Miller, District #1:** Commissioner Miller reported that he met with Tim Coleman from the Kettle Range Conservation District and discussed the new resolution opposing wilderness.

May 25, 2011 Commissioner Miller attended the Conservation District meeting where discussion was held regarding the new law that adopts the Rucklehouse Commission recommendation which addresses critical areas as they relate to farmland. Commissioner Miller met with National Parks Service Supervisor Debbie Bird to discuss the Lake Roosevelt vacation cabins.

May 27, 2011 Commissioner Miller attended the state track meeting in Cheney. Both Curlew and Republic schools represented the community well.

May 30, 2011 Commissioner Miller reported that he attended the Memorial Service at the Curlew Bridge.

Commissioner Miller reported that he has received many calls on flooding in the area. Commissioner Miller received a call from John Stensgar representing the Colville Tribal Council. The Tribe is concerned that logging trucks could not make it through the Barnaby Creek project area.

**Minute Approval:** After review and discussion Commissioner Heath made a motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2011 as corrected. Commissioner Dansel seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

After review and discussion Commissioner Dansel made a motion to approve the minutes of May 23, 2011 as corrected. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

After review and discussion Commissioner Dansel made a motion to approve the minutes of May 26, 2011 as corrected. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Commissioner Heath who was attending a Martin Hall meeting at Medical Lake at the time abstained. The motion carried with a majority vote.

**Correspondence Review:**

Letter from Washington State Transportation Commission extending an invitation to the transportation system needs meeting in Cheney. (Exhibit 1)

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**Commissioner's Staff Update:** Clerk of the Board Debbie Bechtol, Maintenance Director Erin McBride, and Deputy Clerk of the Board Teri Kinney met with the Board to give updates. Ms. Bechtol reported that Engineer Robert Breshears has been named Engineer of the Year by the County Road Advisory Board. The awards ceremony will be held in Winthrop on Wednesday June 8th. Commissioner Dansel will attend the awards ceremony. Ms. Bechtol reported that the survey by the Rail Corridor Committee will be returned to the Commissioner's Office upon completion. Ms. Bechtol advised that Connections is requesting an increase in their credit card limit. They would like to increase it from \$1000 to \$5000. Ms. Bechtol reported that the Treasurer is concerned about the limit being \$5000. The Board suggested a \$1500 increase and would like the Treasurers recommendation on that limit. Ms. Bechtol advised the Board that Steve Harris from the Department of Natural Resources is undertaking a fuels reduction project on private property next to the Golden Tiger Pathway. Ms. Bechtol advised that the Rail Corridor Chair person recommended Janine Summy be appointed to the Rail Corridor Committee. The Board approved unanimously. Ms. Bechtol advised that Public Works Director has recommended changes to the airport hangar lease agreement. The Board approved. Ms. Bechtol reported that tentatively the State Auditors will be here on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June. Ms. Bechtol inquired about the lease agreement at the Flagstaff Tower site. The lease agreement is for 5 years and will be reviewed every 3 years thereafter.

Ms. McBride reported that she has ordered the new rug for the front entrance of the courthouse. Ms. McBride advised the Board that the Weed Department has been getting their water from the courthouse for the equipment trucks. When they walk from the back of the equipment truck to the water spicket at the courthouse, they are tracking the chemicals onto the lawn and killing it. Ms. McBride has requested that they use the water at the Prosecutor's Annex. It has better water pressure and is located on asphalt. Ms. McBride reported that she is using inmates to help with the lawn care. Ms. McBride requested authorization for purchase of a new mail box for the Commissioner's Office. The Board approved. The Board advised Ms. McBride that they discussed her work schedule and want her to work her regular schedule instead of 4 10 hour shifts. The Board also advised Ms. McBride that they will talk with the Prosecutor's office on what their needs will be for maintenance at the Prosecutor's Annex. The Board requested Ms. McBride keep them informed of her work load with the additional duties. Ms. Kinney advised the Board that Larry Beardslee would like to donate a 1988 Ford Club Wagon 8 passenger van to Ferry County for the airport. Commissioner Dansel made a motion to

accept the donation. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

**Consent:**

Insurance Fund Transfer in the amount of \$2,543.27 to Public Works Insurance Recovery for insurance claim no. 32442 vehicle no. 113. (Exhibit 2)

Misc. Non-Dept. Funds Transfer in the amount of \$1,650.00 to Law Library for a portion of CE contribution for 2011. (Exhibit 3)

Misc. Non-Dept. Funds Transfer in the amount of \$10,000.00 to MIS for a portion of 2011 CE contribution. (Exhibit 4)

Ferry County 2011 Official Bond for Assessor Rachel Siracuse, Auditor Dianna Galvan, Sheriff Pete Warner, Treasurer Kathleen Rupp, Prosecuting Attorney/Coroner Mike Sandona, District Court Judge Thomas Brown, and Engineer Robert Breshears. (Exhibit 5)

DSHS Working Advance Program Agreement with Ferry County for long term payables based on annual review. (Exhibit 6)

Ferry County Agreement to provide Family Law Courthouse Facilitator Services between Ferry County and Shamra M. Eddy to provide court facilitator services to assist pro se litigants in domestic relations matters arising in Ferry County. (Exhibit 7)

Central Washington Asphalt Inc. Contract for Bridge Creek 4 hot mix asphalt paving and cement treated base in Ferry County. (Exhibit 8)

Knife River Contract for Customs Road hot mix asphalt paving and cement treated base in Ferry County. (Exhibit 9)

Final Voucher Frank Gurney in the amount of \$322,404.81 for guardrail. (Exhibit 10)

Prospectus for Bridge Creek 4 Guardrail installation from mile post 17.4 to mile post 20.4. (Exhibit 11)

Prospectus for County Wide Safety Program for Ferry County Run-Off-Road on various county roads. (Exhibit 12)

**Vouchers/Warrants:** Funding in the amount of \$12,841.21 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #241674-241676 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$12,841.21. (Exhibit 13)

**Vouchers/Warrants:** Funding in the amount of \$(794.26) has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for cancellation of warrant/voucher #241453 & 239046 for the following:

Clearing Fund in the amount of \$(794.26). (Exhibit 14)

**Vouchers/Warrants:** Funding in the amount of \$47,572.03 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #241677-241873 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$28,568.49.

County Fair in the amount of \$514.04.

Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$15.25.

Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$381.04.

Grant Fund in the amount of \$443.32.

Inmate Welfare in the amount of \$2,598.41.

Law Library in the amount of \$1,844.00.

Crime Victims in the amount of \$49.37.

Weed Control in the amount of \$2,796.79.

Toursim in the amount of \$310.54.

Connections Transportation in the amount of \$63.76.

Fair Grounds Management in the amount of \$778.62.

Connections in the amount of \$2,234.31.

Equipment Rental & Revolving in the amount of \$781.26.

Management Info Systems in the amount of \$1,313.88.

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$960.33.

Medical Trust in the amount of \$60.00.

Inchelium Water District in the amount of \$1,844.02.

E.M.S. District in the amount of \$2,014.60. (Exhibit 15)

**Vouchers/Warrants:** Funding in the amount of \$487,063.78 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #19355-19419 and direct deposit payment advice #107195-107322 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$158,993.52.

County Road in the amount of \$216,934.10.

Fair Association in the amount of \$709.22.

Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$1,351.78.

Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$34,443.26.

Grant Fund in the amount of \$1,016.40.

Weed in the amount of \$10,058.64.

Fairgrounds Management in the amount of \$4,290.57.

Connections in the amount of \$29,578.42.

Management Info Systems in the amount of \$7,391.73.

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$3,122.35.

Fire District #13 in the amount of \$349.86.

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Fire District #14 in the amount of \$6,174.49.

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

Curlew Water in the amount of \$215.30.

Inchelium Water District in the amount of \$2,728.94.

EMS District #1 in the amount of \$7,195.88.

Mosquito Control in the amount of \$1,459.73. (Exhibit 16)

**Parks & Recreation:** Chairman Curt Brenner and Secretary Larry Beardslee met with the Board to discuss the Parks & Recreation District. Also present were Marta Bracken and Linell Harvey. Mr. Beardslee reminded the Board that the Parks & Recreation oversee the campground located just south of the Eagle Track Raceway along with the shooting range. At the campground there are bathrooms, showers and 12 campsites. Parks & Recreation are requesting \$349 to help with the PUD bill. Mr. Beardslee advised the Board that this is only the second time that they have asked for any funding in 20 years. The Board approved \$350.

**Rural Resources Conference Call:** Division Director Dale Wilson met with the Board to discuss the Rural Resources Office in Republic. On the telephone via speakerphone was Executive Director of Aging and Long Term Care Nick Beamer. Also present were Case Management Assistant Cherie Gorton, Case Manager Betty Binion and Social Worker from Home & Community Services Sarah Krause. The Board inquired about the Rural Resource office in Republic. Mr. Wilson advised that the caseload is down from their targeted goal. However Mr. Wilson assured the Board that they have no intentions of closing the office at this time. Mr. Beamer also assured the Board that he is willing to work with the Ferry County to keep these services available.

**TEDD Update:** Specialist Julie Abernethy and Americorp member Mikayla Martin met with the Board to give an update. Ms. Abernethy advised the Board that they will be staying at the current location. Ms. Abernethy reported that the Republic Public Development Authority is in negotiations with a prospective tenant. Ms. Abernethy advised the Board that the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy plan is coming to the end of their comment period. Ms. Martin will be distributing flyers for [www.ferrycountybusinesses.com](http://www.ferrycountybusinesses.com) to each business so they can update their profile on the website and this also gives them free advertising. Ms. Abernethy reported that she attended the Health fair and it was a success. Ms. Abernethy has spoken with Jim Richardson from the Hospital and they will be doing a strategic analysis next month. Ms. Abernethy offered her help with the strategic analysis. The Board requested Ms. Abernethy to contact the hospital regarding their TEDD participation. Ms. Abernethy

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advised that she is still researching the idea of a community kitchen for the area as well as the Cottage Food Bill which essentially would allow home kitchens to make non-hazardous food for retail purposes.

**Public Works Update:** Engineer Robert Breshears, Director Troy Reynolds, and Solid Waste Coordinator Kristy Cromwell met with the Board to give updates. Ms. Cromwell advised the Board that they have chosen Jeff Brooks for the position at the transfer station. Mr. Reynolds advised the Board that they have reports of flood damage on Catherine Creek, St. Peters Creek, Little Goosmus Creek, Lambert Creek, Kettle River and Long Alec Creek. Mr. Reynolds advised that the road crews are doing backfill at the Barnaby Creek culvert. The Board requested input from the Road Department regarding reimbursement for materials being taken from the fairgrounds pit. The Board is exploring the possibility of an arrangement that will benefit both parties.

**WIFI Hotspots:** Frontier Communications Randy Kinney met with the Board to discuss WIFI Hotspots. Frontier Communications would like to put in WIFI Hotspots in the area. They are placing their hotspots in areas that do not have DSL. This will allow the people who own Frontier smartphones to be able to use them in our area. Mr. Kinney suggested the fairgrounds, the airport, and the State Park as a few locations. Mr. Kinney will be attending a meeting later this week to get more information and will report back to the Board.

**Flooding Issue:** Rick and Melinda Lybarger from Wildwind Farm met with the Board to discuss a flooding issue on their farm. Also present were Bobbie Weller and Al Collins. Mr. Lybarger inquired if there are any funds available to help with the damage to their property caused by the San Poil Creek jumping it's bank. Mr. Lybarger has spoken with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and they came out to view the damage and gave verbal permission to repair the creek bed. Unfortunately Mr. & Mrs. Lybarger do not have the funds to repair the damage. The Board advised that the County has no funds available. The Board advised Mr. & Mrs. Lybarger that the 911 center is documenting flood damage.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until June 13, 2011.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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BRAD L. MILLER, Chairman

**Approved 6/13/11**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Debbie Bechtol, Clerk of the Board