

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD
Ferry County Commissioners
September 9, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Chairman Miller with Commissioner Dandel and Commissioner Blankenship present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda: Commissioner Miller left the meeting at 2:00 PM for the EMS meeting.

Board Reports:

Commissioner Blankenship:

Commissioner Blankenship attended an Eastern Washington Council of Government meeting in Moses Lake. Discussion was held concerning federal land usage. There is a movement to return lands held in federal ownership back to the states. Commissioner Blankenship attended the Ferry County Fair it was well organized and in outstanding condition. Commissioner Blankenship attended a meeting with Aging and Long Term Care, the budget was discussed.

Commissioner Dandel:

Commissioner Dandel met with Undersheriff Williams. Undersheriff Williams spoke to Commissioner Dandel about keeping the detective position open and possibly adding another deputy. Commissioner Dandel attended the Stevens County Cattlemen's meeting. There is still an ongoing wolf problem and trapping has been unsuccessful. Commissioner Dandel participated in a teleconference with the Rail Corridor Committee.

Commissioner Miller:

Commissioner Miller attended the Buckhorn Community Advisory Board meeting. Commissioner Miller attended the Conservation District meeting; they have received a reduction in funding from the state. Commissioner Miller met with the new EMS director Korey McGaffey and Mr. Mike Green to discuss the EMS budget for next year.

Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1)(g):

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel concerns at 9:00 AM and came out of Executive Session at 9:30 AM. The Board came back on the record to request an additional 10 minutes in Executive Session. The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:40 AM. No decisions were made at this time.

Ferry County Assessor Rachel Siracuse:

Ms. Siracuse came before the Board to request permission to spend \$25,000.00 for a new server, Mobius Tara-Scan software, software license, an Ipad and the field application. This would be reimbursed by the Going Annual Grant. The Board was unanimously in favor of allowing Ms. Siracuse to make these purchases.

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Fair Board MOU:

Fair Board members Roberta Weller, John Smith, and Fair Board President Hazel Borders came before the Board to discuss the Fair Board's MOU with Ferry County. The MOU was agreed upon by both parties and signed (Ex. #1).

State Auditor's Exit Interview:

Sign in sheet is on file. State Audit Supervisor Traci Walker presented the 2013 Audit (Ex. #2). Ms. Walker spoke about the financial statement audit; they are issuing an unmodified opinion on the County's compliance with requirements applicable to its major federal program(s). There will be a finding. Concerns were found with Search & Rescue as well as the Title III Forestry Program. The County was in compliance up until 2008 at which time the law governing the funding was changed. Commissioner Miller stated that the County was told that if they kept funds awarded prior to 2008 separate from the newer funds they could be used according to the old guidelines. Commissioner Dansel inquired about the Fire Wise funds; receiving confirmation from Ms. Walker that funding could be spent on brochures but not on actual infrastructure like fire hydrants. When the act was reauthorized this is when the fund designation was changed. Ms. Walker stated that Title II money was spent on the noxious weed program, and needed to be documented correctly. The Title III fund balance will be returned to the Federal Government in September. The recommendation is that the staff understands related requirements and to work with the Forest Service to ensure compliance. The reports will be issued by the end of September 2013.

Working Session: draft letter to Fish & Wildlife:

Sign in sheet is on file. Several letters were presented to the Board concerning Mr. Kroupa's land sale to the Department of Fish & Wildlife. Commissioner Dansel stated that he opposed Fish & Wildlife purchasing land in Ferry County. Mr. Kroupa opened conversation by sharing a letter that he wrote informing the surrounding land owners of his plans to possibly sell his property. Mr. Kroupa stated that the Department of Fish & Wildlife will still allow for public access to the land. Commissioner Dansel's opinion is that using taxpayer money to buy land, while at the same time taking land off the tax rolls is not the right answer. The Board took public comments. The Board stated that they will not be drafting a letter of support for Mr. Kroupa.

Consent Items:

Transfer from Current Expense to Cumulative Reserve in the amount of \$291,823.00 (Ex. #3)

Transfer from Solid Waste to Public Works in the amount of \$13,952.72 (Ex. #4)

Transfer from Current Expense PBX to Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$917.93 (Ex. #5)

Transfer from CE to Insurance Fund in the amount of \$146,115.00 (Ex. #6)

Interlocal Agreement with the Ferry County PUD (Ex. #7)

Investment Grade Audit with Apollo (Ex. #8)

Voucher: Funding in the amount of \$473,905.00 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher 307887-307919 for the following: (Ex. #9)

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Current Expense in the amount of \$220,847.75
County Road in the amount of \$152,307.88
Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$3,285.85
Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$35,763.65
Boating Safety in the amount of \$626.94
Affordable Housing For All in the amount of \$4,134.16
Clerks Collection Fund in the amount of \$60.03
Crime Victims in the amount of \$143.66
Weed in the amount of \$10,493.79
Connections in the amount of \$20,028.90
Management Info Systems in the amount of \$7,028.90
Insurance Fund in the amount of \$3,140.25
Fire District #13 in the amount of \$349.86
Fire District #14 in the amount of \$1,291.80
Fire District #3 in the amount of \$1,264.89
Curlew Water in the amount of \$1,404.84
Inchelium Water District in the amount of \$3,007.32
EMS District #1 in the amount of \$8,724.49

Jail Update:

Jail Superintendent Lorne Spooner came before the Board to inquire about permission to seek assistance from a health insurance collection agency. Mr. Spooner also asked for a Commissioner to accompany him to the Ferry County Hospital in order to discuss a recent bill. Commissioner Miller is willing to accompany Mr. Spooner.

Discussion St. Peter's Creek Road:

Sign in sheet is on file. Public Works Director Troy Reynolds and Ferry County Engineer Bob Breshears were also present. The Board asked Mr. Reynolds for a traffic count and an estimate on repairing this road.

Correspondence:

Commissioner Dandel made a motion to approve a Resolution to transfer funds from Ending Cash to the Jail budget for medical expenses in the amount of \$17,000.00 (Ex. #10). Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

Public Works Update:

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds, Office Manager/Controller Sharon Sattler, and Ferry County Engineer Bob Breshears met with the Board to give an update. Commissioner Dandel made a motion to approve Commissioner's Order No. 13-01 Pete's Retreat Road No. 3470 (Ex. #11). Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. Commissioner Dandel made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-44 Setting fees for Ferry County Departments for Franchise Agreements (Ex. #12). Commissioner Blankenship seconded the

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motion and the motion carried with all in favor. The Rail Trail project signage was also discussed. There are some proposed changes the Rail Corridor Committee would like to add. The Board unanimously approved changes to the signage. Mr. Breshears discussed with the Board recommended updates to Public Works policies per required WACs.

Minutes Approval:

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes of August 26, 2013 as corrected. Commissioner Dinsel seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

Commissioner Dinsel made a motion to approve the minutes of September 3, 2013. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

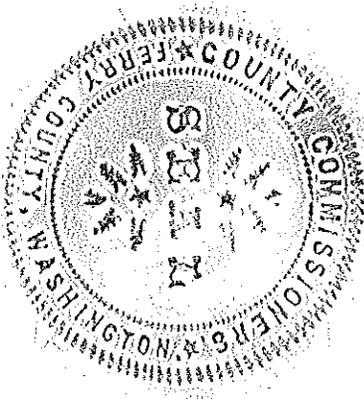
Working Session:

The Board held a working session to draft a letter to Congresswoman Cathy McMorris-Rodgers office (Ex. #13). The Board also drafted a letter for the Colville Tribes supporting their application for a grant to study elk mortality (Ex. #14). The Board signed the Indigent Defense Services contract (Ex. #15). The Board drafted their response to the State Auditor (Ex. #16).

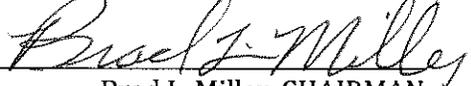
Spring Clean: Services Update:

Heather and Randy Conger, owners of Spring Clean suggested that the County invest in mats for the Courthouse. The mats would help prevent soiling and wearing. They suggested that mats be placed in several departments and in the courtroom under the council tables, as well as rubber coverings for the stairs. The Congers suggested different methods that may help the county Maintenance Director with his cleaning duties and schedule. The Congers believe that different products need to be used in order to reach the desired level of cleanliness.

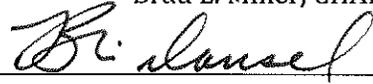
Unfinished Business: With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM until September 16, 2013.



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FERRY COUNTY WASHINGTON



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Brian Dinsel, VICE-CHAIR



Mike Blankenship, MEMBER

ATTEST:



Hayley Aubertin
Clerk of the Board