

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD
Of Ferry County Commissioners
October 3, 2011**

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

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda: An Executive Session was added to the agenda at 3:30 p.m.

Board Reports:

Commissioner Heath, District #3:

Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers Commissioner Heath reported that he attended a meeting with Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers in Colville where they discussed a variety of issues.

Rural Resources Commissioner Heath reported that he attended the Rural Resources meeting where they discussed the Head Start salary schedule for 2012 and made minor changes to their bylaws.

Tri County Commissioners Commissioner Heath reported that he attended the Tri County Commissioners meeting where they discussed the Forest Plan Revision and the Ruckelhaus bill.

Inaugural Hospital Gala Commissioner Heath advised that he attended the Inaugural Hospital Gala.

Commissioner Dansel, District #2:

Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers Commissioner Dansel reported that he attended the meeting with Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers in Colville where they discussed Payment in Lieu of Taxes and Secure Rural Schools along with other county issues.

Tri County Commissioners Commissioner Dansel reported that he attended the Tri County Commissioners meeting.

Union Negotiations Commissioner Dansel reported that he attended the union negotiations.

State Agricultural Committee Commissioner Dansel attended the State Agricultural Committee meeting in Okanogan County. Representatives Shelley Short and Joel Kretz and Senator Morton were also in attendance. Commissioner Dansel informed the Board that the best testimony came from Commissioner Miller.

Council of Governments (COG) Commissioner Dansel reported that he attended the COG meeting where they reviewed a report from Department of Health and Department of Ecology where they received the results of a fish study.

Inaugural Hospital Gala Commissioner Dansel advised that he attended the Inaugural Hospital Gala which was a great success.

Fair's Annual Dinner Commissioner Dansel reported that he attended the Fair's Annual Dinner meeting.

Commissioner Miller, District #1:

Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers Commissioner Miller reported that he attended the meeting with Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers and was able to give feedback to the Congresswoman. Among the issues discussed was the Lake Roosevelt Vacation Cabins.

Tri County Commissioners Commissioner Miller advised that he attended the Tri County Commissioners meeting where they discussed the Rucklehaus bill and Commissioner Miller feels it is in the counties best interest to opt in to Volunteer Stewardship Program.

Conservation District Commissioner Miller reported that he attended the Conservation District meeting where they also discussed the Volunteer Stewardship Program.

Tri County Economic Development (TEDD) Commissioner Miller reported that he attended the TEDD meeting where the TEDD Board voted to eliminate two Economic Development Specialists because the funding is no longer available for that scope of work. However, they will create two new positions that they have funding for.

Tri County Health District Commissioner Miller advised that he attended the Tri County Health District Budget Committee meeting. The Health District requested an increase in contributions from the Counties.

Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Commissioner Miller reported that he attended the WSAC budget workshop in Okanogan.

State Agricultural Committee Commissioner Miller advised that he attended the State Agricultural Committee meeting where he testified on behalf of the County.

Commissioner Miller suggested streamlining the permitting process to allow natural resource industries to continue.

Inaugural Hospital Gala Commissioner Miller advised that he attended the Inaugural Hospital Gala.

Fair's Annual Dinner Commissioner Miller reported that he attended the Fair's Annual Dinner meeting.

Minute Approval: After review and discussion Commissioner Heath made a motion to approve the minutes of September 26, 2011 as corrected. Commissioner Dansel seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Correspondence Review:

Letter to Aging & Long Term Care of Eastern Washington advising that Ferry County will continue to provide financial support of \$1,385.00 for 2012. (Exhibit 1)

Commissioners Staff Update: Risk Manager Jill Gates and Clerk of the Board Debbie Bechtol met with the Board to give updates. Ms. Gates inquired about the cell phone resolution that is being amended. The Board requested that Ms. Gates email the amended resolution to all the departments for their review. Ms. Bechtol inquired about the Northeast Tri County Health District's additional assessment of \$12,300 for 2012. After review and discussion the decision was made to not pay the increased assessment for 2012. Ms. Bechtol inquired about the Planning Department move. The Board advised Ms. Bechtol that the landlord for the Planning Department has offered to reduce the rent to keep them as a tenant. After review and discussion the Board stayed with the decision to move the Planning Department into the courthouse as a cost saving measure.

Public Works Update: Director Troy Reynolds and Office Manager/Controller Sharon Sattler met with the Board to give an update. Mr. Reynolds provided the Board with a memorandum on the status of Curlew Lake Heights Platted Roads which includes Meyers Drive. The memorandum states that the Curlew Lake Heights Long Plat are private platted roads for the use of the long plat residents and the responsibility for maintenance of the platted roads rests with the property owners. The Board requested Mr. Reynolds to get a written opinion from the Prosecuting Attorney. Mr. Reynolds advised the Request for Proposal (RFP) has gone out for the airport survey. Mr. Reynolds informed the Board that the Keller shop sand is coming from Bureau of Reclamation in Grand Coulee. There is no cost for the material and the haul will begin on Tuesday. Mr. Reynolds reported that letters have been submitted to the paper thanking Kinross for the contribution to the Customs Road improvements and another letter to the Colville Confederated Tribes for their contribution to Barnaby Creek project. Mr. Reynolds advised the Board that at the first of the year Public Works will be implementing employee evaluations. Mr. Reynolds reported the Public Works all staff meeting will be held on November 3rd. The Board inquired where it will be. Mr. Reynolds advised that they would like to hold it at the Carousel Building. Commissioner Dansel made a motion to waive the fee for the Carousel Building. Commissioner Heath objected. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried with a majority vote. Mr. Reynolds reported that the shop crews will begin recording their time in January. Mr. Reynolds also reported that he is working on an agreement with ACI Trucking for use of the county crushing equipment in exchange for sand. The Board advised Mr. Reynolds that the Colville Confederated Tribes have scheduled work in the spring on Hall Creek and Silver Creek. Mr. Reynolds will confirm this information.

Consent:

CE Misc. Non-Department Funds Transfer in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the Insurance Fund for a portion of the 2011 CE contribution. (Exhibit 2)

CE Misc. Non-Department Funds Transfer in the amount of \$300.00 to Law Library for 2011 CE contribution. (Exhibit 3)

CE Misc. Non-Department Funds Transfer (Sheriff) in the amount of \$24,500.00 to E911 for 2011 contribution. (Exhibit 4)

CE Misc. Non-Department Funds Transfer in the amount of \$3,500.00 to E911 for a portion of the 2011 contribution. (Exhibit 5)

CE Misc. Non-Department Funds Transfer in the amount of \$2,689.54 to the Insurance Fund for July – September quarterly billing. (Exhibit 6)

CE Misc. Non-Department Funds Transfer in the amount of \$7,500.00 to the Fairgrounds Fund for a portion of 2011 contribution for October payroll and vouchers. (Exhibit 7)

Advertisement for notice of adoption of the Ferry County 2012 Preliminary Budget reflecting estimated revenues and expenditures. (Exhibit 8)

Local Agency Agreement between Ferry County and WSDOT for rail trail trestle decking and gravel surfacing. (Exhibit 9)

Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus for the rail trail trestle decking and gravel surfacing. (Exhibit 10)

Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program Amendment between Ferry County Connections and Washington State Department of Commerce in the amount of \$35,588.00. (Exhibit 11)

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 2008-2011. (Exhibit 12)

Software Agreement between the Ferry County Auditor and Bias for service and support of licensed Bias programs in 2011. (Exhibit 13)

Resolution No. 2011-52 Lifting Restrictions on the Use of Open Flame in Ferry County
After Review and discussion Commissioner Dandel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-52 Lifting Restrictions on the Use of Open Flame in Ferry County. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. (Exhibit 14)

Resolution No. 2011-53 Auditor's O&M Fund to Current Expense Fund Interfund Loan for Auditor's Payroll & Accounting Program. After review and discussion Commissioner Dandel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-53 Auditor's O&M Fund to Current Expense Fund Interfund Loan for Auditor's Payroll & Accounting Program. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. (Exhibit 15)

Vouchers/Warrants: Funding in the amount of \$71,871.36 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #243187-243286 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$41,760.71.
County Fair in the amount of \$3,238.16.
Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$7.54.
Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$1,630.30.
Grant Fund in the amount of \$154.22.
Inmate Welfare in the amount of \$116.12.
Recreation Fund in the amount of \$947.00.
Law Library in the amount of \$294.03.
Crime Victims in the amount of \$16.94.
Weed Control in the amount of \$3,701.67.
Tourism in the amount of \$500.00.
Fair Grounds Management in the amount of \$446.57.
Connections in the amount of \$1,640.24.
Distressed Area in the amount of \$592.35.
Management Info Systems in the amount of \$609.93.
Insurance Fund in the amount of \$5,159.18.
Inchelium Water District in the amount of \$4,060.06.
E.M.S. District in the amount of \$6,996.34. (Exhibit 16)

Vouchers/Warrants: Funding in the amount of \$447,662.36 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #19607-19654 and direct deposit payment advise #107935-108063 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$200,934.88.
County Road in the amount of \$139,389.79.
Fair Association in the amount of \$3,846.51.
Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$1,375.56.
Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$36,128.19.
Grant Fund in the amount of \$516.53.
Weed in the amount of \$5,429.90.
Fairgrounds Management in the amount of \$7,077.33.
Connections in the amount of \$29,177.42.
Management Info Systems in the amount of \$7,568.15.
Insurance Fund in the amount of \$3,175.15.
Fire District #13 in the amount of \$349.86.
Fire District #14 in the amount of \$1,708.95.
Fire District #3 in the amount of \$1,049.59.
Curlew Water in the amount of \$301.43.

Inchelium Water District in the amount of \$3,213.36.
E.M.S. District #1 in the amount of \$6,419.76. (Exhibit 17)

Public Hearing Preliminary Budget Adoption: As per duly published notice the public hearing to adopt Resolution No. 2011-47 Notice of Adoption of the 2012 Preliminary Budget and setting the public hearing on the final 2012 county budget was held at 1:00 p.m. The public hearing was recorded. After review and discussion Commissioner Dansel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-47 Notice of Adoption of the 2012 Preliminary Budget. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. (Exhibit 18)

Continued Public Hearing Trail ADA Rules & Regulations for Non-Motorized Trails Ordinance: At 1:30 p.m. the Board reopened a continued 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 no action was taken and the hearing was continued until October 17, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Forest Service Update: Forest Ranger Robert Sanchez met with the Board to give an update. Also present was Pete Remington, Johnna Exner and Bob Platt. Mr. Sanchez introduced himself as the new Forest Ranger for the Republic Ranger District. Mr. Sanchez gave a brief history of his background. The Board inquired if Mr. Sanchez has reviewed the Revised Forest Plan. Mr. Sanchez advised that he has reviewed parts of it. The Board advised that they have taken a stand against wilderness and provided Mr. Sanchez with a copy of Resolution No. 2011-25 Opposing "Wilderness Designation. Mr. Sanchez advised that the Forest Service has lifted their burn ban. The Forest Service is burning approximately 8 acres northeast of Swan Lake. Mr. Sanchez advised that the Forest Service has started work on Lambert Creek Road and should finish by the end of next week. Mr. Sanchez reported that the Walker Fuels Reduction Proposal project is going out for public comment. Mr. Sanchez advised the Board that his door is always open and they should feel free to visit with him at anytime. The Board thanked Mr. Sanchez for coming in.

Mutual of Omaha: Insurance Agent Deb Drennan and Corey Krupp met with the Board to discuss Mutual of Omaha's disability insurance coverage. Mr. Krupp gave a presentation on a disability policy for county employees. This coverage would be available for purchase by the employees, but would not be paid for by the County. The Board requested time to review the disability insurance coverage proposal.

Tri County Economic Development (TEDD) Update: Director Rob Willford and Economic Development Specialist Julie Abernethy met with the Board to give an update. Mr. Willford advised the Board that there was a vote at the last TEDD Board meeting to match jobs to the grants scope of work. The recommendation is to eliminate the 2 Economic Development Specialists positions and add a Planner position in their place. This Planner position would work for both Stevens and Ferry County and would match the required scope of work as described in the grant. The Planner would do the EDA planning and RTPPO planning. The Board inquired what is needed from Ferry County. Mr. Willford requested a place to have an office if only for part time work out of Ferry County. This could be it shared with Rural Resources.

Executive Session: The Board went into Executive Session at 3:30 pm, as per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) with Risk Manager Jill Gates and Ferry County Sheriff Pete Warner present. The Board returned to open session at 3:55 pm with no action taken.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. until October 04, 2011.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BRAD L. MILLER, Chairman

Approved 10/17/11

ATTEST: _____
Debbie Bechtol, Clerk of the Board