

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by Chairman Miller with Commissioner Dansel and Commissioner Blankenship present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda:

Board Reports

Commissioner Blankenship:

Commissioner Blankenship attended the Eastern Washington Council of Governments (EWCOG) in Davenport. EWCOG authorized the funding and are moving forward with Fred Kelley Grant contract.

Commissioner Dansel:

Commissioner Dansel attended the Stevens County Cattlemen's Association meeting where there was discussion on the A to Z project.
Commissioner Dansel spoke with various departments about County issues.

Commissioner Miller:

Commissioner Miller met with Apollo Solutions Group to discuss the possible Courthouse energy upgrade grants that the County is applying for. Commissioner Miller spoke with Ferry County PUD manager John Friederichs about the PUD's revolving fund. The County could apply to utilize these funds toward the upgrade. Commissioner Miller does believe that the County should apply for these funds.
Commissioner Miller attended the Ferry County Cattlemen's annual dinner.

Minutes Approval:

The minutes from November 25, 2013 were approved with changes.

Consent Items:

Transfer from Boating Safety to CE Sheriff in the amount of \$127.46 for correcting payment made out of wrong fund
Transfer from Current Expense PBX to Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$917.93 for December payment
Transfer from County Road to ER&R in the amount of \$189,071.36 for 2013-October Equipment rental and rock costs
Transfer from ER&R to County Road in the amount of \$51,659.79 for 2013-October reimbursable

Vouchers:

Funding in the amount of \$475,323.61 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher #309029-309125 for the following (Ex. # 1):
Current Expense in the amount of \$219918.07

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County Road in the amount of \$123,133.86
Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$3,286.41
Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$38,976.86
Boating Safety in the amount of \$517.30
Affordable Housing for all in the amount of \$2,956.23
Clerks Collection Fund in the amount of \$60.05
Crime Victims in the amount of \$143.68
Weed in the amount of \$5,736.55
Connections in the amount of \$17,063.39
Solid Waste in the amount of \$10,345.88
Landfill Post Closure in the amount of \$86.55
Management Information System in the amount of \$7,030.29
Insurance Fund in the amount of \$3,140.83
Fire Dist. #13 General in the amount of \$ 349.86
Fire Dist. #14 in the amount of \$8,536.76
Fire District#3 in the amount of \$19,003.44
Curlew Water in the amount of \$1,151.86
Inchelium Water District in the amount of \$2,910.43
EMS District #1 in the amount \$10,975.31

Ferry County Clerk: Budget Working Session

Clerk Jean Booher came before the Board to ask for the Boards support in giving her part time employee a raise. Currently the raise in pay that she received was from a contract with the State for the Collection fund. According to Ms. Booher the money from that fund could be taken away should the State believe that Ms Booher's department is not performing to their standards. Commissioner Blankenship and Dansel voted to approve the raise. Commissioner Miller objected, the motion passed by a vote of two to one.

WSU Extension Office: Tonia Jordan update

Ms. Tonia Jordan Administrator for the WSU Extension office came before the Board to speak to the Board about her offices upcoming move to the Training Center across the hall.

Apollo Solutions Group: Energy Audit Upgrade and Grant discussion

Apollo Solutions Mike Fuentes and Joe Hojnacki came before the Board to discuss the grant applications for the proposed Energy Audit and Courthouse upgrade.

Juvenile Probation Officer Cleve Ives: Budget working session

Juvenile Probation Officer Cleve Ives presented his 2014 budget. The Probation Officers budget was accepted with changes.

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Public Works: Budget working session

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds, Public Works Controller Sharon Sattler Dana Kincaid discussed the way that the Solid Waste payroll has been handled this past year. Ms. Kincaid would like to see the Budgets for Solid Waste and Public Works handled in the same manner moving forward. She believes that it is performing smoother than the way it had been done in previous years. The Board approved Ms. Kincaid's request. The Public Works Budget working session was tabled until December 16th, 2013.

Dennis Morgan : Public Defender contract

Mr. Dennis Morgan came before the Board to discuss the impending Public defender Contract. Mr. Morgan had suggested some changes to the specifics of the wording of the contract. The Board moved to accept the contract with the suggested changes.

District Court: Budget working session

District Court Administrator Tracy Palmier came before the Board to discuss the District Court budget. Ms. Palmier told the Board that Judge Brown would like to see his position increased to .8 of full time. The Board explained that they could not fund the position for that amount of time but would be willing to fund the position at .45 time. Commissioner Blankenship moved to accept the increase in the Judges time, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion the motion passed with Commissioner Dansel objected to the motion because he believes the funding for this increase should only be approved if the Prosecutors office receives a reduction in funding for the same amount. Commissioner Dansel stated that since both departments are part of law and Justice and the Prosecutors office lost the State contract, financially it wasn't feasible to fund both at the requested funding amounts.

Prosecutor's office: Budget working session

Ferry County Prosecutor Michael Sandona and Legal Assistant Cindy Nelson came before the Board to discuss the changes that were discussed at the December 2nd, 2013 meeting. Ms. Schertenlieb presented the total of the discussed changes. Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Blankenship voted to approve the Prosecutors budget with the changes. Commissioner Dansel objected, and stated he felt the Prosecutors office had underperformed and lost the State contract, and kept a Law Library fund when it wasn't necessary. Additionally Commissioner Dansel stated that using the Law Library Fund to balance the Prosecutors budget shouldn't be allowed.

Rob Willford Tri County Economic Development: USDA grant discussion

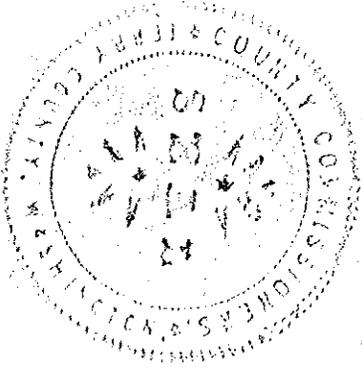
Mr. Rob Willford came before the Board to discuss the USDA grant funds. Mr. Willford informed the Board that the funds need to be allocated soon before the USDA requires the money to be returned. Mr. Wilford would like direction on how the County would like to use the funds available to Ferry County.

Commissioner Dansel moved to go forward with the plans for the USDA funds. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion with all in favor.

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Unfinished Business:

With no further business Commissioner Blankenship moved to adjourn the meeting Commissioner Miller seconded the motion with all in favor the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m..



BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FERRY COUNTY WASHINGTON

Brad L. Miller
Brad L. Miller, CHAIRMAN

absent
Brian Dangel, VICE-CHAIR

Mike Blankenship
Mike Blankenship, MEMBER

ATTEST:

Pamela Stoddard
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Clerk of the Board