

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD
Of Ferry County Commissioners
September 12, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m. by Chairman Miller with Commissioner Heath and Dansel present. Also present was Citizen Michael Sternberg.

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda:

Board Reports:

Commissioner Heath, District #3:

Lake Roosevelt Vacation Cabins Commissioner Heath reported that he visited with residents of the Lake Roosevelt Vacation Cabins in the Sherman Homes area. Commissioner Heath advised the residents that the Board has sent a letter to the National Parks Service as well as our congressional delegation with their concerns on the vacation cabins.

North East Tri County Health District Commissioner Heath reported that he attended the entrance audit conference for Tri County Health District.

Ferry County Fair Commissioner Heath advised the Board that he attended the Ferry County Fair.

Commissioner Dansel, District #2:

Republic City Council Commissioner Dansel reported that he attended the Republic City Council meeting and gave the Council an update on what is going on at the county.

Elected Officials and Department Heads Commissioner Dansel reported that he met with various Elected Officials and Department Heads and gave them an update.

Commissioner Dansel is pleased with the communication between the Elected Officials, Department Heads and the Commissioner's office.

Buckhorn Community Advisory Committee Commissioner Heath advised that he attended the Buckhorn Community Advisory Committee meeting at the Eagle Cliff Grange.

Regional Support Network (RSN) Commissioner Dansel reported that he attend the RSN meeting in Davenport there they presented a budget with cost of living and other increases. Commissioner Dansel was happy to report that they trimmed the budget.

Commissioner Miller, District #1:

Ferry County Health Foundation Gala Commissioner Miller reported that he attended the planning meeting for the Inaugural Ferry County Health Foundation Gala. There will be dinner, music, silent auction, and live auction on October 1 at the hospital. Funds raised by the Health Foundation will be used to help the hospital.

Buckhorn Community Advisory Committee Commissioner Miller reported that he attended the Buckhorn Community Advisory Committee meeting at the Eagle Cliff Grange. Discussion was held on traffic and dust control.

Saint Peters Creek Commissioner Miller reported that he met with a resident on Saint Peters Creek who is concerned about flood damage to that road. Commissioner Miller advised the resident that Public Works is aware of the problem and is addressing the issue.

Minute Approval: After review and discussion Commissioner Dansel made a motion to approve the minutes of August 29, 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 September 6, 2011 as corrected. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Commissioner Heath abstained due to not being present at the meeting. The motion carried with a majority vote.

Correspondence Review:

Letter from Stevens County Commissioners in full support of Okanogan County's request to delist the Grey Wolf. (Exhibit 1)

Letter to the Washington State Auditor's Office confirming the county having made appropriate inquires to be able to provide the county's representations made to them during their audit. (Exhibit 2)

Letter from Treasurer Kathleen Rupp requesting authorization to hire additional staff. (Exhibit 3)

Commissioner's Staff Update: Clerk of the Board Debbie Bechtol met with the Board to give an update. Ms. Bechtol provided the Board with a preliminary report on the exit conference with the State Auditor's office. The Board advised Ms. Bechtol that the Fair Association will need more time in the fair office to close out the fair.

State Auditor's Exit Conference: Washington State Auditor's Assistant Audit Manager Jake Santistevan met with the Board via speaker phone for the State Auditor's Exit Conference. Also present were Auditor Dianna Galvan, Chief Deputy/Controller Joyce Schertenleib, Public Works Office Manager/Controller Sharon Sattler, Treasurer Kathleen Rupp and Clerk of the Board Debbie Bechtol. Mr. Santistevan advised the Board that he appreciates the consideration given to him and his staff. Mr. Santistevan inquired if the Board had received a copy of the Financial Statement Audit. (Exhibit 4) The Board advised Mr. Santistevan that they have. There were no findings or recommendations. Mr. Santistevan advised the Board that they enjoy coming up to Ferry County and look forward to returning for next years audit.

Consent:

CE Misc. Non-Dept. Funds Transfer in the amount of \$424.40 to Enhanced 911 to reimburse E911 for the 911 Coordinator deputy hours. (Exhibit 5)

Ferry County Contract for Front Courthouse Steps & Wheelchair Ramp Amendment between Ferry County and Beaver Built Construction to expand the project to the sidewalk and the end of the wheelchair ramp. (Exhibit 6)

Order to Refund Property Taxes under the provisions of RCW 84.69.020 petitions for a refund of taxes extended upon the tax rolls of Ferry County for the years 2009 & 2011. (Exhibit 7 & 8)

Department of Ecology Interagency Agreement between the Department of Ecology and Ferry County Waste Management for the purpose of providing funding for Community Litter Cleanup Program. (Exhibit 9)

Resolution No. 2011-50 Directing the Prosecuting Attorney to Work with the Ferry County Public Records Officer by providing legal advice for all Public Records Requests. After review and discussion Commissioner Heath made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-50 Directing the Prosecuting Attorney to Work with the Ferry County Public Records Officer by providing legal advice for all Public Records Requests. Commissioner Dinsel seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. (Exhibit 10)

Vouchers/Warrants: Funding in the amount of \$1,693.24 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #242933-242935 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$1,518.24.

Mosquito Control Dist. #1 in the amount of \$175.00. (Exhibit 11)

Vouchers/Warrants: Funding in the amount of \$(88.26) has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #942859 and canceling warrant #242859 for the following:

Clearing Fund in the amount of \$(88.26). (Exhibit 12)

2012 Insurance Review: AIA Insurance Agent Fred Lee and Risk Manager Jill Gates met with the Board to discuss the County property and liability insurance policy renewal. Also present was Clerk of the Board Debbie Bechtol. Mr. Lee provided the Board with a summary of coverage's and reviewed values of vehicles and property. (Exhibit 13) This policy term reflects an increase of 6% which goes to the WRCIP's insurance pool and 4% increase in property values. Mr. Lee presented the Board with a quote for the Airport liability that would double the liability coverage and save the county money. (Exhibit 14) The Board made the decision to move the Airport liability to the new company. Mr. Lee thanked the Board for the opportunity to be the counties insurance agent.

Fair Grounds Maintenance Supervisor: Fair Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Larry Maxwell met with the Board. Also present was Fair Manager Cathy Lindsey. Mr. Maxwell gave a brief description of various items that need maintenance. The Board advised Mr. Maxwell that they would like him to use his discretion on prioritizing his projects and to be conscience of the budget.

Prosecutor's Annex Update: Office Administrative Assistant Cindy Nelson met with the Board to give an update on the Prosecutor's Annex. The Board inquired about signage identifying the annex. Ms. Nelson advised that she is planning on a wooden sign placed between the concrete pillars that are in the yard. The Board also suggested that there needs to be a sign directing the public to the front door. Ms. Nelson advised that she will work with the Maintenance Department to get all the signs needed. Ms. Nelson advised that she will also need funding for steps that were not included when the ramp and the deck were completed. This funding is not needed immediately and could wait for next year. Ms. Nelson advised the Board that they will be moving in on Monday the 19th. The Board inquired when the Prosecutor's office will be operating out of the Annex. Ms. Nelson advised that the Prosecutor's Office will be operating out of the Annex by September 26th.

Gibraltar Trail: Citizen Larry Beardslee met with the Board to discuss the Gibraltar Trail. Also present was Steve Anthes. Mr. Beardslee is working on the Gibraltar Trail and would like to know the route through the fairgrounds that the Board would like Mr. Beardslee to use for the trail. The Board advised that there would be times that the area would be closed when events are going on at the fairgrounds. The Board approved the trail going through the fairgrounds with limitations and advised Mr. Beardslee that there is a lot more work to be done on the project. Mr. Anthes advised the Board that he has information dating back to the beginning of the project. The Board requested that Mr. Anthes provide Mr. Beardslee with the information that he has.

Treasurer Update/Personnel: Treasurer Kathleen Rupp, Risk Manager/Human Resources Jill Gates, Auditor Dianna Galvan, Chief Deputy/Controller Joyce Schertenleib and Clerk of the Board Debbie Bechtol met with the Board to discuss personnel for the Treasurer's office. Ms. Rupp provided the Board with a letter explaining how critical their need is for additional help. Ms. Rupp is requesting authorization to hire a full time employee in her office. Commissioner Dansel made a motion to hire additional personnel for the Treasurer's office. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. until September 19, 2011.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BRAD L. MILLER, Chairman

Approved 9/19/11

ATTEST: _____
Debbie Bechtol, Clerk of the Board