

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD  
Of Ferry County Commissioners  
July 18, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by Chairman Miller with Commissioner Heath and Danel present. Also present was Citizen Michael Sternberg.

**Additions & Corrections to the Agenda:** The Public Hearing was corrected from Agricultural Lands of Long Term Commercial Significance to Fish and Wildlife.

**Board Reports:**

**Commissioner Heath, District #3:**

Aging and Long Term Care Commissioner Heath reported that he attended the Aging and Long Term Care meeting in Colville where they reviewed the area 11 plan proposed for 2012-2015.

Upper Columbia Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Commissioner Heath reported that he attended the RC&D meeting where a presentation was given by Steve Fucile on Agricultural Energy Efficiency programs.

Forest Service Commissioner Heath attended the Forest Service meeting in Colville regarding the Forest Plan Revision.

**Commissioner Danel, District #2:**

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Commissioner Danel reported that he attended the SWAC meeting; however there was no quorum so no business was discussed. Discussion was held on combining with the Colville Confederated Tribe when Solid Waste goes out to bid on the hauling contract.

Planning Commission Commissioner Danel attended the Planning Commission Public Hearing.

Forest Service Commissioner Danel reported that he met with Acting Forest Ranger Al Watson to discuss the Forest Plan Revision.

Elected Officials & Department Heads Commissioner Danel reported that he met with Sheriff Pete Warner and they discussed security at the fair. Sheriff Warner has spoken with the Border Patrol, the Colville Confederated Tribe and the City of Republic to coordinate their efforts during fair time. Commissioner Danel reported that Solid Waste is getting ready to request authorization from the Board to go out to bid for the metal recycling; Treasurer Kathleen Rupp will be going to Wenatchee to attend a terra scan software meeting. Auditor Dianna Galvan advised that the Elections budget may go over due to the hospital board's primary election. The County will be reimbursed by hospital for the election.

Americorp Graduation Commissioner Danel reported that he attended the Americorp graduation in Republic. Americorp is a silent partner in the community that does a lot of good.

Conservation Northwest and the Lands Council Commissioner Dansel met with representatives from Conservation Northwest and the Lands Council where they discussed various issues.

**Commissioner Miller, District #1:**

Undersheriff Tom Williams Commissioner Miller reported that he met with Undersheriff Tom Williams and discussed efficiencies in the Sheriff Department.

Conservation Northwest and the Lands Council Commissioner Miller met with representatives from Conservation Northwest and Lands Council and discussed various issues with the Forest Plan Revision.

**Minute Approval:** After review and discussion Commissioner Dansel made a motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 2011 as corrected. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

**Commissioner Staff Update:** Maintenance Director Erin McBride, WSU Extension Agent Dan Fagerlie, Deputy Clerk of the Board Teri Kinney, Clerk of the Board Debbie Bechtol, and Risk Manager Jill Gates met with the Board to give updates. Ms. McBride would like to purchase sealer for the employee parking lot to seal the cracks. The Board inquired how long it would last. Ms. McBride replied 3 to 4 years. The crack sealant and the Public Works sealing will total approximately \$2,500. The Board approved. Ms. McBride reported that she is having problems with the back door to the courthouse. Ms. McBride is working with Keyplace in Colville and they may need to come up to work on it. Mr. Fagerlie advised the Board that Ms. McBride worked with the inmates to create an employee picnic table area. Mr. Fagerlie donated the materials and the area was sloped away from the courthouse to help with water drainage. Mr. Fagerlie requested authorization to purchase speakers for the fairgrounds. Randy Kinney from Frontier Communications has been updating the sound system and needs four speakers to complete the system. The speakers are \$215 each and will be purchased with grant dollars. The Board approved. The Board thanked Ms. McBride for the yard work at the Prosecutor's Annex. Ms. Bechtol advised the Board that the memo and public hearing notice went out Friday for the budget amendment. Ms. Bechtol advised that Board that she is working on the preliminary budgets. Ms. Bechtol advised that she has an email from the Rail Corridor Committee regarding the siding on the rail corridor. An adjacent land owner is placing landscaping next the rail corridor and the Rail Corridor Committee would like to know if they had authorization for the landscaping. Ms. Gates advised the Board that she has received an invitation to attend the hospital strategic plan meeting regarding human resources on July 20th. The Board approved. Ms. Gates reported that she has been working on the hiring policy and would like to email the policy to the Board for their review. Ms. Gates inquired who is responsible for the policies that have been written recently once they are signed by the employees. The Board advised that

the credit card policy is the Auditor and Treasurer's responsibility. The cell phone policies go to each department head that have the phones and they will be responsible for the signed agreements. Ms. Gates has spoken with Rhonda Dalbalcon regarding the bull riding event at the fair. Ms. Dalbalcon likes the waiver for the bull riding event and will be using it for the whole fair. Ms. Gates reported that she has scheduled the blood borne pathogen training with the hospital representative and it is free of charge. Ms. Kinney advised the Board that the Fair Grounds Maintenance Supervisor has submitted a letter of resignation to be effective September 9<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Kinney reported that the Board of Equalization (BOE) has met and have set a hearing schedule. Ms. Kinney advised the Board that the BOE will be unable to complete their hearings in the 28 day session and requested that the Board extend their sessions until August 30<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made by Commissioner Dassel to extend the BOE hearing session until August 30<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

**Consent:**

Ferry County Weed Board Funds Transfer in the amount of \$159.18 to Ferry County PBX for long distance for January through June 2011. (Exhibit 1)

Ferry County Weed Board Funds Transfer in the amount of \$12.49 to Ferry County Solid Waste for Torboy Transfer Station invoice #L84300. (Exhibit 2)

Insurance Fund Transfer in the amount of \$33.30 to Current Expense for public records copies fee. (Exhibit 3)

Boating Safety Fund Transfer in the amount of \$2,629.16 to Current Expense for salaries and benefits reimbursement for June 2011. (Exhibit 4)

Misc. Non-Department Funds Transfer in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Airport for 2011 CE contribution July vouchers. (Exhibit 5)

Notice of Public Hearing Advertisement in the matter of the amendment of various 2011 budgets to reflect additional revenues and expenditures. (Exhibit 6)

Crime Victim Service Program Agreement between Ferry County Connections and the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy Community Services and Housing Division in the amount of \$54,757.00. (Exhibit 7)

Domestic Violence Legal Advocacy Agreement between Ferry County Connections and the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy Community Services and Housing Division in the amount of \$24,425.00. (Exhibit 8)

**Vouchers/Warrants:** Funding in the amount of \$431,036.96 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #242246-242467 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$42,676.55.

County Road in the amount of \$158,233.92.

County Fair in the amount of \$3,078.34.

Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$8.39.

Veteran's Relief in the amount of \$548.00.  
Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$2,708.58.  
Boating Safety in the amount of \$598.46.  
Inmate Welfare in the amount of \$1,885.84.  
Title III in the amount of \$2,137.23.  
Affordable Housing for All in the amount of \$625.00.  
Law Library in the amount of \$3,161.40.  
Weed Control in the amount of \$32,069.44.  
Tourism in the amount of \$2,384.00.  
Connections Transportation in the amount of \$1,008.24.  
Fair Grounds Management in the amount of \$1,239.91.  
Connections in the amount of \$3,636.61.  
Airport in the amount of \$965.78.  
Solid Waste in the amount of \$29,506.45.  
Equipment Rental & Revolving in the amount of \$141,972.14.  
Management Info Systems in the amount of \$137.78.  
Medical Trust in the amount of \$40.00.  
E.M.S. District in the amount of \$2,414.90. (Exhibit 9)

**Vouchers/Warrants:** Funding in the amount of \$51,657.24 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #19474-19477 and direct payment advice #107509-107567 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$22,315.24.  
County Road in the amount of \$22,567.00.  
Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$275.00.  
Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$1,700.00.  
Connections in the amount of \$2,550.00.  
Management Info Systems in the amount of \$1,550.00.  
Insurance Fund in the amount of \$700.00. (Exhibit 10)

**Executive Session:** At 1:00 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) Commissioner Miller called an Executive Session with Public Works Director Troy Reynolds. This was to review the performance of a public employee. The session was scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. At 1:30 p.m. the Board came out of Executive Session with no action taken.

**Public Hearing Critical Areas Ordinance:** At 1:30 pm the Board held a Public Hearing in the matter of the Critical Areas Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan for Fish and Wildlife 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.

**Hiring Freeze:** Connections Director Kate Rowe Malorett met with the Board to discuss the hiring freeze. Ms. Rowe Malorett reported that Connections did not get the drastic budget cuts that were anticipated. Therefore Connections has funding and is requesting authorization to change the status of the "temporary" part time maintenance position to "permanent" part time maintenance position. This position is funded by 2 grants. The Board approved. Ms. Rowe Malorett reported that an employee resigned in April and Connections did not fill the position due to the uncertainty of the budget. It was a 40 hour a week position but some of the duties have been disbursed to other employees and now Connections only needs a part time worker. This position is also grant funded. The Board approved. Ms. Rowe Malorett advised the Board that she is working on preparations for the Consolidated Homeless Grant. Ms. Rowe Malorett will submit the advertisement for contracting for the grant to the Board for their approval next week.

**Pathway Sweeping:** Golden Tiger Pathway Committee member Larry Heming met with the Board to discuss the sweeping of the pathway. Mr. Heming would like authorization to purchase a sidewalk sweeper for the paved portion of the Golden Tiger Pathway. Mr. Heming advised the Board that he and other volunteers have been sweeping the pathway with push brooms. The sidewalk sweeper could be used at the fairgrounds also. The Board would like to table the issue and research the matter further.

**Commissioners Working Session:** Risk Manager Jill gates met with the Board to work on the American with Disabilities Act policy.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m. until July 28, 2011.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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BRAD L. MILLER, Chairman

**Approved 8/1/11**

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

Debbie Bechtol, Clerk of the Board