

**FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am with Commissioners' Miller, Dansel and Heath present.

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda: At 9:45 Commissioner Miller will be attending a Canvassing Board Meeting. A concerned Citizen met with the Board regarding dust on the days there are Car Races.

Board Reports:

Commissioner Miller, District #1

New Revised Forest Plan Commissioner Miller attended a meeting at the in Colville with Pend Oreille County Commissioner Laura Merrill, Stevens County Commissioner Malcolm Friedman and Congresswoman Cathy McMorris-Rodgers Representative's Mike Poulson and Sheila Stalp. Discussion was held regarding the new Revised Forest Plan and how it will affect the Tri-County area.

Insurance Survey Commissioner Miller reported that he completed the Insurance Survey requested from Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC). It was reported from WSAC Executive Director Eric Johnson that 100% participation was received. This information will be used to plan for future insurance coverage.

Rail Corridor Committee (RCC) Meeting Commissioner Miller attended the meeting filling in for Commissioner Dansel and reported that they had results from a survey they had done. The RCC inquired about the ADA Compliance Resolution for the Rail Trail and Commissioner Miller reported that it is with the Prosecutor for review.

Airport Property Commissioner Miller spent time planning with State Parks Representative Ken Graham regarding the Airport property and the up-coming meeting that will be held in Wenatchee and Republic.

Commissioner Dansel, District #2

City Council Meeting Commissioner Dansel went to the meeting; no quorum was established and therefore no business was discussed.

Commissioner Heath, District #3

Noxious Weed Board Meeting Commissioner Heath attended the Weed Board meeting at the Log Cabin Resort. The Weed Board discussed areas that have been sprayed and areas that need to be treated.

Minutes Approval: Motion was made by Commissioner Heath, seconded by Commissioner Dansel with all in favor of approving the minutes of July 5th 2011, as corrected.

Canvassing Board: At 9:45 am Commissioner Miller left the meeting to attend the Canvassing Board meeting in the Auditor's Office. Commissioner Miller returned to the meeting at 10:10 am.

Commissioners Staff Update:

Clerk of the Board: Debbie Bechtol met with the Board to give updates.

Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Policy Ms. Bechtol presented the Board with a Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Policy for approval. After review and discussion motion was made by Commissioner Heath, seconded by Commissioner Miller with the majority approving **Ferry County Resolution No. 2011-34** adopting a Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Policy. Commissioner Dandel objected. (Exhibit 1)

Loon Lake Loon Association A request was received from the Loon Association asking for authorization to use an electric motor on Long Lake, Swan Lake and Ferry Lake between July 18th and 21st, 2011 for their banding project. The Board approved and an authorization letter was sent. (Exhibit 2)

"Ruckelshaus HB 1886" Ms. Bechtol inquired if any of the Commissioners were interested in a webinar that WSAC is having regarding the "Ruckelshaus HB 1886. Commissioner Miller and Heath will be joining the webinar.

Fair MOU and "Appendix B" Ms. Bechtol presented the Board with the DRAFT FAIR MOU and the "Appendix B". The Commissioners changes are complete and ready for the next Fair Board meeting for approval.

GMA Fund There is approximately \$1,800.00 left in the fund for GMA expenditures and this amount will not cover what is left to accomplish. Concerned Citizens met with the Board in October and November 2010 stating they would work on getting donations and setting up an account through the Stevens County Farm Bureau for a GMA Attorney if the Board agreed to hire one. Commissioner Dandel will contact the Stevens County Farm Bureau to inquire if the previously discussed donated funds are available.

Fairgrounds Business Manager: Cathy Lindsey met with the Board to give updates.

Tent Replacement Ms. Lindsey reported that one of the tents that the Fairgrounds rent out was not repairable. To replace the canvas covering the cost will be \$1,386.96 plus \$10.00 shipping. After discussion the Board approved the purchase.

Energy Lights Ms. Lindsey reported that she has replaced all of the light bulbs in the showers and bathrooms with energy efficient bulbs.

Deputy Clerk of the Board: Teri Kinney met with the Board to give updates.

Department Head Meetings Ms. Kinney received an e-mail from Assessor Rachel Siracuse requesting the Department Head meetings be scheduled for the months of July, August, September and October. The Board directed Ms. Kinney to schedule the meetings.

Republic Firing Range Last week Ms. Kinney received a request from the Danville Port of Entry Customs and Border Protection asking to use the Firing Range for shooting practice and have it closed to the public. The Board directed Ms. Kinney to request a schedule as to when the Firing Range will be closed to the public. After research Ms. Kinney reported that there is a Resolution appointing a Range Manager and the Board asked that she forward the request to the Range Manager.

Employee Parking Ms. Kinney presented a Memo directing employees to park in the back lot in order to keep front parking open for citizens conducting Courthouse business

or going to the Courts. The Board requested that Ms. Kinney verify if there is a policy on parking before sending out the Memo.

Ferry County Preserve America Status We received a "Welcome to Ferry County" road sign with the Preserve America Status on it. Ms. Kinney inquired where the Board would like to place the sign and how to go about getting it done. The Board stated it would be nice if we had a sign for each major point of entry to Ferry County and that they would discuss placement with the Public Works Departments during their update. Ms. Kinney will check on what the cost would be for additional signs.

Eagle Race Track Dust: A concerned Citizen met with the Board regarding the large amount of dust on Pendry Road on race days. After discussion the Board assured the Citizen that they would talk with the Eagle Race Track Association regarding this issue.

Ferry County View Reporter Brenda Starkey joined the meeting at 11:05 am.

Consent: The Board approved the Following: Those present were RCC President Bobbi Weller, RCC Member Bob Whittaker, Golden Tiger Pathway Committee Member Stan Christie, Greg Scott and Ferry County View Reporter Brenda Starkey.

CE Misc. Non-Department Transfer to Law Library in the amount of \$3,200.00 for a portion of the 2011 contribution. (Exhibit 3)

Ferry County Resolution No. 2011-36 County Road project (CRP) No. 11-53 for the County Rail Trail, Curlew Lake section. After review motion was made by Commissioner Dansel, seconded by Commissioner Heath with all in favor of adopting **Ferry County Resolution No. 2011-36** for (CRP) No. 11-53. (Exhibit 4)

Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus between Ferry County and the Washington State Department of Transportation for the County Rail Trail, Curlew Lake Section. (Exhibit 5)

Local Agency Agreement between Ferry County and the Washington State Department of Transportation for the County Rail Trail, Curlew Lake Section. (Exhibit 6)

Warrant Correction a correction was made in the amount of \$49,592.58 moving the funds from County Road to Current Expense. (Exhibit 7)

Public Works and Solid Waste Update: Those present were Public Works Director Troy Reynolds, Controller/Office Manager Sharon Sattler, Solid Waste Coordinator Kristy Cromwell, County Engineer Bob Breshears and County Road Administration Board (CRAB) Deputy Director Walt Olsen.

Secure Load Ordinance There was discussion regarding the Secure Load Ordinance and who would be responsible for issuing citations. The Ordinance is currently being reviewed by the Prosecutor and more discussion will take place after receiving the Prosecutors opinion.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Ms. Cromwell stated that there is a SWAC meeting to be held July 11 at 5 PM.

Ecology Youth Corp(EYC) Ms. Cromwell stated that the (EYC) program has started and they will be working in the north end of Ferry County next week. Ms. Cromwell inquired

if the Board had any specific locations they would like them to focus on. The Board provided Ms. Cromwell with areas of concern.

Barnaby Creek Project Mr. Reynolds reported that the project is almost finished.

Road Projects Mr. Reynolds stated that they will be starting the Bridge Creek 4 road project and then the Customs Road project.

Fourth of July Road The Board inquired about the speed limit. A citizen has requested it be lowered. The Board stated that if they are to address the speed limit on this road others should be reviewed at the same time.

Ferry County Preserve America Sign The Board inquired about the placement of the sign. Engineer Bob Breshears stated it would be placed on a state highway because the WSDOT would be the appropriate contact regarding placement of the sign.

Rail Trail Project The Board inquired if the amount on the project prospectus under Engineering is sufficient for overseeing the project and administration work and Mr. Breshears stated that it was.

Hangar Lease Agreement Ms. Sattler stated that Mr. Tolton had come into the Public Works Office and the Agreement has been signed by all parties.

County Road Administration Board (CRAB) Deputy Director Walt Olsen reported that he had a chance to meet with the Engineer, Public Works Director and Road Crews to discuss projects. Mr. Olsen stated that the Public Works Department and Employees are doing a good job and have a great management team. There was brief discussion regarding Engineer of the Year and that our Engineer Bob Breshears received the award this year. He also stated that he was glad the Commissioners were represented at the awards ceremony and that this award is a great honor.

Public Hearing: At the hour of 2:00 pm a public hearing was held in the Commissioners Office in the matter of **Ferry County Resolution No. 2011-35** regarding the Final Order of Vacation of Unnamed Alley's in the Town of Orient. Attendance sheet, one written comment and the Engineer's Report are on file. After review, discussion and public input motion was made by Commissioner Dinsel, seconded by Commissioner Heath with all in favor of adopting Ferry County Resolution No. 2011-35 vacating unnamed alley's in the Town of Orient. (Exhibit 8)

Planning Update: Planning Director Irene Whipple met with the Board to give updates. Ms. Whipple reported that the Planning Commission is working on a brief that is due and there will be a Compliance Hearing on August 10, 2011. There was also discussion regarding upcoming Public Hearings and a comment letter received from the Department of Commerce regarding the Fish & Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas portion of the Ordinance.

Repair Authorization: Undersheriff Tom Williams met with the Board to give Updates. Vehicle Repairs & Replacement Mr. Williams presented the Board with figures of repairing the current fleet of vehicles. Mr. Williams also presented the Board with estimates of leasing new vehicles. The figures show leasing new vehicles may be more cost effective. The Sheriff's Office and the Board are reviewing options on rolling out vehicles a couple at a time to ensure a reliable working fleet at all times. The current

vehicles are aging and the cost of repairs may become higher. There were no decisions made at this time.

Polygraph and Psychological Evaluation Testing Mr. Williams requested approval to spend the funds to have testing done for two Reserve Deputies at a cost of approximately \$1,500.00 each. The Board approved Mr. Williams going forward with the testing.

Narcotics Task Force Mr. Williams requested that the Sheriff's Office stay involved in the Task Force at a cost of \$2,000.00 per year and the request was approved.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned until July 18, 2011.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON

BRAD L. MILLER, Chairman

ATTEST: **Approved 7/18/11**

Debbie Bechtol, Clerk of the Board