

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Monday October 13, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at am by Commissioner Blankenship with Commissioner Miller, and Commissioner Dansel present. Community member Nathan Davis was present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Changes and Additions to the Agenda**

**Board reports**

**Commissioner Blankenship**

Commissioner Blankenship attended Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) wolf meeting in Stevens County. Also Attended (TEDD) Tri County Economic Development District Subcommittee meeting.

**Commissioner Dansel**

Commissioner Dansel attended a WDFW wolf meeting in Stevens County. Commissioner Dansel attended the Economic Development task force meeting with Lt. Gov. Brad Owens at the Republic School.

**Commissioner Miller**

Commissioner Miller attended the Trauma Council meeting where the Emergency Management Plan draft was presented. Commissioner Miller met with Union Representatives in regards to contract negotiations. Commissioner Miller attended the reception and meeting with Lt Gov. Brad Owens and the Legislative Committee on Economic Development and International Relations.

**Minutes**

The minutes of October 3, September 29, September 22, and October 6 were approved with corrections.

**Human Resources Director Jill Gates; lock box update**

Human Resources Director Jill Gates came before the Board to present a cost estimate for proposed fire arms lock boxes(Ex.#1) for the Courthouse. The Courthouse is required to have a secure location for the public to secure their firearms if they are attending court proceedings. Commissioner Dansel moved to approve the cost of \$2,243.39 for lock boxes in the courthouse. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion passed with all in favor.

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

The Board went in to executive session per RCW 42.30.110(1) (g) to discuss personnel issues. The Board came out of executive session at 10:10 AM with no decisions made.

**Community member Darryl Bos; Road concern**

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds, Members of the public Darryl Bos, Ben Butler and Bob Hottell were present. Mr. Bos received a letter from Public Works at the direction of the Commissioner's concerning his road. The letter requested Mr.Bos to provide proof that it was a county road. Mr. Bos claims that the road was to be maintained until further notice and since then the ditches have been pulled on Franson Peak but the County did not work on his section. Mr. Bos

would like to see his road maintained as it has been in the past. Ben Butler and Bob Hottell spoke with the Board. Both gentleman are past County employees and spoke to the previous maintenance of the section of road in question.

Commissioner Dansel asked what exactly the previous maintenance had entailed. Mr. Bos indicated that the road has been plowed sanded and kept up for at least the past 50 years.

Commissioner Blankenship reviewed a road log (Ex. #8) that listed Mr. Bos's road. The Commissioners discussed the Counties obligation to maintain a road that has been maintained in the past. Discussion was held on how the County would move forward with this issue. Commissioner Dansel made a motion that the County would continue to maintain the road as it has been for the past 50 years. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion.

Discussion was held on what would be considered minimal maintenance.

Commissioner Dansel restated his motion to maintain the road in such a manner that it has been done for the past 50 years, including sanding and grading. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried with a two to one vote. Commissioner Miller voted against the motion.

#### **District Court Administrator Chris Burnside; Employee issues**

District Court Administrator Chris Burnside came before the Board to seek permission to increase staffing. Commissioner Dansel made the motion to reinstate her Deputy Clerks longevity as she has been a dedicated County employee. Commissioner Blankenship seconded and the motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Burnside would like the Commissioners to consider allowing her to reduce her salary by \$1,000.00 and give that money to her Deputy Clerks wage. The Board did not approve the proposal. Ms. Burnside proposed a three day a week or two day a week position to help in the office. There was discussion with the clerk regarding using trail court improvement funds to supplement the position. Commissioner Dansel asked if she has an agreement moving forward in regards to the Trial Court Improvement funds. The Board instructed Ms. Burnside to seek a written agreement from Superior Court and Evelyn Bell of Stevens County.

#### **Voucher and Consent**

Discussion was held on appointing Commissioner Miller to the Trauma Council. Commissioner Dansel made the motion Commissioner Blankenship seconded, Commissioner Miller abstained.

The motion passed with two in favor and one abstention. (Ex#5)

Resolution 2014-26 Lifting Burn Restrictions was presented (Ex. #2) Commissioner Miller moved to pass Resolution 2014-26 as presented. Commissioner Dansel seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

Funding in the amount of \$848.23 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 313165 for the following: (Ex. #3)

Current Expense in the amount of \$848.23

A job description for the Snow groomer operator was approved (Ex. #9)

A job description for The Communications supervisor position for the Dispatch center. (Ex. #10)

A payroll change notice for Amanda Rowton transferring her position to the Board of Commissioners office. (Ex.#11)

### **Public Works**

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds, Public Works Controller Sharon Sattler, Solid Waste Coordinator Kristy Cromwell came before the Board to present current road projects. A Final Contract between Knife River Corporation and Ferry County Public Works was approved (Ex.#6)A Final Contract Voucher between Ferry County Public Works and Central Washington Asphalt, Inc. was approved.(Ex.#7)

Resolution 2014-08 amending maximum speed limits on Trout Creek was presented. Commissioner Dansel moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded and the motion passed with all in favor. (Ex#4)

Discussion was held on the open positions within the Public Works and Solid Waste departments. The amount of time needed for the position was discussed. Ms. Sattler will report back to the board with options for the position and the impact to the budget.

### **Tourism Funds/ Bass Blues BBQ and Brews**

John Chrysler representing Republic Visitors and Convention Bureau and Mary Masingale representing Bass, Blues, BBQ and Brews came before the board asking for funds to be transferred from Republic Visitors and Convention Bureau to the Bass, Blues, BBQ and Brews advertising for the 2014 budget year. This was the first year for the festival and they had spent more on advertising than anticipated in the first year of this now annual festival.

Commissioner Dansel moved to allow \$374.80 to be spent by the Bass, Blues, BBQ & Blues. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion passed with all in favor.

### **Homelessness-Housing Task force**

Ferry County Auditor Dianna Galvan, Connections Director Ranae York, Connections Advocate Rachele Jager, and Ferry County Chief Accountant Joyce Schertenleib came before the Board to speak about appointing members to the Homelessness-Housing Task Force. The two remaining members of the Homelessness Housing Task Force are Rachele Jager of Connections and Lonnie Simone of the City of Republic. Ms. Galvan stated that due to the need of a current budget, appointments need to be done immediately.

Discussion was held on appointments to the Board and what they make up the board should be. Commissioner Dansel suggested using the budget from 2 years ago minus any major changes that we have knowledge of. The Commissioners asked for letters of interest to serve on the Homelessness Housing Task Force.

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

The Ferry County Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) for the purpose of personnel issues. The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:00 PM. No decisions were made.

### **Unfinished Business**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P.M. until October 20, 2014.



BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Mike Blankenship, CHAIRMAN

Brad Miller, VICE CHAIRMAN

*absent*

Brian Dandel, MEMBER

ATTEST:

Pamela Stoddard,  
Clerk of the Board