

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Wednesday December 10, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Commissioner Miller with Commissioner Dansel.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Budget Discussion General;**

Assessor Rachel Siracuse, Appraiser Jeff Koffel, CASA Advocate Val Macintyre, Maintenance Director Dan Patterson, County Clerk Jean Booher, Planning Director Irene Whipple, Weed Board Coordinator Rochelle Osborne, WSU Director Trevor Lane and Karen Hall were present.

Commissioner Dansel reported to the attendees that the Secured Rural Schools (SRS) funds have not been authorized at this time.

Commissioner Dansel suggested eliminating the Maintenance Coordinator position. To make the public works and solid waste person a shared position as it was previously. Commissioner Dansel also mentioned removing the raise that was given to the Judge.

Jean Booher suggested maintaining the current contract for the conflict attorneys.

Dan Patterson suggested that based on previous years the position he has did not have a part time person. He suggested this be a possible cut to be helpful to the overall budget.

Jeff Koffel made a suggestion to let the departments make 15 percent cuts and come back to the board. Commissioner Dansel does not favor that idea because some people have made cuts in the last few years and others have increased their budget. That option would not be an equal cut.

Commissioner Miller proposed to work from the 2013 budget instead of the 2012 budget year.

Commissioner Dansel said 2012 budget is where he wants to be going forward.

The Commissioners ask the department heads to schedule an appointment and bring back a lower budget number. A memo was sent from the Commissioner's office advising department heads to make budget appointments.

Commissioner Dansel suggested cutting law library as we are not required to have one. Commissioner Dansel made a motion to break. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion at 10:30AM until we have more business to address, Board reconvened at 10:45AM

**Val MacIntyre CASA program**

The CASA program did not have a 2012 budget as the program had not been available at that time. Commissioner Dansel stated that he felt that the program is essential to Ferry County and the Board had made a commitment to Ms. MacIntyre when the program had come aboard. Commissioner Miller stated that he felt that the program is actually saving the County money. If the County had to supply lawyers in place of Ms. MacIntyre it would be at a much greater expense. The Board thanked

Ms. MacIntyre for her worked and asked that if she found any areas in her budget that she could minimize that she work with the Auditor's office.

#### **Dan Patterson: Courthouse Administration budget**

Mr. Patterson suggested reducing fuel costs by \$5000.00 with courthouse heating. The new boiler is operating at a much higher efficiency. Dan is looking to reduce the courthouse administration budget by almost \$29,000.00 dollars. Mr. Patterson proposes reductions in small equipment and part time position. Mr. Patterson was directed to report this to Ferry County Chief Accountant, Joyce Schertenleib to make changes. Commissioner Dansel made a motion to break at 11:10 AM. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The Commissioners reconvened at 11:30 AM.

#### **Superior Court budget**

Superior Court Administrator Evelyn Bell attended via telephone. County Clerk Jean Booher was present. Ms. Bell said that the \$204,000.00 budget of 2012 would meet the needs of 2015 budget. She suggested several cuts to make the 2015 even lower. Ms. Booher will relay this information to the Chief Accountant Joyce Schertenleib. Commissioner Dansel made a motion to adjourn for lunch. Commissioner Miller seconded that motion. With all in favor the meeting was adjourned at 11:50AM. The Commissioners reconvened at 1:00PM.

#### **Public Works update**

Public Works Engineer Bob Brashears, Public works Controller Sharon Sattler, Public Works Director Troy Reynolds, Community member Keith Bell and WSU Director Trevor Lane were present. Keith Bell presented a grant application for a project north of the trestle. County Engineer Bob Brashears made the necessary corrections to the new grant proposal. Commissioner Dansel made a motion to accept the grant application. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed with both in favor. Commissioner Miller signed the grant and the original was given to Sharon Sattler.

#### **Public Works Budget;**

Public Works Controller Sharon Sattler, Public Works Director Troy Reynolds, Public Works Engineer Bob Brashears, WSU Director Trevor Lane and Solid Waste Coordinator Kristy Cromwell were present. Commissioner Dansel mentioned that the two full time positions will be going back to one full time position. The Commissioners considered the Maintenance Coordinator position to be eliminated. Commissioner Miller proposed giving the Public Works department a chance to come up with a plan to make cuts. Commissioner Dansel was strongly uninterested in any delaying of projects on the road. Commissioner Miller would like to see a presentation. Commissioner Dansel made a motion to not allow a presentation until he can get people in here to discuss this.

#### **Treasurer Kathleen Rupp;**

Commissioner Miller asked if the Treasurer's office could go without one of the deputy positions. Kathleen reported that it was difficult when she started with only two deputy positions. She also pointed out that the new Treasurer will need that help. The Commissioners will be meeting with the new treasurer on Monday. They will discuss the possible cuts on Monday. At 2:15 PM due to a lack of a quorum the meeting was recessed until 2:20 PM.

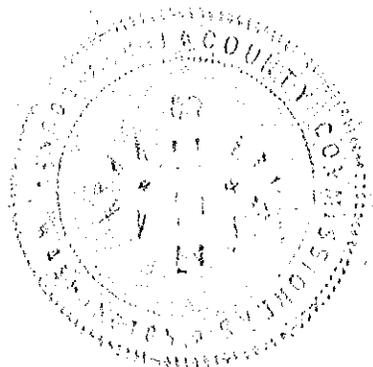
#### **BOE budget:**

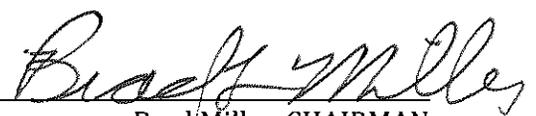
The (BOE) Board of Equalization budget was discussed. It was suggested that the budget be reduced by \$1900.00.

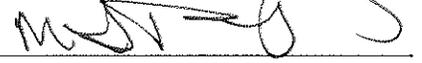
**Unfinished Business**

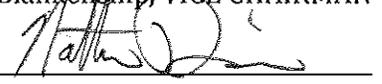
With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM until December 11, 2014

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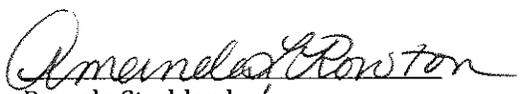


  
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Nathan Davis, MEMBER

ATTEST:

  
Pamela Stoddard, for  
Clerk of the Board