

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD
Ferry County Commissioners
February 25, 2013**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda: The EMS Board was added to the agenda at 3:00 p.m.

Jim Potts Legislative Update: Mr. Potts called in to give a legislative update. Mr. Potts stated that he did not see a lot of things moving forward this legislative session. Commissioner Dandel asked Mr. Potts if he would look into the status of Representative Short's Hunting Reciprocity Bill.

Board Reports

Commissioner Blankenship, District #3:

Commissioner Blankenship attended the Deer Jasper project meeting in Kettle Falls. It is supposed to be a collaboration and coordination meeting. Two concerns for the County, restoring of the south fork of boulder creek, met resistance. Commissioner Blankenship met with Sheila Stalp to discuss the Deer Jasper Project, discussion about Forestry Coalition. Commissioner Blankenship attended the Stevens County Public Lands Advisory Committee. Rodney Smolden delivered a presentation. County needs to identify roads that are vital to access to ensure that they are not decommissioned. The general feeling from the public was that they did not want roads decommissioned. On Friday Commissioner Blankenship participated in a conference call to elect new officers from WRCIP and paid bills.

Commissioner Dandel, District #2:

Commissioner Dandel attended a Wilderness meeting hosted by the Kettle Range Conservation Group. A presentation was given. Commissioner Dandel visited the Republic Road Crew.

Commissioner Miller, District #1:

Commissioner Miller attended a Fire Wise meeting at the Republic Ranger District. Discussion revolved around County wide Fire Plans and the forest health warning. Department of Natural Resources will be concentrating on forest health this coming year. Commissioner Miller attended the Legislative Steering Committee meeting, a vote was held to support increased taxes for transportation. Northeast Washington Commissioners voted against this increase.

Deputy Clerk Snow Groomer Update:

Deputy Clerk Pamela Stoddard met with the Board to give an update on land management associated with the Snow Grooming program. The County was asked if they would like to take over the grooming responsibilities on Albion Trail. Ms. Stoddard received the okay to contract with an operator and an alternate.

Couse's Sanitation & Recycling:

Cliff Couse and Rick Buffer met with the Board to inquire about the recycling bid. Also present was Solid Waste Coordinator Kristy Cromwell and Ferry County Engineer Bob Breshears. Mr. Couse came before the Board to discuss language used in the recycling bid packet.

Citizen Gerald Wilson:

Mr. Wilson met with the Board to discuss property on Herron Creek. He has asked if there is a possibility of using a portion of the County's Herron Creek property currently leased to Kevin

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Dalbalcon for the purpose of agriculture. Mr. Wilson would like to put a hay stack on a bench above the fields; he would not need to travel through the section of property used for agriculture. The Board stated that if the lease holder was in agreement with what Mr. Wilson proposed then their permission would be granted.

Minutes Approval:

Commissioner Blankenship moved to approve the minutes of February 19, 2013 as amended. Commissioner Dansel seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

Executive Session: The Board went into Executive Session at 10:30 AM in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to discuss personnel. The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:00 AM. No decisions were made at this time.

Department of Ecology Update: (Sign in sheet on file)

The Department of Ecology met with the Board to give an update on the Shoreline Management Program. In 2003 legislation was passed to update Management Programs. Grant funding is available to update and fund this mandate. The deadline is December 1st, 2014, but there is a one year extension option. Restoration Plans are required but not needed to be implemented. The County needs to identify areas that may be included in future planning updates. The Board came to the conclusion to move forward.

Consent Items:

Transfer from CE to Insurance Fund in the amount of \$1,849.00 (Ex. #1)

Public Works Update:

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds, Office Manager/Controller Sharon Sattler, Solid Waste Coordinator Kristy Cromwell, and Ferry County Engineer Bob Breshears met with the Board to give an update.

The Curlew shop is working on snow and ice control, as well as equipment #314 & #316. The Boyds shop is working on snow and ice control, as well as equipment #217, #114, #129, #707, #315, #317 and cleaning the tire shed and steel stock. The Republic shop is working on snow and ice removal, clearing vegetation, vehicle maintenance and pothole patching if the weather permits. The Inchelium shop is working on snow and ice control, truck maintenance and equipment #705. The Keller shop is working on snow and ice control, brush cutting, patching on Silver Creek Road if weather permits and equipment #248. The Mechanic shop is working on three pieces of equipment #135, #164, and #211. The Airport has ordered new bulbs and beacon sockets that will be installed by the P.U.D. The Public Works office is working on County Road Project #912, updating road restrictions and pit usage permits. The surplus truck was not purchased; it did not pass the mechanic's inspection.

Solid Waste Coordinator Kristy Cromwell is seeking permission to purchase an additional vehicle through her grant program. The cost would be about \$25,000. There is an opportunity to replace the bailer for \$3,000. Commissioner Dansel made a motion to approve the purchase of a bailer and a new pickup for Solid Waste using 75% grant funding and 25% County funds. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion for discussion. The motion carried will all in favor.

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Commissioner Dandel made a motion to approve Dave Wermuth to train the temporary Solid Waste hire on recycling bin maintenance. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

Off Highway Vehicles: Resolution/Coordination with US Forest Service:

(Sign in Sheet on file) Commissioner Blankenship addressed Resolution No. 2013-xx (resolution number is pending) that would support the use of off highway vehicle trail systems. Commissioner Blankenship believes that this resolution would boost the economy in the County and reduce the illegal use of OHVs on other currently closed roads. Commissioner Blankenship stated that since this is not an Ordinance this Resolution does not interfere with the prior law suit. This is simply a plan, something that the OHV users would like to see. It is for others to see and figure out how it would fit into their plan. Discussion was held, and comments were taken from individuals present.

Sheriff Warner and Under Sheriff Williams:

Sheriff Warner and Under Sheriff Williams came before the Board to discuss County identification cards. Sheriff Warner is seeking permission to work with other departments in order to purchase a quality identification machine. Commissioner Dandel made a motion to approve the purchase of an ID machine, the software and contact the other departments for financial assistance. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

Emergency Management Systems Board Member Selection:

The Board received three letters of interest for one open position on the EMS Board appointed by the County. After discussion, Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to appoint Robert Sly to the EMS Board. Commissioner Dandel seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

Unfinished Business: With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:04 PM until March 4, 2013.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FERRY COUNTY WASHINGTON

Brad L. Miller, CHAIRMAN

Brian Dandel, VICE-CHAIR

Mike Blankenship, MEMBER

ATTEST: **Approved 3/18/13**

Hayley Aubertin
Clerk of the Board