

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD
Ferry County Commissioners
August 26, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Commissioner Dansel with Commissioner Blankenship present. Commissioner Miller was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda:

Board Reports:

Commissioner Blankenship:

Commissioner Blankenship did not attend a meeting in Colville held by Cathy McMorris-Rodgers because he was informed prior to the meeting he would not be allowed to speak or participate.

Commissioner Dansel:

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Commissioner Miller:

Commissioner Miller was absent.

Citizen Pete Remington: Mr. Remington came before the Board to inquire why the Forest Service has yet to be sued. Commissioner Blankenship stated that it is not that easy to fund and the courts tend to agree only with the eco-terrorists.

Correspondence:

Commissioner Dansel made a motion to allow Commissioner Miller to draft a letter of support for Ferry County to help organize a Critical Incident Stress Management Program. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-42 Connections Transportation Fund. Commissioner Dansel seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor (Ex. #7).

Minutes Approval:

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes of August 19, 2013 as corrected. Commissioner Dansel seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Land Acquisition:

Citizen Chris Kroupa and Department of Fish & Wildlife Area Habitat Biologist Sandy Dotts met with the Board to discuss a land acquisition project on Mr. Kroupa's property. The land sale is intended to benefit both the agency and the public. In total approximately 730 acres would be sold to the Department of Fish & Wildlife. Mr. Kroupa is seeking a letter of support from the Board. The Board questioned Ms. Dotts about weed control, Excise tax and annual Payment In lieu of Taxes.

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Connections Update:

New Connections Director Ranae York and Human Resources Jill Gates met with the Board to give an update. Also present was Chief Accountant Joyce Schertenleib and Payroll/Accounts Payable Specialist Dana Kincaid. Ms. York is seeking permission to go to advertisement for a Fiscal Manager position. The Board approved. Ms. York also informed that Board that Connection was recently denied a Domestic Violence Special Grant in the amount of \$53,000. Currently Connections is in the red for \$4,000. Commissioner Dansel recommended contacting Policy Director Abby Murphy from WSAC. Commissioner Blankenship recommended taking a look at areas to cut. Discussion was held regarding options for covering the \$4,000.

The Board elected to go into Executive Session in accordance personnel issues RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) regarding for 15 minutes from 11:00 AM until 11:15 AM. The Board elected to go an additional 15 minutes until 11:30 AM. The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:30 AM; no decisions were made at this time.

Consent Items:

Transfer from Tourism to Current Expense in the amount of \$3,953.00 (Ex. #1)
Transfer from County Road to ER&R in the amount of \$448,158.50 (Ex. #2)
Transfer from ER&R to County Road in the amount of \$168,939.65 (Ex. #3)
Transfer from Solid Waste to Public Works in the amount of \$16,966.18 (Ex. #4)
Transfer from Solid Waste to Public Works in the amount of \$13,930.04 (Ex. #5)
Revised letter to Apollo Solutions regarding Investment Grade Audit (Ex. #6)

Public Hearing: Budget Amendments:

Sign in sheet on file. At 1:00 PM the Board held a Public Hearing to amend various 2013 Budgets. Chief Accountant/Controller Joyce Schertenleib presented the Board with the needed budget amendments. The Board elected to pay back the \$14,234.70 from the Title III funds. Commissioner Dansel had a question regarding the request from the Prosecutor's office for an additional \$6,000.00 for the Law Library. The contract for obtaining the law materials will be up at the end of the year. Mr. Sandona will look into terminating the contract for the law library. Commissioner Dansel stated that the Board will need to wait for the input from Chairman Miller before voting on the additional Law Library funds.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to accept the Budget Amendments Resolution No. 2013-43 (Ex. #7) excluding the Law Library request. Commissioner Dansel seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

Ms. Schertenleib inquired about transferring funds to the cumulative reserve. Ms. Schertenleib also inquired about the Steven's County Prosecutor's budget, the Board elected to remove it from next year's budget due to the fact that Steven's County has not submitted billings to the County in the last year.

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Public Works Update: Pete's Retreat Road:

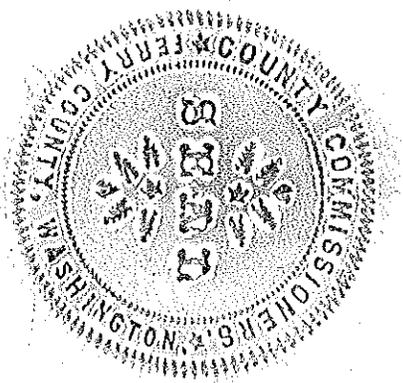
Sign in sheet on file. Public Works Director Troy Reynolds and Office Manager/Controller Sharon Sattler met with the Board to give an update. Also present was Ferry County Engineer Bob Breshears. Mr. Reynolds stated that the preliminary projected cost to repair Pete's Retreat Road is estimated at \$73,420.00. Commissioner Dansel inquired about the available budget for these repairs. Of the set aside \$800,000 Commissioner Dansel would like to know what remains. Commissioner Dansel is in favor of doing the repairs on Pete's Retreat Road. Commissioner Blankenship made the motion that repairs be made to Pete's Retreat Road. Commissioner Dansel seconded the motion carried with all in favor.

Mr. Reynolds presented Commissioner Blankenship with information regarding designating forest service roads as primitive and what steps would be necessary to do so. Mr. Breshears stated that an easement from the forest service would need to be obtained. Mr. Reynolds presented the Rail Trail Trestle Decking contract with Gold Line Construction for the Board approval (Ex. #8). Mr. Reynolds also presented the Herron Creek Resurfacing, Crushing and Grinding contract (Ex. #9). The Board signed an application for a Franchise Hearing for Mr. Gerry Larson to be set for September 23, 2013 at 2:00 PM (Ex. #10).

Fair Board MOU:

Ms. Roberta Weller came before the Board to discuss the pending memorandum of understanding between the County and the Fair Board. Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to allow Commissioner Miller the authority to sign the Fair MOU. Commissioner Dansel seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

Unfinished Business: Ms. Schertenleib presented the Board with the proposed action to be taken for the State Auditor finding on the Title III funds (Ex. #11). With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM until September 9, 2013.



BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FERRY COUNTY WASHINGTON

Brad L. Miller
Brad L. Miller, CHAIRMAN

Brian Dansel
Brian Dansel, VICE-CHAIR

Absent
Mike Blankenship, MEMBER

ATTEST: Approved 9/9/2013 Amended 9/16/2013

Hayley Aubertin
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Clerk of the Board