

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD  
Ferry County Commissioners  
April 28, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 p.m. by Chairman Blankenship with Commissioner Miller, and Commissioner Dansel.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Additions and Corrections to the Agenda:**

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

The Ferry County Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1) (i) to discuss personnel issues from 9:02 until 10:00, no decisions were made.

**RBEG Coordinator Joy Osterberg; update**

Joy Osterberg came before the Board to discuss the progress that has been made on the RBEG grant. Ms. Osterberg has found several different venues that would be suitable for the office. Ms. Osterberg presented the Board with letters addressed to Ms. Betty Buckley in regards to a reimbursement for a sign that she had paid for out of the 07-09 grant, a letter to Ted Anderson of the USDA Rural Development was drafted, requesting an extension and a change in the scope of work. A letter to Ms. Anderson in regards to the letter of intent that the County had sent was drafted, at this time the County has chosen not to proceed with the purchase. A new letter was signed and sent.

**Ferry County Clerk Jean Booher ; Superior Court update**

Ms. Booher came before the Board to request a Court facilitator. Ms. Booher stated that there is money in the fund to help. Resolution 2005-33 covered the fund and will need to be updated.

Dansel moved Miller seconded Blankenship opened for discussion. Motion carried to approve a Court Facilitator for Superior Court. The resolution will be updated and presented next week.

**Forest Service; update**

Rodney Smolden, Jean Leavell, Lisa Green and Craig Newman of the USFS were present. Mr. Smolden gave a brief update on the upcoming projects. Ms Smolden asked what the Commissioners concerns were in regards to the projects.

Commissioner Blankenship stated that he would like to see some consideration to our species of local importance and species of significance. Lynx habitat is a concern in the projects that Commissioner Blankenship would like to see addressed.

Mr. Smolden will be meeting with some adjacent land owners on projects regarding concerns they may have.

Mr. Smolden stated that he would return when he has a complete map of the proposed area for the Walker project. Mr. Smolden stated that the Orient project is not set yet he will keep the Board updated.

The South End project was met with some objection. The objectors have stated that if their concerns are addressed then they will drop their objections.

Commissioner Dansel stated that the stream surveys are being objected to by the Stevens County Cattlemen Association in the proposed A-Z project. The Water Erosion Prediction Project (WEPP) model of water survey is going to be used. Mr. Smolden will keep the Board apprised of any changes in status on any of the projects.

#### **Community Member Bill Page: Cougar update**

Mr. Bill Page came before the Board to discuss Cougar issues within Ferry County and the State's position on management of the population. Commissioner Dansel and Commissioner Blankenship stated that they are supportive of the action. Mr. Page informed the Board that the new hunting pamphlets stated that there are only 7-9 cougars to be harvested from Ferry County this year. Mr. Page stated that the Cougar issues that are happening within the County are due to this low number.

Mr. Page stated that the changes in the verbiage to the hunting bill have made a ticking time bomb with the Cougar population. Mr. Page stated that we are working in a cycle and the population is going to continue to multiply exponentially.

Mr. Page would like to see at least 30 Cougars taken from within the County. Additionally Mr. Page would like to see the North half of the County be covered by himself and 3 others, and the South half of the County by Richard Eich or someone with trained hounds.

Robert Wilgus runs the carnivore lab at WSU, he has performed a study which states that the cats that need to be killed are the cubs. Commissioner Dansel stated that there will be another bill to legalize Cougar hunting reintroduced at the legislative level.

Mr. Alexander has had his horse mauled twice with no relief from the State Department of Fish and Wildlife. Mr. Alexander would like to reiterate to the Board the importance of this issue and the danger the population has to the citizens of Ferry County.

### **Public Works update**

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds came before the Board to discuss ongoing projects. The Board signed an agreement for a utility easement between the County and the Curlew Sewer and Water District (EX#1). A credit card application for Justin Haag was approved (Ex. #2)

### **Rail Corridor Committee: Resolution for RCO grant**

Rail Corridor Committee member Bobbi Weller and Keith Bell came before the Board to request a signature on an RCO grant application that the Rail Corridor Committee would like to apply for. The application was signed by Chairman Blankenship (Ex#4).

### **Civil Service Chief Examiner Arika Kurtz; Civil Service Budget**

Civil Service Chief Examiner Arika Kurtz and Civil Service Commission Chairman Sam Jenkins came before the Board to discuss the fiscal standing of the Civil Service Budget. There has been significant turn over in the Sheriff's department which has resulted in a depletion of the budgeted money. Ms. Kurtz requested an additional \$2000.00 to cover the upcoming advertising and administrative costs. Commissioner Dansel moved to approve \$2,000.00 to cover the overage; Commissioner Miller seconded the motion passed with all in favor.

### **Working Session:**

A letter to the Housing authority was drafted.

### **Consent and Vouchers**

A transfer from the CE MIS Non Departmental to Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$35,000.00 for the purpose 2014 Contribution. (Ex#3)

### **Board Reports**

#### **Commissioner Blankenship:**

Commissioner Blankenship attended TEDD meeting. Commissioner Blankenship attended the Quad County meeting. Commissioner Blankenship attended the Natural Resources Board Meeting.

#### **Commissioner Dansel:**

Commissioner Dansel met with Cathy McMorris –Rodgers. Commissioner Dansel attended the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the Quad County Meeting. Commissioner Dansel attended a Property Rights meeting in Spokane. Commissioner Dansel met with Judge Monasmith about the Courthouse roofing project.

**Commissioner Miller:**

Commissioner Miller attended Large Wild land Fire simulated exercise with the DNR. Commissioner Miller met with Cathy McMorris-Rodgers in regards to the NEPA process for the Buckhorn mine. Commissioner Miller met with the Lieutenant Governor. Commissioner Miller met with Regulatory Innovation and Assistance Director Jesus Sanchez who has been working on the permitting process for the Kinross mine. Commissioner Miller attended the Buckhorn Community Advisory meeting. Commissioner Miller attended the Grand Opening of the Trestle.

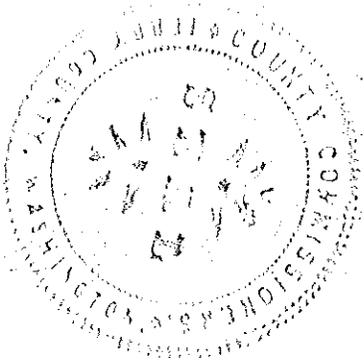
**Minute's approval:**

No minutes were available for approval.

**Correspondence:**

**Unfinished Business**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 until May 5, 2014.



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