

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

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

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda:

Executive Session: As per RCW 42.30.110(i) the Board went into Executive Session for potential litigation. Prosecuting Attorney Michael Sandona and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Michael Golden, and Risk Manager Jill Gates were also present. The Board entered into executive session at 8:15 a.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:36 a.m.

When the Board came out of Executive Session, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Michael Golden gave an overview of the process that has been followed up until now regarding the Clerk of the Board. Commissioner Dansel made a motion to terminate the employment of Ms. Bechtol, Commissioner Heath seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Board Reports:

Commissioner Heath, District #3: Commissioner Heath reported that he attended the Regional Health Alliance meeting in Spokane. Charlene Whiteaker, lobbyist for 97 hospitals in Washington State, gave a brief outline of hospital budgets and also discussed a grant that could be applied for implementing innovative health care challenges. Commissioner Heath advised that he attended the Workforce Development Council and Regional Board meeting. Discussion was held on having a one-step system operator employment security plan. Commissioner Heath attended the Regional Health meeting reviewing the timeline for the merger of the North Central Washington Region Support Network with Spokane County Regional Support Network.

Commissioner Dansel, District #2: Commissioner Dansel reported that he attended the Republic City Council meeting where he gave an update. Commissioner Dansel represented the board of county commissioners in a meeting with the deputies, dispatch and corrections Union. Commissioner Dansel advised that he went to the Legislative Steering Committee meeting in Olympia. Discussion was held regarding a bill in the legislature for a one-time amnesty for tax payers. This would be at the Assessors discretion. Josh Weiss from Washington State Association of Counties gave a brief update on land use, exempt wells, timber counties, and natural resources. Commissioner Dansel reported that he met with the Republic Road crew employees.

Commissioner Miller, District #1: Commissioner Miller reported that he attended the Weed Board meeting. They are addressing the list of mandatory weeds which require enforcement. It may lead to the requirement to spray the entire width of the rail corridor right of way. Commissioner Miller informed the Board that he did an interview with an employee working for the Northeast Washington Trends website. The NEW Trends website is reporting law enforcement expenditures for the Tri County area versus the state of Washington. Commissioner Miller attended the Republic Regional Visitors & Convention Bureau's meeting where they discussed submitting their expenditures for 2011. Commissioner Miller advised that he went to the Golden Tiger Pathway Committee meeting. They inquired about plowing snow at the East Parking lot. Commissioner Miller attended the Buckhorn Community Advisory meeting and discussion centered on the weekend hauling by ACI for Kinross. Kinross is committed to not haul on weekends unless it is absolutely essential. Commissioner Miller attended the Council Of Governments meeting in Davenport. Discussion was held on the resolution to the Washington State Association of Counties in support of continuing control on the cougar issue. The Regional Support Network & Regional Health Care Alliance was discussed along with the wolf issue. The Department of Fish and Wildlife announced a target for Eastern Washington of four breeding pairs of wolfs.

Minute Approval: After review and discussion Commissioner Dandel made a motion to approve the minutes of December 5, 2011 as corrected. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Deputy Clerk of the Board Update: Deputy Clerk of the Board Teri Kinney, Maintenance Director Erin McBride and Risk Manager Jill Gates were present. The Board discussed the heating situation on the 3rd floor of the courthouse. In particular the concerns are the County Clerks office and the bathroom on that floor. Ms. McBride stated that the thermostats do not work and the company is in the process of sending her new ones. The Board discussed doing maintenance during courthouse hours, but that some repairs may need to be done before or after courthouse hours. The Board also stated that they are willing to have a contractor called in to get the heating system working properly if we need to. Ms. Kinney reported that A.W. Rehn Insurance has several boxes that need secure storage. Lincoln County has agreed to store the information until they are eligible for destruction. The Board approved Lincoln County storing the information. Ms. Kinney advised that District Court Judge Tom Brown is still researching the office requirement for the Public Defender contract. Ms. Gates reported that Larry Beardslee approached her regarding an ice skating rink on the lot adjacent to the courthouse. She will check into this more and see what our insurance company recommends.

N.E.W.A.C.S Update (Northeast Washington Alliance Counseling Service):

Executive Director David Nielson, Chief Financial Officer Robert Schwartz and CoOccurring Specialist Tenzin Denison met with the Board for an update. Mr. Nielson reported that Mr. Denison will be offering services in Ferry County. Mr. Nielson also presented the Board with a policy of how these services will be offered. (Exhibit 1) Mr. Nielson also presented the Board with a draft resolution from Spokane County and Grant County regarding collaborating with other counties to form the Eastern Washington Regional Health Alliance. Also discussed was the merger with the Spokane County Regional Support Network. Mr. Nielson presented the Board with a draft copy of an interlocal agreement between various Counties for mental health treatment and services.

Consent:

Drug Abuse Funds Transfer in the amount of \$12,604.50 to Current Expense to reimburse Sheriff for Drug Abuse Meth Deputy. (Exhibit 2)

Misc. Non-Department Funds Transfer in the amount of \$2,130.03 to Insurance Fund for CE quarterly billing October - December 2011. (Exhibit 3)

Misc. Non-Department Funds Transfer in the amount of \$460.00 to Airport Fund for 2011 CE contribution – December vouchers. (Exhibit 4)

Insurance Funds Transfer in the amount of \$634.50 to the Mosquito District for insurance refund for Mosquito van. (Exhibit 5)

Auditor's O&M Funds Transfer in the amount of \$6,712.28 to Auditor & Elections Funds to reimburse CE from Auditor's O&M for salary and benefits. (Exhibit 6)

Crime Victims Funds Transfer in the amount of \$1,679.00 to Current Expense to reimburse CE for Crime Victims portion of Legal Assistant salary. (Exhibit 7)

Boating Safety Funds Transfer in the amount of \$188.26 to Current Expense Sheriff for salary/benefit reimbursement for November 2011. (Exhibit 8)

Trail Reserve Funds Transfer in the amount of \$2,580.00 to County Road for Engineering Services for County Road Project #114 County Rail Trail. (Exhibit 9)

Airport Funds Transfer in the amount of \$259.21 to County Road for snow plowing services. (Exhibit 10)

Resolution No. 2011-60 Tire Bid 2011 After review and discussion Commissioner Dansel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-60 Tire Bid 2011. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. (Exhibit 12)

Resolution No. 2011-59 CAPP Program for 2012 After review and discussion Commissioner Dansel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-59 CAPP Program 2012. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. (Exhibit 13)

Vouchers/Warrants:

Funding in the amount of \$44,457.39 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #243911-243962 for the following:

Current Expense: in the amount of \$28,680.21.

Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$3,132.52.

Boating Safety in the amount of \$184.34.

Inmate Welfare in the amount of \$631.50.

Title III in the amount of \$941.46.

Recreation Fund in the amount of \$51.70.

Weed Control in the amount of \$312.38.

Fair Grounds Management in the amount of \$345.48.

Management Info Systems in the amount of \$10,067.08.

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$200.72. (Exhibit 11)

Public Works Budget Review: Public Works Director Troy Reynolds, Office Manager/Controller Sharon Sattler, Engineer Bob Breshears, Deputy Clerk of the Board Teri Kinney and Accountant Joyce Schertenleib met with the Board for a continued budget review.

Rail Corridor Committee: Bobbi Weller, Bob Whitaker and Brenda Starkey were present. Access points /parking areas were discussed. There was some discussion on a request to install a bench along the trail in honor of a family's loved one. Ms. Weller suggested putting a plaque on a rock beside the bench instead. The RCC is not at the point where they have procedures in place yet to do this. The Board asked that the bench not be installed until procedures are in place for trial development.

TEDD Update: Specialist Julie Burnett and Republic City Councilwoman Linda Hall met with the Board to give a TEDD update. Ms. Burnett stated that Friday December 16th is her last day. Ms. Burnett believes there is value in maintaining our membership with TEDD. Ms. Burnett gave a brief report on all of the projects she has been working on.

Unfinished Business: The Board discussed making Deputy Clerk of the Board Teri Kinney, Interim Clerk of the Board until we can fill the position. We will go out to ad for the Clerk's position next week. The Board also approved Ms. Kinney receiving the Clerk's salary at the 2011 rate. This is a temporary decision until the position is permanently filled.

There being no further business, Commissioner Dansel made a motion to adjourn at 3:45 p.m. Commissioner Heath seconded with all in favor. The Board will meet again on December 13, 2011.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BRAD L. MILLER, Chairman

Attest:

Approved 12/19/11

Teri Kinney
Interim Clerk of the Board