

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD
Of Ferry County Commissioners
August 15, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m. by Chairman Miller with Commissioner Heath and Danel present. Citizen Michael Sternberg entered the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda: Homeland Security Grant with Undersheriff Tom Williams was cancelled.

Fairgrounds Maintenance Supervisor Employment: Larry Maxwell met with the Board to discuss the Fairgrounds Maintenance Supervisor position. The Board congratulated Mr. Maxwell on his new position as the Fairgrounds Maintenance Supervisor. The Board advised Mr. Maxwell that the County has a \$300 spending limit and that Mr. Maxwell will be reporting to the Board.

Board Reports:

Commissioner Heath, District #3

Upper Columbia RC&D Commissioner Heath reported that he attended the Upper Columbia RC&D meeting where they received an update on the Kulzer Bio-Energy Park. They were also updated on 2009-2010 audit to date and the audit should be completed in September. Gary Mitchell announced that he is interested in working for the RCD part time after his retirement.

Commissioner Danel, District #2

Department Heads & Elected Officials Commissioner Danel reported that he met with various Department Heads and Elected Officials. Many departments expressed their excitement on the upcoming county picnic and questions arose about the Prosecutor's Annex move and if the Planning Department will be moving to the Old Prosecutor's office.

State Parks & Recreation Commissioner Danel advised that he attended the State Parks & Recreation Commission meeting in East Wenatchee where they voted unanimously to sell the airport property to the county.

Commissioner Miller, District #1

Fish Hatchery Road Commissioner Miller reported that he has received phone calls regarding the traffic on Fish Hatchery Road. Residents believe that some Kinross traffic is causing extra traffic and they are requesting the speed limit be lowered and a kelly hump put at the end of the road. Commissioner Miller suggested that signage on the road may help and this is being referred to Public Works.

Town of Curlew Commissioner Miller advised that there are some discrepancies on the surveys in the town of Curlew. The Tribe is sending letters to residents advising them

that the Colville Confederated Tribe believes they own more property than what shows in the county records.

Washington Counties Insurance Fund (WCIF) Commissioner Miller advised that he attended the WCIF meeting where they adopted the rates for the medical insurance. Next years medical insurance will be increasing by 9.75%.

Minute Approval: After review and discussion Commissioner Heath made a motion to approve the minutes of August 8, 2011 as corrected. Commissioner Dansel seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Commissioners Staff Update: Fairgrounds Business Manager Cathy Lindsey, MIS Director Darrell Dirks, Deputy Clerk of the Board Teri Kinney, and Clerk of the Board Debbie Bechtol met with the Board to give updates. Mr. Dirks would like authorization to replace some PC's. The Board requested Mr. Dirks prioritize the replacement of the PC's. Mr. Dirks advised that there will be a demonstration on a time clock software system for computers at 1:00 p.m. on August 23rd. Commissioner Miller will attend. Ms. Bechtol has a quote from the Sheriff for the jail generator. The estimate is \$6453 to completely repair the generator. The Board would like to table the issue for a week to do more research. Ms. Lindsey advised that the Fair Board wants to move into the fair office earlier than August 22nd. The Board requested that Ms. Lindsey continue moving out in a timely manner and if the office is available before the 22nd, then the Fair Board can move in. Ms. Bechtol received an email regarding a volunteer animal control officer. The Board requested that Ms. Bechtol send a return email advising that they do not have enough information to make a decision. Ms. Bechtol advised that the Washington State Association of Counties is organizing a Voluntary Stewardship Committee and they are looking for volunteers. The Board tabled the issue until next week. Ms. Bechtol requested reauthorization to pay the balance due for the gravel and topsoil that was authorized last year for the fairgrounds heating grant. The balance due is \$1200 and will come out of the fairgrounds fund. The Board approved. Ms. Bechtol advised that the Rail Corridor Committee is requesting a page on the county website. The Board authorized a link to a page but not a page on the county website. Ms. Bechtol advised that the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) annual conference is November 15th through the 17th. Commissioner Dansel & Heath will attend. Ms. Bechtol requested \$100 for dues for Washington Association of County Commission Council Clerks. The Board approved.

Consent:

Misc. Non-Dept. Funds Transfer in the amount of \$200.00 to the Airport Fund for a portion of 2011 CE Contribution – August vouchers. (Exhibit 1)

Misc. Non-Dept. Funds Transfer in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Law Library for 2011 CE Contribution. (Exhibit 2)

Distressed Area Funds Transfer in the amount of \$4,842.00 to Capital Improvement to correct the first payment for the Courthouse Steps & ADA Ramp Project billed to the wrong budget. (Exhibit 3)

Vouchers/Warrants: Funding in the amount of \$ has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher # for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$46,713.89.

County Road in the amount of \$26,849.44.

Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$10.70.

Veteran's Relief in the amount of \$500.00.

Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$323.67.

Boating Safety in the amount of \$314.54.

Court Facilitator in the amount of \$200.00.

Inmate Welfare in the amount of \$866.92.

Title III in the amount of \$664.66.

Affordable Housing for All in the amount of \$625.00.

Clerks Collection Fund in the amount of \$44.00.

Recreation Fund in the amount of \$336.63.

Law Library in the amount of \$970.73.

Weed Control in the amount of \$1,317.03.

Tourism in the amount of \$584.00.

Connections Transportation in the amount of \$434.58.

Fair Grounds Management in the amount of \$1,263.88.

Connections in the amount of \$4,494.18.

Airport in the amount of \$166.48.

Solid Waste in the amount of \$29,253.09.

Post Closure in the amount of \$956.00.

Equipment Rental & Revolving in the amount of \$76,666.90.

Management Info Systems in the amount of \$420.00.

Medical Trust in the amount of \$471.00.

Fire District #13 in the amount of \$3,785.81.

Fire District #14 in the amount of \$3,113.49.

Curlew Water District in the amount of \$479.68.

E.M.S. District in the amount of \$7,931.89. (Exhibit 4)

Cemetery Speed Limit: Cemetery Association President Carol Bowe met with the Board to discuss the Cemetery speed limit. Ms. Bowe advised the Board that the Cemetery is having problems with speeding and would like to have 3 signs posted for 10

mph. There currently are no signs at this time. The Board approved and this is will be referred to Public Works to order the signs.

Prosecutor's Annex: Prosecuting Attorney Mike Sandona met with the Board to give an update on the move to the Prosecutor's Annex. Mr. Sandona advised that the date has been set for September 12th. Mr. Sandona inquired if they could close the office for the day to move. There is no court scheduled for that day. The Board approved.

Public Works & Solid Waste Update: Director Troy Reynolds, Office Manager/Controller Sharon Sattler, and Solid Waste Coordinator Kristy Cromwell met with the Board to give updates. Also present was Cliff Couse from Couse's Sanitation. Ms. Sattler wanted to follow up on the airport property survey. Ms. Sattler advised that she can get the surveyors added to the small works roster. Mr. Reynolds advised the Board that he has received a request from WSDOT to return funds allocated for the railroad crossing in Orient. Mr. Reynolds has researched the National Transportation Board's website but was unable to get into the website to determine if the railroad is being decommissioned. The Board is unsure of the status of the railroad and suggested that the money be de-obligated. Mr. Reynolds inquired about the culvert where the rail trail crosses Lambert Creek. Mr. Reynolds is working on the Jarpa to fix the culverts that go under the West Curlew Lake Road and wants to know if the trail culvert should be included in his permit. The Board requested that it be included. Mr. Reynolds advised that the Golden Tiger Pathway needs to be fog sealed. The Board requested Mr. Reynolds provide a quote on the cost of the fog seal. Mr. Reynolds reported that Bridge Creek 4 is being paved. Barnaby Creek project has been put on standby until the water level recedes. There has been 9300 yards of sand hauled from the fairgrounds pit. The plan will be to return to this pit two years from now. The Board inquired about the County Road Administration Board's emergency funding and whether Mr. Reynolds has requested funding and inquired for category 07 & 08 roads. Mr. Reynolds advised that our flood damaged roads do not qualify. The Board inquired if Mr. Reynolds has access to sand pits in the south end of the county. Mr. Reynolds advised that it is still a work in progress.

Homeless Funds: Connections Director Kate Rowe Malorett and Auditor's Chief Deputy/Controller Joyce Schertenleib met with the Board to discuss the Homeless Funds. Ms. Schertenleib advised that the funds were established a few years ago and the Task Force needs to submit a budget for the preliminary budget review. Ms. Rowe Malorett advised that the Task Force has been inactive and as a member she is unable to call a meeting to take care of business. Commissioner Dansel made a motion to appoint Ms. Rowe Malorett as a co-chair to the Task force. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Curlew Lake Ranches Easements: Citizen Korey McGaffey, Richard Owens and Greg Perkins met with the Board to discuss easements on Curlew Lake Ranches Division 1. Also present was Public Works Director Troy Reynolds. Mr. McGaffey requested clarification on easements on old West Curlew Lake Road and would like the county engineer to research the matter. Mr. Reynolds advised that they need to get a permit to do work on a county road. The Board referred them to the Planning Department for further research.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m. until August 16, 2011.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BRAD L. MILLER, Chairman

Approved 8/29/11

ATTEST: _____

Debbie Bechtol, Clerk of the Board