

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD
Of Ferry County Commissioners
October 10, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Miller with Commissioner Dandel and Heath present. Also present was Citizen Michael Sternberg.

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda: An Executive Session was added to the agenda at 3:00 p.m. Minute's approval was cancelled. Rail Corridor Committee was added to the agenda at 2:30 p.m. Lorna Johnson was added to the agenda at 11:40 a.m. for the Kettle River Advisory Board.

Board Reports:

Commissioner Heath, District #3:

Inchelium and Boyds Shop Commissioner Heath reported that he visited the Inchelium and Boyds shop crews.

Keller Senior Dinner Commissioner Heath reported the he attended the Senior Citizen dinner and Weed Board meeting in Keller.

Washington State House of Representatives Education Committee Commissioner Heath advised the Board that he attended the Washington State House of Representatives Education Committee meeting in Davenport. Representatives Joel Kretz and Shelly Short were also in attendance.

Commissioner Dandel, District #2:

Elected Officials and Department Heads Commissioner Dandel reported that he met with various Elected Officials and Department Heads.

Auditor's Redistricting Commissioner Dandel informed the Board that he attended a meeting held by the Auditor. The purpose of the meeting was to redraw Commissioner District lines based on the 2010 census results. There were representatives from the PUD, the Republican Party and the Democratic Party.

Republic Shop Commissioner Dandel reported that he met with the Republic shop crew.

GMA Commissioner Dandel reported that he attended the GMA compliance hearing held by the Growth Management Hearing Board.

Commissioner Miller, District #1:

Benefits Fair Commissioner Miller reported that he attended the benefits fair for the county health insurance.

West Fork Trout Creek Commissioner Miller informed the Board that he went out with Public Works to inspect the West Fork Trout Creek road due to a complaint where the road washed out. It was determined that the road is functional and no work is needed at this time.

GMA Commissioner Miller reported that he attended the Growth Management Hearings Board regarding appeals to the Critical Areas Ordinance and Resource Lands Ordinance. Gold Mountains Gallery Commissioner Miller reported that he attended the gallery showing of Sandra Sweetman at the Gold Mountains Gallery.

Commissioners Staff Update: Maintenance Director Erin McBride, Clerk of the Board Debbie Bechtol, and Payroll Deputy/Accountant Dana Kincaid met with the Board to give updates. Ms. McBride requested authorization to order fuel for the boiler and the Prosecutor's Annex. Ms. McBride would like to purchase 2,000 gallons for the boiler and 200 gallons for the Prosecutor's Annex. Ms. McBride is researching ice melt for the front steps of the Courthouse. The Board suggested Ms. McBride contact the contractor who repaired the steps and to get his recommendations for the ice melt. Ms. Kincaid advised the Board that she has done research on the health care coverage and discovered that if the County offers a high deductible plan. The County could offset the high deductible for the employee by putting some of the premium savings in a Health Savings Account and still save the County money on premiums. The Board is open to providing the high deductible plan along with the regular plan to the employees. The Board advised Ms. Kincaid that they will discuss the matter and advise her of their decision.

Planning Update: Director Irene Whipple and Building Inspector Mike Nee met with the Board to give an update. Ms. Whipple advised the Board that she has received a petition for review on the GMA. Ms. Whipple has forwarded the petition for review to the GMA attorney. Ms. Whipple advised the Board that she does not want to move her department during the winter months. Ms. Whipple reported that the County is required to meet with the Colville Confederated Tribes regarding the Rucklehaus bill. The Board advised Ms. Whipple that they are setting up a meeting.

Foreman's Update: Foreman Lanny Boyd from the Inchelium shop, Foreman Doug Kellogg from the Republic shop, Foreman Ron Charlton from the Boyds shop, and Foreman Will Rowton from the Curlew shop met with the Board for their quarterly meeting. The Board advised that the pit owned by Doug Auberton may be available for lease and they have reported this to the Public Works Director. Mr. Boyd inquired how the county gets reimbursed for the projects that are completed. The Board informed him that they would have to send that question to the Director. The Board inquired about monthly meetings, moral, and communication. The Foremen reported that they have monthly foreman meetings however they would like to see the Director make more frequent shop visits. The Board advised that the Director will be doing employee evaluations starting in 2012. The Board informed the Foremen that they will be evaluating the Director as well. Mr. Rowton reported that the mechanic shop has had a

great turnaround time and feel it is due to the additional seasonal help the mechanic is receiving.

Consent:

Emergency Shelter and Homelessness Prevention Program Amendment between Ferry County Connections and Washington State Department of Commerce in the amount of \$21,229.00. (Exhibit 1)

Memorandum of Agreement between Ferry County and Robert Weidner for Mr. Weidner's services as Washington D.C. government relation's advisor to Ferry County. (Exhibit 2)

Interagency Agreement between Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission and Ferry County to provide the snow grooming in Ferry County. (Exhibit 3)

Advertisement for Call for Bids for the 2011-2012 Courthouse Snowplowing Services. (Exhibit 4)

Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Ferry County Public Works Department and Curlew School District regarding the cooperative use of facilities, equipment and personnel. (Exhibit 5)

Memo to all Ferry County Employees informing them that the plans for the Planning Department move has changed. (Exhibit 6)

Letter to National Parks, Forest and Public Lands Subcommittee giving support on the proposed National Forest County Revenue, Schools and Jobs Act of 2011. (Exhibit 7)

Memorandum from Engineer Bob Breshears recommending Petersen Brothers, Inc., the lowest bidder, for the Bridge Creek 4 Guardrail project. (Exhibit 8)

Contract between Ferry County and Petersen Brothers, Inc. for Bridge Creek 4 Guardrail project CRP 502. (Exhibit 11)

Vouchers/Warrants: Funding in the amount of \$350.00 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #19655 for the following: County Road in the amount of \$350.00. (Exhibit 9)

Kettle River Advisory Board (KRAB): Chair Lorna Johnson met with the Board to discuss the request to change the Kettle River fishing regulations. Ms. Johnson would like to use the Commissioner's Office for a meeting with Fish and Wildlife to discuss the proposal. The Board approved.

Red Ribbon Week: Americorp Members Nancy Gillam and Cheyenne Jolley met with the Board to discuss Red Ribbon week. Ms. Gillam advised the Board that Red Ribbon Week is October 23rd through October 31st. Ms. Gillam is requesting authorization to put Red Ribbons around Ferry County in recognition of Red Ribbon Week. The Board approved. Ms. Gillam also requested that this week be proclaimed Red Ribbon Week.

Commissioner Dansel made a motion to proclaim October 23rd through October 31st as Red Ribbon Week. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. (Exhibit 10)

E911 Coordinator Ray Maycumber: E911 Coordinator Ray Maycumber met with the Board to discuss a salary agreement. Mr. Maycumber advised the Board that he has spoken with the State office for clarification on E911 funding. The State will be funding the current contract. Mr. Maycumber presented the Board with an agreement between Ferry County and the E911 Coordinator and Chief Criminal Deputy Ray Maycumber. This agreement will separate his E911 Coordinator wages and Chief Criminal Deputy wages. The Board inquired if the State has approved the agreement. Mr. Maycumber advised that they have. The Board approved and would like the agreement on next week's consent.

Commissioner Working Session: After review and discussion Commissioner Dansel made a motion to offer the high deductible medical plan with the Health Savings Account and a monthly allocation of \$60 or \$720 annually. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

Planning Director Irene Whipple, Building Inspector Mike Nee and WSU Extension Agent Dan Fagerlie met with the Board to discuss the vacated Prosecutor's office in the courthouse. Mr. Fagerlie presented the Board with a proposal for the vacated Prosecutor's office. WSU will rent the space from the County. The rent will be \$550 a month. This will offset the rent for the Planning Departments current location. After review and discussion Commissioner Dansel made a motion to rent the vacated Prosecutor's office to WSU for \$550 a month. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

Rail Corridor Committee: Chair Bobbi Weller and member Bob Whitaker met with the Board to discuss a rail corridor right of way encroachment application. Ms. Weller advised the Board that Micheal Lindy from National Parks has awarded the Rail Corridor Committee with a 2nd year grant. The Rail Corridor Committee has completed the mission statement and is now working on a concept plan. Ms. Weller provided the Board with a draft Rail Corridor Right of Way Encroachment application for the Board's review and approval. The Board would like to research the encroachment permits with Public Works before approving the application.

Executive Session: The Board went into Executive Session at 3:00 pm, as per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) with Planning Director Irene Whipple present and GMA attorney Brian

Amsbary via speakerphone. The Board returned to open session at 3:30 pm with no action taken.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m. until October 17, 2011.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BRAD L. MILLER, Chairman

Approved 10/17/11

ATTEST: _____
Debbie Bechtol, Clerk of the Board