

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD  
Of Ferry County Commissioners  
April 2, 2012**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Additions & Corrections to the Agenda:** After the Pledge of Allegiance the selection for Newspaper of Legal Notice was added to the agenda. Public Utility District Commissioner Nathan Davis was added to the agenda at 11:30.

**Official County Newspaper:** The Board reviewed the bid for Official County Newspaper. Commissioner Miller made a motion to accept the bid from the Republic News Miner. Commissioner Heath stated that he preferred The Ferry County View. Commissioner Dansel seconded the original motion made by Commissioner Miller's to accept the lower bid. The motion for accepting the News Miner as Official County Newspaper passed with a two to one vote. Also present was Mr. Greg Sheffield from the Ferry County View.

**Board Reports**

**Commissioner Heath, District #3:** Commissioner Heath took part in a telephone conference call with members of the Upper Columbia Resource Conservation & Development Board. The call was to acquire input on the final audit of the Borgford Energy Grant.

Commissioner Heath stated that he believes overseen compliance for the grant was complacent with numerous issues that should have been reported to the Department of Financial Management and the Internal Revenue Service.

Commissioner Heath visited the Inchelium and Boyds Roads Crews. Commissioner Heath also met with Public Works Director Troy Reynolds.

Commissioner Heath spoke with Planning Director Irene Whipple and Building Director Mike Nee to discuss zoning and land ownership issues on the Colville Indian Reservation.

Commissioner Heath also attended a Rural Resources Meeting in Colville during this time the main business was to review the possibility of setting up a 501 (C 35) real estate holding company.

Commissioner Heath attended the Tri County Economic Development District Meeting in Colville during which the Enhancement Grant awards were reviewed and possible future goals for the organization were discussed.

**Commissioner Dansel, District #2:** Commissioner Dansel attended the Columbia River Policy Advisory Group Meeting in Moses Lake where talk revolved around the Columbia River Treaty and the Sovereign Review Team.

Commissioner Dansel attended the Council of Governments Meeting in Davenport. Various county issues were discussed. Representative Shelly Short was in attendance as well as Sheila Stalp Representative for Cathy McMorris-Rogers' office. Also in attendance was Commissioner Jim Detro from Okanogan County spoke on issues concerning wolves in his district. Mr. Detro will be working with the Cattlemen's Association further to address these issues.

**Commissioner Miller, District #1:**

Commissioner Miller attended the Conservation District Meeting. During which an election was held and Charlotte Coombs was re-elected to office. Also discussed were concerns about the legislatures funding for Conservation Districts.

Commissioner Miller assisted WSU Extension Agent Dan Fagerlie with interviews for a Youth Development Educator position.

Commissioner Miller continued to work on the Public Defender Contract.

**Minute Approval:** Commissioner Miller moved to approve the minutes of March 26, 2012 as corrected. Commissioner Heath seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

**Auditor Update:** Chief Deputy Auditor/Controller Joyce Schertenleib met with the Board to give a financial update.

Ms. Schertenleib informed the Board that the cost of inmate healthcare has exceeded the budgeted amount.

The Board approved a consolidation of the County's investment funds.

Ms. Schertenleib had questions for the Board regarding the Snowmobile Grooming Grant and annual reporting that is necessary.

Ms. Schertenleib also addressed the issue of the Public Defender Contract. Commissioner Miller will meet with Ms. Schertenleib to address this further at a later date.

Ms. Schertenleib stated that Emergency 911 services would like to go to quarterly transfers rather than requesting transfers as needed. The Board opposed.

**Human Resources/Management Information Systems:** Human Resource Director Jill Gates and Management Information Services Director Darrell Dirks met with the Board. Both Directors have questions about replacing outgoing Technician II Tommy Swank. The Board asked Ms. Gates and Mr. Dirks to research this matter further and report back to the board at the April 9 meeting.

**Ferry County Assessor:** Ferry County Assessor Rachel Siracuse and Appraiser Jeff Koffel met with the Board to give an update. Ms. Siracuse informed the Board that training for the Board of Equalization coming up in June and that we need to advertise immediately for a new Board of Equalization Member.

Ms. Siracuse addressed a letter the Board received requesting them to form an Open Space Advisory Committee. The Board approved advertising to determine if there is any interest in this matter.

**Public Utility District Update:** P.U.D Commissioner Nathan Davis gave a presentation to the Board concerning alternative power sources.

**Consent Items:**

Proclamation: May to be Ferry County "Never too Old to Play" Month. (Exhibit #1)

Tourism Funding:

Eagle Track Racing Association in the amount of \$2,000.00 (Exhibit #2)

Ferry County Children's Theater in the amount of \$300.00 (Exhibit #3)

The Arts Council of Ferry County in the amount of \$1,000.00 (Exhibit #4)

Republic Motorcycle Rally Association in the amount of \$2,000.00 (Exhibit #5)

Wings Over Republic in the amount of \$1,500.00 (Exhibit #6)

Kettle River History Club in the amount of \$400.00 (Exhibit#7)

Republic Area Chamber of Commerce 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Display in the amount of \$500.00 (Exhibit #8)

Republic Area Chamber of Commerce Republic Royalty Expenses in the amount of \$200.00 (Exhibit #9)

Republic Area Chamber of Commerce Winterfest 2012 in the amount of \$500.00 (Exhibit#10)

Republic Area Chamber of Commerce Prospector's Days in the amount of \$5,000.00 (Exhibit#11)

Stonerose Interpretive Center in the amount of \$5,000.00 (Exhibit #12)

Husky Auto & Truck Museum in the amount of \$300.00 (Exhibit #13)

Commissioner Miller made a motion to award \$1,900.00 for the New Trends website as well as to give other organizations a chance to vie for left over funds not currently awarded. Commissioner Heath seconded this motion and all were in favor.

**Vouchers/Warrants:** Funding in the amount of \$67,253.72 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of warrant/voucher #301221-301334 for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$52, 470.49

County Fair in the amount of \$71.69

Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$258.16

Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$3,459.38

Grant Fund in the amount of \$103.59

Court Facilitator in the amount of \$200.00

Inmate Welfare in the amount of \$837.99

Affordable Housing for All in the amount of \$1,772.34

Recreation Fund in the amount of \$343.53  
Crime Victims in the amount of \$12.24  
Weed Control in the amount of \$82.00  
Fair Grounds Management in the amount of \$264.27  
Connections in the amount of \$3,177.46  
Management Information Systems in the amount of \$945.22  
Insurance Fund in the amount of \$192.11  
Medical Trust in the amount of \$644.27  
Inchelium Water District General in the amount of \$1,358.31  
EMS District #1 in the amount of \$1,060.67 (Exhibit #14)

**Public Works Update:**

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds met with the Board to give an update. Mr. Reynolds asked the Board what procedure they would like to see for purchases. The Board informed Mr. Reynolds that if it is critical to the shops and they need something to proceed in their work, they need to go ahead with the purchase within a reasonable amount.

Commissioner Dandel stated that the Purchase Order System needs to be re-addressed. The Board asked Mr. Reynolds to contact other Counties about their purchasing methods for their individual shops and report back to the Board. Commissioner Dandel would like to adopt a policy about the purchase of equipment. The Board agreed that buying equipment sight unseen will no longer be allowed.

Mr. Reynolds updated the Board on the following:

Road updates: crews continue to work on roads that were damaged in the previous spring water runoff.

The patching on Kettle River Road will continue this week.

German road in Boyds district had water over it last week.

Mr. Reynolds asked for approval for Airport Manager Justin Smith to attend the Washington State Community Airport Association Spring Conference on May 3, 2012 in Wenatchee. The Board approved. Mr. Reynolds has submitted the Airport Grant Application.

Mr. Reynolds updated the Board on the Microsoft Excel Computer training that will be held at the local Spokane Community Colleges Extension. The cost is \$840.00 for three, two hour classes for 8 employees. The Board approved.

Mr. Reynolds gave the Board an updated budget format and an updated salary schedule to be reviewed.

Inchelium Safe Routes to School Project. There has been some discussion about putting in concrete barriers on the trail but they are looking for an engineer to assess the situation.

The Board approved the following list of expenditures for the Public Works Department. (Exhibit #15)

**Executive Session:** 42.30.110(1)(g) Public Works Director Troy Reynolds asked that the session be kept in an open public meeting. Citizen Michael Sternberg, Project Engineer Lou Miller, Public Works Accountant Assistant Amanda Mycock, was also present. Mr. Reynolds stated that he has always sought to give the best to his employees and is taking this opportunity to make corrections and to do his best. He apologizes on the late budget as well as the incorrect format. Commissioner Dansel stated that this was not the first time that Public Works has not submitted their budget on time. Commissioner Dansel pointed out that under Mr. Reynolds direction the Public Works preliminary budget had never been turned in on time.

The Board feels that he snuck in a position on the 2012 budget. Commissioner Dansel stated that an additional position was never approved for an "Accountant" as Mr. Reynolds indicated in a previous Commissioner's Meeting. The Board then stated that they had never discussed an "Account" position but only a temporary Filer/Office Worker positions and that position was denied. Commissioner Dansel and Commissioner Miller both requested that County Road budget show the amounts earned by individual employee.

In addressing the sand and gravel permits the Board stated the importance of making cost effective decisions and following through on directives given by the Board. Because the permits have not been obtained the County Road budget is be affected. The issue of the Walden Sweeper was addressed. In February 2011 Mr. Reynolds was authorized to purchase other equipment based on the sale of the Walden Sweeper. Mr. Reynolds had stated that the sweeper would be sold for the price of \$15,000.00. However, the sweeper was not sold and set out in the weather for entire year.

Commissioner Heath stated that Mr. Reynolds was not cooperative with the Human Resources Director and did not turn over personnel files to that department even after they were directed to do so.

Commissioner Heath feels that Mr. Reynolds allowed himself to be swayed into approving a pay allowance to office workers that was specifically designated for the purchasing of steel toed boots.

Errors and mistakes occurred on the Barnaby Creek Project due to the fact that Mr. Reynolds started the project after his "final day to start" date. Because Mr. Reynolds allowed the project to start late the crews working on the Barnaby Creek Project were exposed to in climate weather putting the crews and the project at risk.

Mr. Reynolds sits on The Technical Advisory Committee which ranks projects in Tri County area to receive grant monies. Mr. Reynolds ranked the Ferry County Rail Corridor Project last. Commissioner Heath stated that he did not believe that Mr. Reynolds had been as cooperative with the Rail Corridor Committee as he should been. Commissioner Dansel asked Mr. Reynolds to always attempt to bolster Ferry County whenever possible and questioned his ranking.

The Board also stated that Ecology blocks were not place on the Rail Corridor in a timely manner during the winter. This unnecessarily exposed the County to liability for two months.

Commissioner Dandel stated that the disciplinary actions in a matter with an employee in his department were handled incorrectly. Mr. Reynolds held a meeting with the employee and had the employee sign a letter that was placed in their file unnecessarily. This was in violation of the County's Personnel Policy and Human Resources should have been contacted. The meeting should never have been held.

Communication skills, employee relationships, and not delivering a preliminary budget or a transparent final budget are issues Commissioner Dandel feels are very serious areas in need of immediate attention.

When Mr. Reynolds was appointed Public Works Director it was done so with the understanding that he would peruse his Engineering Credentials. To date Mr. Reynolds has not obtained his Engineering Credentials. Commissioner Dandel would like to set a date of completion. The Board has decided to seek the advice of current Public Works Engineer Bob Breshears for a timeline as to when Mr. Reynolds should be able to complete his Engineering Credentials.

**Ferry County Planning:** Planning Director Irene Whipple met with the Board to give an update. Ms. Whipple gave information about the Curlew Kai Water System. Ms. Whipple gave an update on Growth Management Act and states that she has not had a lot of contact with Attorney Brian Amsbury lately.

**Citizen Garret Kamimura:**

Mr. & Mrs. Kamimura met with the Board. The Kamimura's desire is to run power to under the Rail Trail to their bunkhouse. Commissioner Heath suggested the Kamimura's seek permission from the Kettle Falls International Railway.

**Unfinished Business:** With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 PM until April 9, 2012.

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