

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD  
Ferry County Commissioners  
January 27, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Chairman Blankenship with Commissioner Miller, and Community member Mike Meyer present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Additions and Corrections to the Agenda:**

**Correspondence**

Community member Mike Meyer spoke to the Board about the proposed Marijuana operation Vulcan Mountain. Mr. Meyer is a resident of Vulcan Mountain and wanted to voice his opposition to the operation. Commissioner Blankenship stated for the record that due to number of letters in opposition to the license request for a marijuana production and growing operation on Vulcan Mountain, that the Commissioners will be writing a letter to the Liquor Board to inform the State that the Commissioners do not support this request for licensure. (Ex.#1)

**Board Reports**

**Commissioner Blankenship:**

Commissioner Blankenship had nothing to report.

**Commissioner Dandel:**

Commissioner Dandel was not present.

**Commissioner Miller:**

Commissioner Miller attended the Tribal Summit Forest meeting with USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Arthur Butch Blazer regarding Forest management issues. Commissioner Miller attended the OHV forum that Mr. Stan Christie presented at the Republic School. Commissioner Miller attended the Conservation District meeting. Commissioner Miller attended the BCAA meeting. Commissioner Miller attended the Eastern Washington County of Government.

**Legislative update with Jim Potts**

Mr. Jim Potts the Counties lobbyist called to update the Commissioners on the recent activity in Olympia on upcoming legislation.

**Citizen Bruce Green regarding County Property**

Mr. Bruce Green came before the Board to discuss a piece of County property along the Rail Corridor. The property is adjacent to Mr. Green's daughter's land and he would like to have the ability to rent or lease the property as an extension of his daughter's piece of land. Commissioner Miller indicated that the land is not currently open for lease, however if Mr. Green were to contact the surrounding neighbors and have them appear before the Commissioners with

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him to state that there would not be a conflict, and provided that Mr. Green do the leg work getting the legal descriptions then the Commissioners could consider a long term lease of the land.

**Planning Director Irene Whipple**

Planning Director Irene Whipple and Planning Commission members Lorna Johnson, Mickey Wooley, Darlene Pearson, and John Egge came before the Board to discuss Planning Department issues.

Ms. Whipple informed the Board that there was a new Attorneys General opinion published on Initiative 502 which state that the Initiative was not meant to prevent cities and counties from banning marijuana businesses.(ex.#2)

Ms. Whipple, Planning Commissioner members Lorna Johnson, Mickey Wooley, Darlene Pearson, and John Egge spoke with the Commissioners about the Fowler decision that was brought before the Board on January 20, 2014. The Planning Commission members indicated that the information provided to the Commissioners was not the information that they had been presented by Ms. Fowler, and further more the correct process for appeal was not followed.

Clerk of the Board Pamela Stoddard indicated that Ms. Fowlers request to be on the agenda was not intended to be for a hearing; Ms. Fowler had stated that she had a complaint or an issue with the Planning department. Ms. Fowler had stated that she was having problems dealing with Ms. Whipple and would like to meet with the Board for direction on what she needed to do next. The Planning Commission members stated had tried to instruct Ms. Fowler of the proper process that she needed to follow to make and appeal however Ms. Fowler was not receptive to any suggestions.

Commissioner Blankenship stated that given the full information he believes the decision made on January 20, 2014 was incorrect and the Commissioners should not have been involved at that point. Commissioner Miller stated that he also feels Ms. Fowler needs to be informed the Commissioners believe that after further review of the variance the Commissioners had granted was incorrect and needed to be rescinded. Ms. Stoddard will prepare a letter for Ms. Fowler stating that she needs to reapply to the planning Commission.

**Joy Osterberg TEDD Business Specialist**

Joy Osterberg came before the Board to discuss the progress that is being made on the Rural Business Enterprise Grant. Ms. Osterberg is attempting to find a suitable location and is remaining in contact with Realtors in the Republic area. Ms. Osterberg will keep the Board apprised if she finds a suitable location.

**Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)**

The Board was in Executive session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) from 10:40 until 10:55 no decisions were made.

**Ferry County Clerk Jean Booher Courthouse concerns**

Clerk Jean Booher, Risk Manager Jill Gates, CASA manager Val MacIntyre, Republic Chief of Police Jan Lewis, Deputy Prosecutor Emma Paulsen, Undersheriff Tom Williams, and Detective Patrick

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Rainer came before the Board to discuss concerns that have arisen regarding the safety and security of the Courthouse and the evidence that is housed within.

Chief Lewis stated that there is a need to limit the access to the Courthouse down to one main entrance and there is a need to develop an emergency evacuation plan for the facility. Chief Lewis stated that he has been working with several other facilities within the County and would like to see the Counties plan cohesive with all of the outlying offices.

Ms. Booher brought up her concerns with the lack of use, training and availability of the panic buttons that have been installed in some offices. Ms. Booher stated that there is a lack of testing occurring on the buttons that have been installed so there is a worry that those buttons may not even work.

Val MacIntyre stated that the CASA standards require certain measures of security and at this point the Courthouse does not meet at this time.

Emma Poulsen stated that there is a concern with the way that trail evidence is being stored and wants to make sure that the evidence is being secured and that it is being preserved in a way that is above reproach.

Commissioner Miller stated that he would like to start by testing all of the panic buttons and getting an evacuation plan developed. All of the Concerns will be addressed as soon as possible.

**Vouchers**

Funding in the amount of -33.26 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 241093 for the following: (Ex. #3)

Cancel warrant #241093

Funding in the amount of \$1240.00 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 309631,309758 for the following: (Ex. #4)

Void Warrant #309631

Reissue Warrant with correct vendor name #309758

**Consent**

Memo designating 38% of Road funds to the Diverted Road Fund (Ex. #7)

Letter to Department of Ecology concerning Wastewater Collection and Treatment Systems (Ex. #8)

Letter to Beth Fowler rescinding planning variance (Ex. #9)

**Public Works Update**

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds came before the Board to give an update on current Public Works projects. Mr. Reynolds presented the Board with Resolution 2014-03 Public Works Department Organizational Chart (Ex. #5), Resolution 2014-02 Bid Award for Bulk fuel between Ferry County Department of Public Works and Pine Grove Junction(Ex.#6)

**Lorne Spooner Jail Superintendent: DOC Contract**

Lorne Spooner Jail Superintendent and E-911 Director Ray Maycumber came before the Board to discuss the progress the Jail has been making with the Department of Corrections (DOC) contract. Currently the DOC Contract is coming up for renewal. Mr. Spooner will be working on making the Jail Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) compliant to be in accordance with many of the upcoming contracts.

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Mr. Spooner reported that the jail has brought in \$27,400.00 in revenue at this point in the year. Mr. Spooner is in the process of training his potential replacement and will keep the Board updated on his pending departure.

**Mary Fee and Rochelle Osborne Ferry County Weed Board**

Weed Board Director Mary fee and Interim Director Rochelle Osborne came before the Board to give an update and introduce Ms. Osborne as Ms. Fees replacement. Ms. Fee will be leaving the department in February.

**Golden Tiger appointments**

Commissioner Miller moved to reappoint the five members that asked to be retained on the Golden Tiger Committee. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. A copy of the Golden Tiger Pathway Committee is available in the Commissioner's office.

**Gary Howden: Proposed Type B water regulations from Health Department**

Ferry County Citizen Gary Howden and several others, sign in sheet on file, came before the Board to discuss the proposed Type B water regulations that the State Health Department has been proposing. The citizens believe that the regulations are too stringent and making it virtually impossible for land owners to be compliant. The group would like the Commissioners to convey their concerns on the matter to the Tri County Board of Health. They believe the State is imposing the rules on Counties and forcing them to implement rules that may not be appropriate for the area. Commissioner Miller stated that the Tri County Health District is the lead agency not Ferry County. Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Blankenship stated that they appreciated the discussion and will be watching this matter closely. Commissioner Blankenship encouraged people to attend the upcoming Quad County meeting where this issue will be discussed among the Quad County Commissioners.

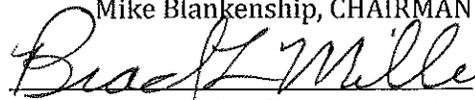
**Unfinished Business:**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 until February 3, 2014

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FERRY COUNTY WASHINGTON



Mike Blankenship, CHAIRMAN



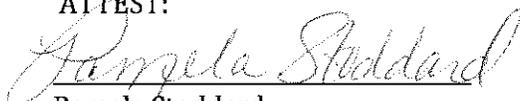
Brad Miller, VICE-CHAIR



Brian Dansel, MEMBER



ATTEST:



Pamela Stoddard  
Clerk of the Board