

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Monday February 9, 2015**

The meeting was opened at 9:00 am by Commissioner Miller with Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Blankenship present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence

Executive Session Personnel 42.30.110(1)(g)

The Board went into executive session at 9:25AM and came out of executive session at 9:50AM and no decisions were made.

Clerk of the Board job description

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to change the Clerk of the Boards job description. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Commissioner Blankenship made the motion to approve the minutes for February 2, 2015 as corrected. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Conference Call about the Salmon reintroduction

Conference call with Stevens County Commissioners, Pend Oreille County Commissioners, Okanagan County Commissioners and the Upper Columbia United Tribes were on the phone to discuss the Salmon reintroduction in the upper Columbia River. No decisions were made.

Forest Service update

Recreation Program Manager Eric Mc Quay came before the Board to give a Republic Ranger District update. Mr. Mc Quay discussed the burning projects and Deer Jasper Project that they are working on. There is a Lambert Creek Project that is projected for late summer. The Forest Service will reconstruct a horse camp that was damaged by previous floods. It includes redirecting and slowing down water flow in the flood plain to preserve the road. There is a meeting on March 9, 2015 at 10:00 AM with Laura Jo West to discuss the Forest Plan Revision. There were no decisions made.

Vouchers and Consent

A letter was drafted to Senator Brian Dansel, Representative Shelly Short, and Representative Joel Kretz about House Bill 1145. They were signed and sent out. The copies are in the file. (Ex. #4)

Funding in the amount of \$322.95 has been approved for transfer from the Enhanced 911 Fund 110 to Current Expense 001 for the purpose of correcting payments made from the wrong fund was approved. (Ex. #5)

Funding in the amount of \$499,278.98 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No.314752-314820. (Ex. #6)

Current Expense in the amount of \$240,902.13

County Road in the amount of \$138,788.84

Auditor's O & M in the amount of \$3,314.62

Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$37,563.22

Recreation Fund in the amount of \$2,191.75

Crime Victims in the amount of \$340.09

Weed fund in the amount of \$4,654.84

Trial Court Improvement fund in the amount of \$247.60

Connections fund in the amount of \$22,300.17

Solid Waste in the amount of \$10,756.88

Management Information Systems fund in the amount of \$7,529.18

Insurance fund in the amount of \$3,271.58

Fire District #13 fund in the amount of \$5,237.22

Fire District #14 fund in the amount of \$4,090.70

Fire District #3 fund in the amount of \$1,103.42

Curlew Water fund in the amount of \$1,103.42

Inchelium Water District fund in the amount of \$3,122.49

EMS District #1 fund in the amount of \$11,684.33

Funding in the amount of \$1,615.00 has been cancelled for Warrant/Voucher No.314524 due to having the wrong vendor name. A new Warrant # 314822 was issued with the correct name in the amount of \$1,615.00. (Ex. #7)

County Road in the amount of \$1,615.00

Lunch

Commissioner Miller made a motion to adjourn for lunch. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board Reconvened at 1:00 PM

Economic Development update

Tri-County Economic Development Specialist Joy Osterberg came before the Board to update the Commissioners on the Economic Development status. From February 11, 2015-February 18, 2015 until noon the TEDD office will be closed. Community Member Kate Meginley was present to discuss the Economic Development as well. WSU Extension Director Trevor Lane presented his update to the Board. Republic Chamber of Commerce Chairman Jim Milner came before the Board to report that they are planning for Prospector's Days. There is a Community Calendar at ferrycounty.com that is being utilized by the County. Friday February 20th is the next meeting for the Republic Chamber of Commerce. Business and Development Committee Chair Kate Meginley came before the Board to ask for a regularly scheduled meeting monthly. Ms. Meginley continued with a presentation on Economic Development and Tourism. Stone Rose Member Katherine Mead reported to the Board that Stone Rose is going to attend Dinosaur Days. No action was taken at this time.

Public Works update; possible Speed Limit alteration

Public works Director Troy Reynolds, Public Works Controller Sharon Sattler and Public Works Engineer Bob Breshears came before the Board to give and update for Public Works. Mr. Reynolds discussed the variable speed limits. Commissioner Blankenship suggested a couple of trial areas. Kate Meginley said the connection of the vacation areas to town by ATV travel would be helpful to tourism. There was discussion of the possible areas. Mr. Breshears suggested letting the Prosecutor Emma Paulson take a look at the proposal. (Ex. #3) Ms. Meginley suggested the variable speed limit would positively impact horseback riders, bicyclists and ATV riders. Starting at Kiwanis to Herron Creek the Commissioners would like to start with this area. Mr. Reynolds will be speaking to the Prosecutor about the legality of this proposal. Mr. Reynolds presented to the Board the memorandum about Cattle guard on Hemming Road for approval from the Board. The Board approved the memorandum. (Ex. #2) Mr. Reynolds discussed the Franson Peak tower request with the Commissioners. Commissioner Miller suggested that the money we collect for Franson Peak would be put in the Franson Peak line item for maintenance. Mr. Reynolds discussed the surplus items they have and was hoping to coordinate the surplus of the Sheriffs items as well. Career Path Services is providing two people for the on the job training program. There will be one man and one woman who we can put to work at no cost to the county.

The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Ferry County Public Works and Stevens County Public Works Department Regarding the Cooperative use of facilities, equipment, materials and

personnel was turned in to the Board with all the signatures from Stevens County. The original is in the file. (Ex. #1)

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We went in to executive session at 2:15 PM and came out of executive session at 2:30 PM. No decisions were made.

District Court staffing update

District Court Administrator Chris Burnside, District Court Clerk Arika Kurtz, and Ferry County Chief Accountant Joyce Schertenlieb came before the Board to discuss District Court staffing. Ms. Burnside asked the Board of Commissioners to grant her permission to hire a part time person. Commissioner Blankenship made the motion to increase the budget for District Court by \$7,000.00. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Veterans Relief funds inquiry

Community Member Mathew Hulse came before the Board to discuss the Veterans Relief fund. Mr. Hulse introduced himself and began discussing the topic of the Veterans Relief fund and his eligibility. Mr. Hulse requested of the Board to raise the threshold amount so that more veterans could access the funds available to them. Commissioner Miller redirected Mr. Hulse's request to the Veterans Advisory Board. John Hamilton spoke on behalf of the Veterans Advisory Board in regards to the amount we award to our veterans. The Veterans Advisory Board is going to work on a policy change and come back to the Board. Mr. Hulse turned in a packet of information to the Board regarding this issue. (Ex. #8) No action was taken at this time.

Board Reports

Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Miller met with the Housing Authority. The idea that the Housing Authority and Connections could merge is being discussed at the Housing Authority meeting. Commissioner Miller met with the Rail Corridor Committee as well.

Commissioner Davis

Commissioner Davis attended Tea Party meeting. The Tea Party meeting sent money to the Tim Eyman initiative. Commissioner Davis met with the different department and the city employees to promote the Grant Writing class. Commissioner Davis met with Sheriff Ray Maycumber. Commissioner Davis met with the Maintenance Director Dan Patterson and the Chris Moore of the Department Historical Preservation. Commissioner Davis attended the Community Services Advisory Board meeting.

Commissioner Blankenship

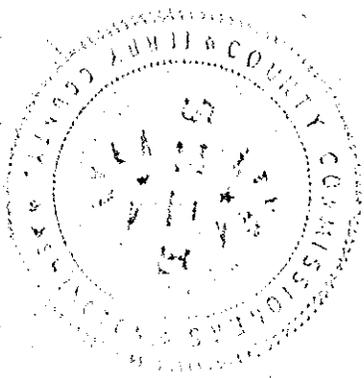
Commissioner Blankenship attended the WSAC/LSC Washington State Association of Counties Legislative Steering Committee in Olympia. Commissioner Blankenship met with Senator Dansel as well. Commissioner Blankenship attended the Aging and Long Term Care Committee in Spokane. Commissioner Blankenship attended Stevens County Cattleman's Banquet and met with the Stevens County Commissioners, Cattleman leadership and Washington State Secretary of Agriculture.

Wolf Meeting

Commissioner Blankenship requested a Wolf Meeting be organized. Commissioner Blankenship would like to have it on a non-regularly scheduled meeting day. Commissioner Blankenship suggested inviting the Cattlemen's Group. February 24, 2015 was the day that was agreed upon for the Wolf Meeting from 9:00 AM – 12:00PM. Clerk of the Board Pam Stoddard will invite Ferry County Cattlemen, Stevens County Cattlemen, Ferry County Sheriff Ray Maycumber, Ferry County Prosecutor Emma Paulson and notify the newspaper.

Unfinished Business

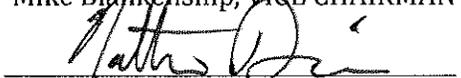
With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 P.M.



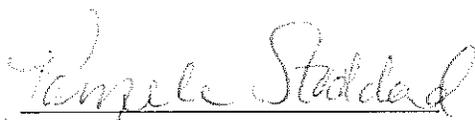
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Pamela Stoddard,
Clerk of the Board