

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD  
Of Ferry County Commissioners  
September 19, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m. by Chairman Miller with Commissioner Dansel present. Commissioner Heath was absent.

**Additions & Corrections to the Agenda:**

**Board Reports:**

**Commissioner Dansel, District #2:**

Connections Advisory Board Commissioner Dansel reported that he attended the Connections Advisory meeting where they were brought up to date on current issues and concerns.

Elected Officials and Department Heads Commissioner Dansel advised that he met with various Elected Officials and Department Heads. Superior Court advised that the state is coming out with new computer system for the courts in the distant future.

Commissioner Dansel reported that the Auditor will need to meet for the redistricting of the county districts. Commissioner Dansel met with payroll deputy/accountant and reviewed the union contract along with discussing the Bias program for the Auditor's office and she believes it will be a benefit for not only the Auditor but the Treasurer's office also. Commissioner Dansel reported that he met with the Weed Board and was advised that the rail corridor and certain county roads were sprayed.

Forest Service Commissioner Dansel reported that he met with the new Forest Ranger Robert Sanchez.

**Commissioner Miller, District #1:**

Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Commissioner Miller reported that he went to Washington DC to lobby for the reauthorization of the PILT payments. Commissioner Miller was chosen by Washington State Association of Counties to represent the state on this issue and paid for the trip.

Open House Commissioner Miller reported that he attended the open house at the Car Truck Museum in Curlew for the Grand Opening of Lembcke Brothers steam sawmill.

**Minute Approval:** After review and discussion Commissioner Dansel made a motion to approve the minutes of September 12, 2011 as corrected. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried with a majority vote.

**Commissioners Staff Update:** Clerk of the Board Debbie Bechtol, Deputy Clerk of the Board Teri Kinney and Human Resources/Risk Manager Jill gates met with the Board to give updates. Ms. Bechtol provided the Board with the job description for the Deputy

position in the Treasurer's office. The Board approved. Ms. Bechtol advised that the Fairgrounds Maintenance Supervisor has a limited amount of hours left for this years budget due to the hours worked at the fair. The Board advised that the hours worked during the fair were in addition to the budgeted hours. Ms. Gates advised the Board that there is no insurance coverage for the bridge at the fairgrounds. Ms. Kinney advised that she has received a request from Connections to use the front lawn of the courthouse for their annual peace rally in October. The Board approved.

**Health Insurance Contract Renewal:** Auditor's Payroll Deputy/Accountant Dana Kincaid, Auditor's Chief Deputy/Controller Joyce Schertenleib, Risk Manager Jill Gates, Clerk of the Board Debbie Bechtol met with the Board to discuss the health insurance contract renewal. Ms. Kincaid advised that she has received the health insurance contract renewal and needs to know how much the county is going to pay for the employee's health insurance coverage. The Board would like to offer one plan to the employees and pay for the coverage for that one plan.

**Consent:**

Jail Bond Funds Transfer in the amount of \$1,101.64 to Inmate Welfare to pay a portion of the cost for new cameras and DVR for the Jail. (Exhibit 1)

PBX Funds Transfer in the amount of \$917.93 to Auditor's O&M for September 2011 interfund loan payment for the phone system. (Exhibit 2)

CE Misc. Non-Dept. Funds Transfer in the amount of \$129,468.71 to Insurance Fund for insurance renewal for 2011-2012. (Exhibit 3)

Auditor's O&M Funds Transfer in the amount of \$16,178.87 to Auditor & Elections for January to September salary reimbursement. (Exhibit 4)

Fair Funds Transfer in the amount of \$2,511.23 to Fairgrounds for Fairgrounds Maintenance Supervisor salary & benefits during the 2011 annual fair. (Exhibit 5)

CE Misc. Non-Dept. Funds Transfer in the amount of \$800.00 to Law Library for a portion of CE Contribution for 2011 September vouchers. (Exhibit 6)

CE Misc. Non-Dept. Funds Transfer in the amount of \$1,700.00 to Airport for a portion of 2011 CE Contribution September vouchers. (Exhibit 7)

CE Misc. Non-Dept. Funds Transfer in the amount of \$11,000.00 to Fairgrounds Fund for a portion of 2011 contribution for September vouchers and 2011-2012 insurance renewal. (Exhibit 8)

Boating Safety Funds Transfer in the amount of \$2,937.40 to Current Expense Sheriff for salary/benefit reimbursement for August 2011. (Exhibit 9)

Advertisement for Ferry County Commissioners Special Meeting Notice for meeting with the Stevens and Pend Oreille County Commissioners on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. to discuss the Colville and Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forests' Forest Plan

Revision Proposed Action, Superior Court Judge Rebecca Baker's successor, proposed Cougar bill, wolves and Ruckelshaus legislation. (Exhibit 10)  
Advertisement for Notice of Public Hearing in the matter of Adoption of the 2012 Preliminary Budget reflecting estimated revenues and expenditures. (Exhibit 11)  
Ferry County Job Description for Deputy Treasurer in the Treasurer's office. (Exhibit 12)  
Final Contract Voucher Certificate between Ferry County and Knife River for County Road Project #111 in the amount of \$223,376.18. (Exhibit 13)  
Resolution No. 2011-51 Bridge Creek 4 Guardrail Installation declaring this project a public necessity. After review and discussion Commissioner Dansel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-51 Bridge creek 4 Guardrail Installation. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. (Exhibit 14)  
Annual Revaluation Program Grant Agreement between Ferry County and the Department of Revenue. (Exhibit 15)  
Sub-recipient Agreement between Ferry County and the Curlew Water and Sewer District for the Curlew Wastewater Treatment Facility and Collection System project. (Exhibit 16)  
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 year 2011. (Exhibit 17)  
Public Utility District No.1 Revolving Loan/Grant Fund Application between Ferry County and Ferry County PUD in the amount of \$1,900. (Exhibit 18)

**Vouchers/Warrants:** Funding in the amount of \$51,657.24 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #19581-19584 and direct payment advice #107876-107934 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$23,315.24.

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 19)

**Vouchers/Warrants:** Funding in the amount of \$1,657,076.26 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #242990-243177 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$48,509.56.

County Road in the amount of \$1,044,361.72.

County Fair in the amount of \$4,808.46.

Merry Go Round in the amount of \$51.35.

Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$28.14.

Veteran's Relief in the amount of \$500.00.  
Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$575.81.  
Boating Safety in the amount of \$480.44.  
Inmate Welfare in the amount of \$364.51.  
Title III in the amount of \$5,528.14.  
Affordable Housing for All in the amount of \$595.00.  
Law Library in the amount of \$1,168.89.  
Crime Victims in the amount of \$49.58.  
Weed Control in the amount of \$4,208.49.  
Tourism in the amount of \$605.16.  
Connections Transportation in the amount of \$3,781.14.  
Fair Grounds Management in the amount of \$13,780.00.  
Connections in the amount of \$20,228.93.  
Airport in the amount of \$1,747.72.  
Distressed Area in the amount of \$4,842.00.  
Solid Waste in the amount of \$35,070.68.  
Post Closure in the amount of \$1,766.93.  
Equipment Rental & Revolving in the amount of \$149,406.43.  
Management Info Systems in the amount of \$897.72.  
Insurance fund in the amount of \$311,155.00.  
Medical Trust in the amount of \$36.82.  
E.M.S. District in the amount of \$2,527.40. (Exhibit 20)

**Bid Opening –Metal Recycling:** At 11:30 a.m. a bid opening was held at the Commissioner's office for the Metal Recycling at which time bids were publicly opened and read. Solid Waste Coordinator Kristy Cromwell and citizen Steve Hinds were present. The bids were received as follows:

Weddle Trucking      \$165.00 per ton      (Exhibit 21)

**Public Hearing Trail ADA Rules & Regulations for Non-Motorized Trails**

**Ordinance:** At 1:00 p.m. the Board held a Public Hearing in the matter of the Trail ADA Rules & Regulations for Non-Motorized Trails managed by the county. The hearing was recorded and attendance sheet is on file. After review, public comments and discussion the hearing was continued until October 3, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

**Tri-County Commissioners:** Stevens County Commissioners and Pend Oreille County Commissioners met with the Board via speaker phone to discuss the appointment of the new Superior Court Judge. A suggestion was made to see if the two finalists can attend the special meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Works & Solid Waste Update:** Public Works Director Troy Reynolds and Solid Waste Coordinator Kristy Cromwell met with the Board to give updates. Mr. Reynolds made the recommendation to accept the bid for the metal recycling from Weddle Trucking. Commissioner Dansel made a motion to accept the metal recycling bid from Weddle Trucking. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. Mr. Reynolds advised the Board that he will do the Jarpa for the fairgrounds bridge repair. Mr. Reynolds advised that he has a quote for a flatbed trailer frame to be use as a bridge for the rail corridor at Lambert Creek. Mr. Reynolds reported that he is applying for grants from the Department of Ecology with 25% matching funds for a storm water system in Curlew. The Board would like to know what all the requirements are for the storm water system. Mr. Reynolds informed the Board that he is working to secure permits with the Colville Confederated Tribes and the BIA for sand pits in the south end of the county. Mr. Reynolds also informed the Board that he is working on an agreement for this years sand with Okanogan County.

**Ferry Conservation District Curlew Creek Project:** Grant Writer/Project Manager Marta Brakke from Ferry Conservation District met with the Board to discuss a project on Curlew Creek. Ms. Brakke wrote an education grant on erosion with the Verle Kaiser Foundation at Washington State University. Ferry Conservation District has been awarded the grant and the plan is to teach young people about prevention of soil erosion. Ms. Brakke will start with the 9<sup>th</sup> grade class at Curlew High School. It is a 2 year project and the class will finish the project in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Ms. Brakke selected a small area on Curlew Creek that is within walking distance of the school. The students will write a 2 year plan, inspect the site, do the labor to rebuild the bank and propagate the native trees as well as plant the trees and monitor the water quality along the creek. Ms. Brakke is working with the Public Works Director as it is on county right-of-way. The Board approved. The Board suggested that if funding continues they would like them to keep the project ongoing. Ms. Brakke plans on writing and applying for more grants to further this project. The Board inquired about the Firewise Community projects and expressed concerns about the scope of work on the seven communities written in the contract. Ms Brakke assured the Board that she will work within those communities from this date forward.

**Six Steps to a Highly Effective Organization:** WSU Extension Agent Dan Fagerlie met with the Board. Mr. Fagerlie introduced Kayla Wells the new Family Consumer Science employee from south end of the county. The Board welcomed Ms. Wells. Mr. Fagerlie advised that he has received funding from a private donor and the Colville Confederated Tribe for the 6 Steps to a Highly Effective Organization. These funds will be used to hold the classes and teach organizations how to be highly effective.

**Going Annual Grant:** Assessor Rachel Siracuse met with the Board to discuss the Going Annual Grant. Ms. Siracuse advised the Board that approximately 2 years ago the state passed a law that requires all counties to do property valuations annually. Ms. Siracuse advised that currently the county is on the 4 year cycle which requires approximately 2,500 evaluations per year. When the county starts evaluating all parcels annually they will be evaluating up to 10,000 parcels per year. Ms. Siracuse informed the Board that Ferry County is eligible for a \$42,000 grant to help with this transition however it is a reimbursement grant.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. until September 26, 2011.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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BRAD L. MILLER, Chairman

**Approved 9-26-11**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debbie Bechtol, Clerk of the Board