

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD  
Of Ferry County Commissioners  
September 26, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m. by Chairman Miller with Commissioner Heath and Dandel present. Also present was Citizen Michael Sternberg.

**Additions & Corrections to the Agenda:** Commissioner Miller left the meeting at 1:23 p.m. to attend the General Administration Energy Program meeting. Commissioner Miller returned to the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

**Board Reports:**

**Commissioner Heath, District #3:**

Orient School Commissioner Heath advised that he wrote a letter responding to the citizens that were concerned about the Orient School improvement project.

RC&D Commissioner Heath reported that he attended the RC&D meeting where they discussed hiring a part time administrator.

Martin Hall Commissioner Heath advised that he attended the Martin Hall meeting. Commissioner Heath reported that the bed count is down. They reviewed the preliminary budget for 2012 and Ferry County's cost is for 2012 is \$31,937.

**Commissioner Dandel, District #2:**

Stevens County Commissioners Commissioner Dandel reported that he attended the Stevens County Commissioners meeting with National Park Service regarding the vacation cabins on Lake Roosevelt.

Republic School BBQ Commissioner Dandel reported that he attended the BBQ at the republic school for the new playground equipment that was purchased with the help of Kinross.

Fair Board Commissioner Dandel advised that he attended the Fair Board meeting.

Kinross Buckhorn Mine Tour Commissioner Dandel advised that he attended the Kinross Buckhorn mine tour. Commissioner Dandel was impressed by Kinross's focus on environmental safety as well as the health and safety of its employees.

**Commissioner Miller, District #1:**

Stevens County Commissioners Commissioner Miller reported that he attended the Stevens County Commissioners meeting with National Parks Service to discuss the Lake Roosevelt vacation cabins. Commissioner Miller heard from the National Parks Service that the decision that the cabins cannot be occupied year round is an administrative policy not a law.

Canfield Commissioner Miller reported that he attended the meeting at Canfield for their annual budget review. Commissioner Miller advised that the budget projection is on

target and will be final in another month. Canfield has a prelitigation plan to minimize loss through litigation which will include training of Ferry County staff.

Kinross Buckhorn Mine Tour Commissioner Miller advised that he attended the Kinross Buckhorn mine tour. Commissioner Miller reported that the tour was very interesting and attendance included a good cross section of folks from schools and Ferry & Okanogan counties.

**Minute Approval:** After review and discussion Commissioner Dandel made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2011 as corrected. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried with a majority vote.

**Correspondence Review:**

Letter to Rail Corridor Committee authorizing committee members to have access to the Rail Corridor for one day, September 26, 2011. (Exhibit 1)

Memo to all Ferry County Employees for ADA chairlift training and procedures. (Exhibit 2)

Letter to Forest Plan Revision Team regarding the proposed Forest Plan Revision. (Exhibit 3)

**Elected Officials & Department Heads Update:** Planning Director Irene Whipple, Assessor Rachel Siracuse, Connections Director Kate Rowe Malorett, Public Works Office Manager/Controller Sharon Sattler, Ferry County Clerk Jean Booher, WSU Extension Agent Dan Fagerlie, Maintenance Director Erin McBride, and Auditor Dianna Galvan met with the Board to give updates. Ms. Siracuse gave an updated on the Prosecutor's move to the annex building. Ms. Siracuse inquired about who will be going into the vacated office in the courthouse. Discussion was held on the Planning department moving in. The majority of the Board feels that the Planning Department needs to move into the office vacated by the Prosecutor's office. Ms. Galvan made a request for a baby changing table in the women's bathroom. The Board requested Ms. McBride research the price of the changing table. Ms. Siracuse reported that employees are interested in group rates for personal accounts with AT&T. The Board requested Ms. Galvan research the matter further. Ms. Galvan advised that she will be having a committee meeting on October 6 to start the process of redistricting for election purposes due to the outcome of the 2010 census. The Board will have public hearings for the final adoption of the new districts before the end of the year. Mr. Fagerlie gave an update for the department heads on 6 Steps to Highly Effective Organizations and the Stronger Economies Together programs. Mr. Fagerlie reported that his Heat Project Coordinator is still researching energy savings for the county. Ms. Booher reported that the collections are going very well. The Board read a letter to the editor out of the Ferry County View complimenting the county employees. The Board reported that they will be

attending a Tri-County Commissioner meeting to discuss various issues and will also be meeting with Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers regarding the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) money. Commissioner Miller reported that he went to Washington DC along with 29 other commissioners around the nation. Commissioner Miller was chosen and the trip was paid for by Washington State Association of Counties. The group lobbied members of Congress on the importance of the Secure Rural Schools & Payment In Lieu of Taxes money.

**Commissioners Working Session:** The Commissioners held a working session to draft a letter to the Forest Service to comment on the Forest Service's Forest Plan Revision.

**Consent:**

Tourism (KRAB) Funds Transfer in the amount of \$156.20 to Weed for weed spraying of Brixner Park. (Exhibit 3)

Housing and Essential Needs Grant between Ferry County Connections and Community Services and Housing Division Housing Assistance Unit. (Exhibit 4)

TerraScan Software License Agreement for Ferry County Treasurer's Office for the use of the TerraScan software, related documentation, customer support, and any upgrades. (Exhibit 5)

Letter of Interest from Falcon Price of Kinross Gold to replace Solid Waste Advisory Committee Member Kevin Mitchum of Kinross Gold. After review and discussion Commissioner Dandel made a motion to appoint Falcon Price to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. (Exhibit 7)

**Vouchers/Warrants:** Funding in the amount of \$1,335.26 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #243185-243186 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$1,101.45.

Inmate Welfare in the amount of \$233.81. (Exhibit 6)

**Veterans Assistance Board:** Hugh Maycumber met with the Board to discuss the Veterans Assistance Board bylaws. After review and discussion, the Board requested that Mr. Maycumber take the bylaws back to the Veterans Assistance Board and review the changes that were suggested.

**Payroll Software:** Auditor Dianna Galvan and Joyce Schertenleib met with the Board to discuss new payroll software. Ms. Galvan advised the Board that Bias Software is offering a 5% discount for payment in full. Ms. Galvan reported that a loan from

Auditor's O&M with a 5 year payment plan to purchase the software will also save the county money. Commissioner Dansel made a motion to purchase the Bias software with a loan from the Auditor's O&M fund with a .5% interest rate. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

**Commissioner Staff Update:** Clerk of the Board Debbie Bechtol met with the Board to give an update. Ms. Bechtol advised the Board that the Weed Board has sprayed the rail corridor and would like to know out of what fund the bill will be paid. The Board advised her that it would come out of the Trail Reserve Fund. Ms. Bechtol advised that she has received a funding request from Aging and Long Term Care in the amount of \$1,385 which is the same as last year. The Board approved. Ms. Bechtol advised that she has received Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) dues, which have gone up \$271. The Board feels that WSAC is very valuable and approved the expenditure.

**Coordinated Prevention Grant (CPG):** Solid Waste Coordinator Kristy Cromwell and Public Works Director Troy Reynolds met with the Board to discuss the CPG Grant. Also present was Tri County Economic Development Specialist Julie Abernethy. Ms. Cromwell received notification from the Department of Ecology that Ferry County will receive \$67,000. Mr. Reynolds inquired about how the Board wanted the survey of the airport done. The Board would like to have the property made into one parcel.

**Energy Assessment:** WSU Extension Agent Dan Fagerlie, Heat Project Coordinator Jerry Graser and MIS Director Darrell Dirks met with the Board to discuss the Courthouse Energy Assessment. Mr. Graser advised that it is costing \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year to heat the courthouse. Mr. Graser has been researching alternatives to heat the courthouse. Mr. Fagerlie and Mr. Graser recommend the General Administration Energy Program.. They have a method of identifying, implementing and financing energy and utility efficiency projects. Then by leveraging utility savings along with grants and capital dollars, projects can typically be funded within existing budgets. The Board would like to move forward and request a draft agreement.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until October 03, 2011.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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BRAD L. MILLER, Chairman

**Approved 10/3/11**

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