

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD
Of Ferry County Commissioners
February 21, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Danel with Commissioners Miller and Heath present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda: None

Board Reports

Commissioner Heath, District #3: Commissioner Heath reported that he attended the Lake Roosevelt Forum meeting in Coulee Dam and discussion was held on the conference scheduled in April. Commissioner Heath advised that he visited with the Keller Shop Crew. Commissioner Heath attended a phone conference with the Fish & Wildlife Regional Director Steve Pozzanghera regarding cougar regulations. Commissioner Heath received a telephone call from Keller resident concerning culverts not being unplugged in a timely matter. Commissioner Heath attended the Aging and Long Term Care meeting in Spokane where an update was given on their audit. Commissioner Heath reported that he met with the Inchelium Road Crew.

Commissioner Danel, District #2: Commissioner Danel reported that he attended the Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Danel advised that he attended the Regional Visitors and Convention Bureau Meeting. Commissioner Danel reported that he met with various Elected Officials and Department Heads. Commissioner Danel reported that he attended the local Cattlemen's meeting.

Commissioner Miller, District #1: Commissioner Miller reported that he attended the Cattlemen's meeting to discuss concerns about wolves. The Cattlemen are also concerned about putting together a program for coordination between the Forest Service and the County. Commissioner Miller reported that he attended the phone conference with the Department of Fish & Wildlife Regional Director Steve Pozzanghera regarding the new cougar regulations. Commissioner Miller advised that he attended the State E911 meeting in Olympia. The State E911 is working on implementing the next generation equipment. They are also looking for ways to centralize their equipment.

Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers' Representatives: Staff members Shelia Stalp and Mike Paulsen met with the Board. Sign in sheet is on file. Much of the attention was focused on the wilderness areas and the Colville National Forest Plan. Also discussed was possible money for making the Courthouse more efficient and a biomass project was discussed.

Correspondence:

Letter of interest from Madilane A. Perry expressing interest in the RCC regarding the position that recently became available. (Exhibit #1)

Letter of resignation Randy Kinney has submitted a notice of his resignation from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee effective immediately. (Exhibit #2)

Letter to Washington Recreation and Conservation Office requesting an extension of the Concept Plan Proposal for a WWRP grant. (Exhibit #3)

Meeting Minutes Ferry County Planning Commission. (Exhibit #4)

Letter from Prosecuting Attorney regarding potential presentation with autopsy photographs. (Exhibit #5)

A Federal Financial Assistance Domestic Grant was awarded to Ferry County Public Works and the USDA Forest Service for the Tonasket Creek/Otis Creek Road Improvement project. The amount of the grant is \$72,500.00 and made under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. (Exhibit #6)

A letter to Mr. Randall Hansen was drafted and signed by all three Commissioners thanking him for his past service on the Ferry County Rail Corridor Committee. (Exhibit #7)

Memo from Connections Director Kate Rowe-Maloret stating their intent to apply for the Gates Foundation Grant. (Exhibit #8)

Consent:

Affordable Housing Fund Transfer in the amount of \$1,394.32 to Connections for February 2012 Payroll. (Exhibit # 9)

CE Misc. Non-Departmental Transfer in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Fairgrounds Fund for 2012 CE Contributions. (Exhibit #10)

CE Misc. Non-Departmental Transfer in the amount of \$800.00 to the Law Library for a Portion of CE Contribution for 2012-February Vouchers. (Exhibit #11)

Letter from Roberta B. Weller regarding the unanimous voted to recommend Paul Cribby for the vacant position on the Rail Corridor Committee Board. Commissioner Miller made a motion to appoint Mr. Cribby to the Rail Corridor Committee Board. Commissioner Health seconded, with a unanimous decision. (Exhibit #12)

Letter to Connections Director Kate Rowe-Maloret approving the leasing of the Inchelium office space. (Exhibit #13)

An application for a Distributor's License was brought before the Board for Fun & Games Amusement by the Sportsman's Roost & Madonna's Bar and Grill. This was approved by the Board. (Exhibit #14)

The Washington State Department of Transportation Local Agency Agreement Supplement was submitted for signature by the Public Works Department, Chairman Dansel signed off for Run-Off-Road Safety Project for Various County Roads. (Exhibit #15)

Vouchers:

Funding in the amount of \$197,139.82 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #300651-300813 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$68,032.36.

County Road in the amount of \$14,769.39

County Fair in the amount of \$75.09

Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$646.35

Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$4,151.53

Inmate Welfare in the amount of \$1,670.70

Affordable Housing For All in the amount of \$1,698.76

Recreation Fund in the amount of \$1,232.12

Law Library in the amount of \$869.41

Crime Victims in the amount of \$49.63

Connections Transportation in the amount of \$610.35

Fair Grounds Management in the amount of \$922.98

Connections in the amount of \$3,542.59

Airport in the amount of \$174.42

Solid Waste in the amount of \$12,338.96

Equipment Rental & Revolving in the amount of \$81,610.16

Management Info Systems in the amount of \$420.00

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$2,036.80

Medical Trust in the amount of \$40.00

Ems District #1 in the amount of \$2,248.22

(Exhibit #16)

Funding in the amount of \$50,749.48 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #300633-300635 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$16,781.58

County Road in the amount of \$26,139.57

Auditor O&M in the amount of \$340.17

Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$2,097.04

Connections in the amount \$2,581.45

Management Info Systems in the amount of \$1,948.47

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$861.20

(Exhibit #17)

Bid Opening-Ferry County Public Defender & Indigent Defense Service

Contract At 1:15 pm a bid opening was held at the Commissioner's office for Legal Services as the Ferry County Public Defender. At this time bids were opened and read. The first bid was from Mr. James F. Irwin his for \$51,696.00 per year. (Exhibit #18) A second bid was then opened from Mr. James Von Sauer for \$54,000.00 per year.

(Exhibit #19) A motion was made by Commissioner Heath to award the Ferry County Public Defender and Indigent Defense Services contract to Mr. James F. Irwin, motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller and the motion passed with all in favor.

Public Works Update: Director Troy Reynolds met with the Board to give an update. Also present was Weed Board Coordinator Mary Fee and the View reporter Brenda Starkey. Ms. Fee provided the Board with a handout explaining the Direct Chemical Injection System. The system would allow projection of chemicals to increase the width of the spray from 8 feet to 10 feet. Ms. Fee advised this would save on labor costs. The Board approved the use of \$3,000 from the RAC Grant and an additional \$3,000 from the \$30,000 that was budgeted for weed spraying on County roads. Commissioner Dandel stated that once these funds have been exhausted no other funds will be approved for this project.

Mr. Reynolds advised that it will cost \$19,221 to replace the gas pumps at the Boyd's shop. Mr. Reynolds inquired if the Board has reviewed the franchise agreement. The Board advised they have not. Mr. Reynolds has yet to hear from George Stolp on airport concerns.

Executive Session: As per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) was cancelled per Public Works Director Troy Reynolds who asked the Board to remain in open session. The Board informed Mr. Reynolds that they have questions related to his duties as Public Works Director. The Board then presents Mr. Reynolds with a list of sixteen items of concern. Commissioner Dandel asked Mr. Reynolds for his resignation. Commissioner Heath stated he agrees that Mr. Reynolds has circumvented some of the procedures and in some cases used poor judgment. Commissioner Heath also stated that he appreciates Mr. Reynolds willingness to work with the Colville Confederated Tribes. Commissioner Heath state that he is not ready to ask for Mr. Reynolds's resignation at this time but wants him to be aware of the Boards concerns and issues that are taking place. Commissioner Miller stated that he is not ready to ask for Mr. Reynolds resignation either but he does believe that we need to change direction due to the fact that Mr. Reynolds has lost a significant amount of the Boards confidence. Commissioner Miller agreed to giving Mr. Reynolds 60 days to correct the issues discussed. Mr. Reynolds state that he would do whatever is necessary to regain the confidence of the Board. Mr. Reynolds then requested a list of concerns from the Board.

Commissioner Dandel left the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Minute Approval: After review and discussion Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of January 23, 2012 as corrected. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion. The motion carried with a majority vote.

Inventory: Risk Manager Jill Gates met with the Board to discuss inventory. Ms. Gates provided the Board with a copy of the County inventory for the Board to review. Ms. Gates advised that if there is a discrepancy she and the Auditor will go to the department to verify the inventory. Ms. Gates requested authorization for a new printer and the cost is \$325.00. The Board approved.

Unfinished Business:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m. until February 27, 2012.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED 3/19/2012

BRIAN DANSEL, Chairman

ATTEST:

ROBERT "BOB" L. HEATH, Vice Chairman

BRAD MILLER, Member

Hayley Aubertin
Clerk of the Board