

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD
Of Ferry County Commissioners
October 1st, 2012**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda: Citizen Susan Laster was added to the agenda at 8:10 AM. Public Works was moved to 10:00 AM and Connections was moved to 10:30 AM.

Citizen Susan Laster: Ms. Laster came before the Board because she is seeking assistance from Connections. The Board informed Ms. Laster that they have spoken with Connections and Connections is willing to help her as long as she follows their guidelines.

Board Reports

Commissioner Heath, District #3:

Commissioner Heath attended the Rural Resources Meeting. The bi-laws with amendments restricting access of client's records were approved. Wednesday Commissioner Heath attended the RAC meeting to allocate funds. Results from the meeting are as follows: The Ferry County Weed Board received \$25000, the Gibraltar Trail 30000 to work on the third phase of the trail project; Trout Lake received \$10000 to extend the dock. Heron Creek Road Project received approximately \$63000. The Kettle Crest improvement received \$20000. The Forest Service Quick Response Team received \$10000. Commissioner Heath attended to the TEDD meeting, were personal and salary budgeting were reviewed. Rob Wilford stated his concerns about not having a contract it was agreed that Sue Hatch would research those issues. Commissioner Heath attended the Martin Hall Meeting at Medical Lake. In July Ferry County used 92 bed days at a cost of \$16,000. Commissioner Heath stated that he is still looking into assistance from the BIA for juvenile tribal offenders. The decision to mothball was tabled for at least a year. Commissioner Heath attended the Workforce Development Meeting at the Airport Ramada Inn. Commissioner Heath was contacted by the Forest service Central Office out of Albuquerque New Mexico concerning the grant awards administered by the RC&D Board and its audit. Commissioner Heath was contacted by Mike Olsen and has forwarded all info to him. Commissioner Heath participated in a phone conference with the RSN Governing Board, to discuss closing the Ephrata office on Sept. 30th.

Commissioner Dansel, District #2:

Commissioner Dansel attended the RAC meeting in Colville. Commissioner Dansel also attended the Martin Hall meeting. Commissioner Dansel attended a meeting

with State Representatives Shelly Short and Joel Kretz, Okanogan County Commissioner Jim Detro and Stevens County Commissioner Don Dashiell in Colville to discuss the wolf issues. Commissioner Dansel attended the COG meeting in Davenport and signed a letter requesting that the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife consider de-listing the wolf from the endangered species list in Eastern Washington. Also at the Eastern Washington Council of Governments (EWCOG) meeting there was discussion of the items to be brought to the Washington State Association of Counties legislative steering committee.

Commissioner Miller, District #1:

Commissioner Miller attended a meeting in Curlew as a volunteer for the review panel for Job Corp. Commissioner Miller attended the Conservation District meeting. The Conservation District completed a bank stabilization project on the Kettle River, did a good job. Commissioner Miller attended the Connections Open House. Commissioner Miller attended the EWCOG. The group talked about supporting different legislation for the next session. Commissioner Miller called the State Department of Emergency Management to discuss what will be happening now that the President has officially declared the State of Emergency for the County. The EMD will have a meeting at Camp Murray and then will be coming to Ferry County sometime next week. Commissioner Miller was informed by the EMD that the County has 30 days from September 25, when the official declarations was made, to identify any other jurisdictions that suffered a loss and report those losses. FEMA will be asking to meet next week and be in contact with the Commissioner's Office to coordinate that.

Minutes Approval:

Commissioner Heath moved to approve the minutes of September 24th as amended. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion and motion carried with all in favor.

Working Session:

Human Resources Director Jill Gates met with the Board during their working session. The Board discussed the possibility of a part time temporary hire in order to assist the FEMA team in gathering monetary information for the July 20th State of Emergency.

Payroll/Accounts Specialist Dana Kincaid:

Ms. Kincaid came before the Board and presented an idea that would make it easier for County employees to cover the rising cost of insuring their spouses and children. The addition option is a high deductible plan with a lower premium. The Board is in favor of offering this option in the Medical Contract. Ms. Kincaid stated that she will be preparing a letter to explain the new changes and the new plan that is being offered. Ms. Kincaid also informed the Board that they need a resolution passed for the uniform allowance fund to cover the costs specified in the union contract.

Public Works Update:

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds and Office Manager/Controller Sharon Sattler came before the Board to give an update.

Mr. Reynolds informed the Board that the Curlew Shop will be working on changing over the trucks for winter/snow plowing. The Boyds Shop is working on clearing brush and tree cutting on the Inchelium Highway, fixing the sanders, replacing the door on the Sherman Shop, and moving equipment. The Republic Shop is removing dangerous trees on West Curlew Lake Road and Herron Creek Road, winterizing equipment, and preparing to grade when it rains. The Inchelium Shop is mowing weeds on Meteor and Kewa Roads, cleaning cattle guards on Silver Creek Road and grading with the Poor Boy grader. The Keller Shop is finishing repairs on Balcom Road, working on road repairs on East San Poil Road and will grade when it rains. The Mechanic Shop is working on various equipment repair projects.

The Public Works Department has completed the Tonasket Creek Road project as well as the St. Peters Creek Road repair. The Herron Creek Road culvert replacement is 99% complete. They are finishing up paperwork for summer projects, will begin the topography on Bridge Creek 12, and reviewing applicants for the Accountant Assistant position. Title II funds were awarded in the amount of \$55,000 plus an additional \$8,622 that another applicant declined. These funds will be used toward the Herron Creek repairs next season.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to adopt the updates to the Title VI document for non-discrimination. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. (Ex. #1)

Connections Staffing Update:

Connections Director Kate Rowe-Maloret came before the Board to give a staffing update. Ms. Rowe-Maloret presented the Board with an updated organizational staffing chart. Due to Ms. Rowe-Maloret leaving Connections, staffing duties and responsibilities are being re-evaluated. Ms. Rowe-Maloret is proposing a staffing pay increase that will be covered by the grant funding budget. Ms. Rowe-Maloret presented the Board with a new Organizational Chart for Connections showing a new possible position with the duties shifting somewhat to accommodate a more balanced work load for the incoming staff. Ms. Rowe-Maloret stated that she would work with Human Resources Director Jill Gates and present the Board with a new job description for the Director and Assistant Director positions at the next Board meeting.

Assessor Update:

County Assessor Rachel Siracuse and Appraiser Jeff Koffel met with the Board to present the new contract with Mantron Inc. for the computer software updates covered by grant funding.

Consent Items:

Letter of appreciation to Connections Director Kate Rowe-Maloret (Ex. #2)
Letter to the auditor for Maintenance Director \$80 monthly increase (Ex. #3)
Manatron Inc. contract for County Assessor's budgeted software update (Ex. #4)
Letter of support to Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife: delisting the gray wolf from the endangered species list. (Ex. #5)

Voucher: Funding in the amount of \$107,659.61 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 303515-303648 for the following: (Ex. #6)

Current Expense in the amount of \$65,269.28
County Fair in the amount of \$1,312.33
Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$1,666.61
Veteran's Relief in the amount of \$1,500.00
Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$4,886.90
Boating Safety in the amount of \$126.00
Grant Fund in the amount of \$124.67
Inmate Welfare in the amount of \$5,421.13
Affordable Housing For All in the amount of \$372.58
Recreation Fund in the amount of \$3.68
Crime Victims in the amount of \$11.45
Tourism in the amount of \$7,875.57
Fair Grounds Management in the amount of \$2,385.03
Connections in the amount of \$4,084.73
County Capital Improvement in the amount of \$6,073.86
Management Information Systems in the amount of \$738.70
Insurance Fund in the amount of \$3,083.55
Medical Trust in the amount of \$20.00
Inchelium Water Dist General in the amount of \$1,641.32
EMS District #1 in the amount of \$1,062.22

Unfinished Business: With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM until October 8th, 2012.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FERRY COUNTY WASHINGTON

Brian Dinsel, Chairman

Bob Heath, Vice Chairman

Brad Miller, Member

ATTEST:

Hayley Aubertin
Clerk of the Board