

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD  
Ferry County Commissioners  
April 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 p.m. by Chairman Blankenship with Commissioner Miller, and Commissioner Dansel.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Additions and Corrections to the Agenda:**

**Board Reports**

**Commissioner Blankenship:**

On Wednesday Commissioner Blankenship attended the Tri County Health department meeting where type B Water Systems were discussed. On Friday Commissioner Blankenship met with Cathy McMorris-Rodgers' staff and some members of the environmental community to speak about motorized trail planning and Lynx habitat within the Deer Jasper project.

Commissioner Blankenship attended the Lincoln Day dinner in Pend Oreille County.

**Commissioner Dansel:**

Commissioner Dansel attended the Lincoln Day dinner in Pend Oreille County.

Commissioner Dansel reported that the Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen will be in town meeting with Kinross.

**Commissioner Miller:**

Commissioner Miller attended the Tri County Health District meeting where type B water systems were discussed. Commissioner Miller attended the Economic Development meeting. Commissioner Miller attended the Conservation Fair at the Ferry County Fair Grounds on Saturday.

**Correspondence:**

**Minutes approval**

The minutes of were March 24, 2014 reviewed. Commissioner Dansel moved to approve the minutes of March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Commissioner Miller seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

## Ferry County Department Heads

Present were Rachel Syracuse, Irene Whipple, Joyce Schertenleib, Jill Gates, Jean Booher Kathleen Rupp, Dan Paterson, Daryl Dirks and Emma Paulsen.

Ms. Syracuse functioned as the spokesperson for the group. Ms. Syracuse inquired as to the intentions of the board to replace or repair the Courthouse Boiler. The Commissioners informed the group that they are looking into options for the boiler. Commissioner Dansel indicated that Custodial Lead Dan Patterson is looking into prices for replacement systems and the Board is considering grants and a possible loan to cover the expense.

Ms Syracuse addressed the upcoming construction project replacing the Courthouse roof. Ms. Booher inquired as to the timeframe for the project and if her office would have to be displaced. Commissioner Dansel indicated that the construction Manager from Apollo should have been in contact with her. Ms. Booher indicated that had not taken place. Options for venues to hold Court were discussed.

Ms. Syracuse inquired as to where the funds should come from for the required software update on the computer systems within the County. Ms. Syracuse wanted to know if she needs to begin budgeting for the replacements or if the funds will come out of the Management Information Systems fund.

Discussion was held on which fund the money for the expense should come from. Commissioner Dansel stated that he feels that the funds should come out of individual departments so they can be tracked. The Commissioners agreed upon paying for the computers out of each department's budget that is in need of the upgrade, so in the future it will be easy to distinguish who had upgrades and when.

E911 Coordinator Ray Maycumber; 911 update

E911 Coordinator Ray Maycumber and Ferry County payroll Clerk Dana Kincaid came before the Board to discuss the state funding that his department receives and how the funding is affecting his department. Mr. Maycumber is seeking approval to develop a separate GIS department.

Commissioner Dansel moved that we develop a separate position to be under the MIS department Commissioner Miller seconded the motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Maycumber presented a copy of his working agreement with the County and the State's new wage for E911 directors.

Commissioner Dansel inquired as to what the cost to the County would be? Mr. Maycumber informed the board that the cost increase would be covered by the State.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the working agreement. Commissioner Dansel stated for the record that he needed a week to consider the increase. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion.

Commissioner Blankenship asked for further discussion. Commissioner Dansel asked Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Blankenship if they are considering how the insurance premium increases are going to be considered.

Commissioner Miller would like to amend his motion to include a clause in the contract stating that the County is not obligated to cover any rises in insurance premiums. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion.

Commissioner Dansel stated for the record that he does not feel making a decision today is the right thing to do. Commissioner Dansel continued that he would like a week to further consider the matter.

Commissioner Blankenship called for the question. The vote was 2 to 1 with Commissioner Dansel abstaining. The motion passed.

### **Consent and Vouchers**

Funding in the amount of \$-64.07 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No.310466, and 310204 and for the following: (Ex. #5)

CANCEL WARRANT #310466 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64.00  
CANCEL WARRANT #310204 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$367.07  
REISSUE WARRANT #310855 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$367.00

Funding in the amount of \$1,010,007.91 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No.310856-311029 for the following: (Ex. #6)

CURRENT EXPENSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,508.76  
COUNTY ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$592,469.33  
COUNTY FAIR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,932.07  
AUDITORS' O&M IN THE AMOUNT OF \$198.12  
ENHANCED 911 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,959.66  
INMATE WELFARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,066.06  
RECREATION FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$831.31  
CRIME VICTIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49.98  
WEED CONTROL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,228.08  
TOURISM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$280.54  
CONNECTIONS TRANSPORTATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,114.87  
FAIR GROUNDS MANAGEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,268.95  
CONNECTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,372.93  
AIRPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$340.77  
EQUIPMENT RENTAL & REVOLVING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$330,679.32  
MANAGEMENT INFO SYSTEMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$629.11

INSURANCE FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$284.30  
FIRE DISTRICT #13 GENERAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,373.76  
FIRE DISTRICT #14 GENERAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49.00  
CURLEW WATER-SEWER DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,792.47  
CURLEW WASTE WATER CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$324.00  
EMS DISTRICT #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,369.93  
MOSQUITO CONTROL DIST#1 GENERAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,884.59

Funding in the amount of \$58,657.49 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No.310853-310854 for the following: (Ex. #7)

CURRENT EXPENSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,399.63  
COUNTY ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,432.41  
AUDITOR'S O&M IN THE AMOUNT OF \$340.17  
ENHANCED 911 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,314.49  
CONNECTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,370.60  
SOLID WASTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,893.64  
MANAGEMENT INFO SYTEMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,045.35  
INSURANCE FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$861.20

A transfer from the Recreation Fund to Current Expense in the amount of \$76.00 for the purpose of correcting a bill paid out of the wrong fund. (Ex#8)

An agreement between the Washington State Department of Ecology and Ferry County for the Shoreline Master Program Grant Agreement was sign by Chairman Blankenship. (Ex.#9)

A letter approving a County credit card for employee in the E-911/Sheriff's department was signed and sent to the Treasurer.(Ex.#10)

A letter from citizen Stan Christie was received regarding the speed limit and increased traffic on Customs Road between Catherine Creek and the Midway bridge. Mr. Christie would like to see the speed limit lowered for safety concerns.(Ex.#12)

### **Public Works; Franchise Agreement and update**

Public Works Controller Sharon Sattler, and Ferry County Engineer Bob Breshears came before the Board to update the current projects and proposed projects for the Road Department. Public Hearing dates were set for May 12, 2014 on the Franchise application received from Patricia and Garret Kamimura(Ex.#1), Curlew Water Sewer District(Ex.#2)

and John Clapp(Ex.#3). A Job description was presented for the Seasonal Traffic Safety Technician, Chairman Blankenship approved the job description as presented.(Ex.#4)

**RBEG Coordinator Joy Osterberg; update**

Rural Business Economic Specialist Joy Osterberg came before the Board to discuss the Counties direction for the Rural Business Economic Grant. Ms. Osterberg would like the Commissioners to give her instruction on what the County would like the focus of her position to be.

The Board instructed Ms. Osterberg to continue looking for an appropriate office space and to continue the direction she has been going. Ms. Osterberg will update the board.

Ms. Osterberg presented the Board with information that she had gathered regarding a previous RBEG Business Sign grant that had not been finished from 2007-2009. Various businesses had paid to have signs designed and constructed for their business, however due to staff turnover at the time the program was never followed through on. Ms.Osterberg has tracked the participating parties and submitted contact information (Ex. #11) Clerk of the Board Pamela Stoddard will forward any information that is submitted to the Commissioner's office regarding the reimbursements to the Treasurer's office.

**Kettle River Industries David Baker; proposed Marijuana growing operation in Danville**

Kettle River Industries David Baker came before the Board to discuss the Counties objection letter that was dated March 7, 2014. Mr. Baker is concerned that the Board of Commissioners has submitted a letter of objection to the Liquor Control Board regarding the proposed operation. Mr. Baker stated that he feels that the County Right to Farm Ordinance should cover his rights to produce an agricultural crop of his choice. Mr. Baker also feels that the County did not meet the 20 day comment period. Mr. Baker stated that his application was making forward progress and inquired why there was a letter of objection submitted after he had already been issued a building permit.

Commissioner Dansel stated for the record that the Initiative did not give Marijuana the same status as a crop so it does not qualify under an agricultural crop. Commissioner Miller asked Mr. Baker to explain his proposed project. Mr. Baker stated that his facility will be a secure facility that will meet or exceed all the States requirements. He added that none of the marijuana produced at his facility will be sold in Ferry County. Mr. Baker stated that the product will be harvested and packaged much like a candy bar in a plastic wrapper and will then be sent to Spokane or Seattle.

Residents of the Danville area that were present (sign in sheet on file) held discussion on their opinions on the proposal. Buffy Jackson stated that she was a direct neighbor to the facility and had major concerns with the location and the safety of her children once the establishment is in full production. Ted Torzewski stated that he did not feel that Mr. Baker was being truthful with the Commissioners about his pay scale for potential employees or the fact that he will remain a resident of the County after the business is established.

Mr. Baker explained that he is and plans on remaining a resident of Ferry County and does not feel that there will be any safety concerns. Mr. Baker explained that he and his family hold a large amount of land in the Danville area and run several successful businesses and are just looking to create jobs within the County.

Commissioner Blankenship stated that while he appreciated Mr. Baker's efforts the commissioner's job is to be the voice of the people and Mr. Baker's neighbors have made themselves clear that they do not support his establishment. Commissioner Miller agreed and told Mr. Baker that they would not be changing their letter that they had sent to the State as it only conveyed the sentiments that were delivered to the office.

#### **Executive Session 42.30.110(1)(i)**

The Ferry County Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for potential litigation, no decisions were made. Present were Deputy Prosecutor Emma Paulson, Human Resources Director Jill Gates and Payroll Clerk Dana Kincaid.

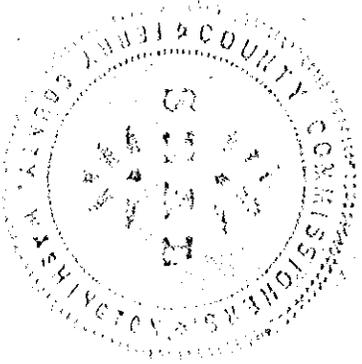
#### **Jail Superintendent Shawn Davis: Jail update**

State Auditor stated that we are further along with our PRIA compliancy than most other facilities. The auditor stated that he would be willing to work with the County to provide the Audit.

Joyce stated that the Jail was in need of a budget amendment. The department is currently over in their equipment and salary line items. Mr. Davis explained that due to an unusual amount of turnover within the Jail his overtime has been higher than normal. Commissioner Miller instructed Ms. Schertenleib to include the Jails budget amendment when the budget amendments for the other departments are presented.

**Unfinished Business**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 until April 28, 2014.



BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON

absent  
Mike Blankenship, CHAIRMAN

Brad Miller  
Brad Miller, VICE CHAIRMAN

Brian Dansel  
Brian Dansel, MEMBER

ATTEST:

Pamela Stoddard  
Pamela Stoddard  
Clerk of the Board

Ferry County Commissioner's  
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