

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Monday April 13, 2015**

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

**Changes and additions to the agenda**

Maintenance Director Dan Patterson canceled his session. Jim Potts, the lobbyist for Ferry County called in to give an update on important issues for the County.

**Board Reports**

**Commissioner Miller**

Commissioner Miller attended the EMS Trauma Council meeting where the bylaws were changed. Commissioner Miller attended the Planning Commission on Wednesday, met with Eric Seibins of the USDA Rural Development to discuss the Joint city of Republic Ferry County Housing Authority. Mr. Seibens accepted the plan to have Rural Resources manage the Housing Authority and assume the loan with the USDA.

**Commissioner Davis**

Commissioner Davis attended the Natural Resource Board meeting on Monday where the map proposals from the USFS were discussed. Commissioner Davis attended the Republic City Council meeting where the EMS district lines were discussed. The City will be raising their water and sewer rates and developing a new website. They are going to be repairing Hesse Boulevard South. The City is proposing the closure of the soccer fields due to maintenance expenses incurred by the upkeep of the fields.

Commissioner Davis met with the Sheriff and discussed the problems with the heating and cooling system in the Sheriff's department. Commissioner Davis reported that he is willing to donate his time and labor to update the system if the county could afford a new unit.

Commissioner Davis reported that an email from WSAC was received by the Commissioners on alternative ways for Counties to circumvent the cuts coming from the legislature. Commissioner Davis reports that the suggestions were raising taxes and revenue from Marijuana, he disagrees with all of the suggested "tools" they are proposing. He would like to voice his concerns at the WSAC meeting.

Commissioner Davis discussed refining the economic plan and updating the counties forest plan and suggested meeting another day of the week to be able to put time into the revision of those plans. The Commissioners came to a consensus that they would begin meeting for working sessions on the available Tuesday meeting days.

### **Commissioner Blankenship**

Commissioner Blankenship attended the Martin Hall meeting our bed count has been high for the last couple of months.

Commissioner Blankenship received a complaint about the Silver Creek Road. A concern was voiced about the patchwork that has taken place on the road.

Commissioner Blankenship also reported that there is a proposed log boom to help prevent erosion on two inlets on the South end of the County. Commissioner Blankenship would like the Board to suggest and alternative split boom to allow access to the areas by boats and fisherman.

### **Ferry County Treasurer Rochelle Rodak; changing the County Bank of Record**

Ferry County Treasurer Rochelle Rodak came before the Board to discuss changing the bank of record for the County. Bank of America was the past bank of Record. Ms. Rodak would like to change the Counties account to Washington Federal Bank.

### **USFS Republic Ranger Tinelle Bustam; monthly update**

Tinelle Bustam and Reed Heckley Fire management officer came before the Board to discuss the draft Forest Revision that is taking place. A sign in sheet on file(Ex.#9). Ms. Bustam spoke about meeting with the Board to go over the project to implement County policy into the Forest Plan. Ms. Bustam informed the Board that Three Rivers District Ranger Rodney Smolden would like the chairman to work with the Orient Water District and the Forest Service about the Orient watershed. Reed Heckley spoke with the Board in regards to the upcoming fire season. Mr. Heckley stated that the USFS has a back log of prescribed burning that the Forest Service believes they can catch up with this year due to the early spring and dry condition. Mr. Heckley presented the Board with a handout of the Predictive Services Spring and Early Summer 2015 Climate and Significant Potential Outlook (Ex. #1) The Handout explains the fire risk and drought probability throughout the US for the upcoming year. Mr. Heckley stated that the District is getting ready for a busy fire season and suggested that this is a good time for citizens to clear brush, understory and fuels from their properties to help reduce fire danger around their homes and property. Commissioner Davis asked if any procedures will change due to the fires in Okanogan County last year.

Mr. Heckley explained that several things happened in the Carlton Complex fire such as northwesterly winds and the terrain. He stated that the initial response was good but people could not be assigned to the fire fast enough, the conditions with the wind made the fire explosive and Commissioner Miller informed Ms. Bustam that the County is exploring their interest in the Old Stage Coach Road. The Board informed Ms. Bustam of the Counties intent to open the Marble Mount to Marcus Road also known as The Old Stage Coach Road. The Commissioners stated that there is a Community and economic interest in the road.

### **Vouchers and Consent**

EMS Interlocal Agreement was presented by Melissa Rose with Ferry County Assessor Rachel Siracuse presenting a map of the District lines. After reading the document it was recognized that the agreement has a change to the Counties Ordinance so will need to be advertised to meet the legal requirements for Ordinances. (Ex.#2) The Hearing for the Ordinance will be set for May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

A letter of interest from Robert Heath to be on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Commissioner Davis made a motion to appoint Mr Heath, and Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion carried all in favor (Ex.#3)  
2015-15 Loan donation for the Housing Authority, Commissioner Blankenship made a motion Commissioner Davis seconded to open for discussion. Discussion was held on the management and the fiscal position. Commissioner Blankenship called for the question. The Resolution passed with all in favor. (Ex.#4)

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to proclaim April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as Workers Memorial Day.(Ex.#5) Commissioner Davis seconded the motion passed with all in favor.

A correction to a Public Hearing Date was signed changing the Surplus Auction to April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015(Ex#6)

A credit card authorization for Ms. Christine Burnside(Ex.#7) of the District Court office and Ms. Katherine Burke of the Prosecutors office(Ex.#8)

### **Lunch**

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:35.

### **The Board Reconvened at 1:30 PM**

### **Ferry County Courts; Expenditure of Trial Court Improvement Funds**

Ferry County Clerk Jean Booher and District Court Administrator Chris Burnside came before the Board to discuss proposed trial court improvement funds expenditures. The Judges have agreed they would like to see improved seating for the Jurors and a new recording system for the courtrooms. A new printer for the Courtroom and podium was also podium.

Commissioner Blankenship moved to approve the expenditures for the printer, the podium, cushions for the Jury room seats, the Jury box seating, and the recording system for the courtrooms. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion passed with all in favor.

### **Rail Corridor Committee and Keith Bell; project update and Resolution**

Keith Bell came before the Board to present Resolution 2015-16 and discuss the grant to resurface the Rail trail. Also present were Bobbi Weller and Melissa Rose of the Rail Corridor Committee.

Commissioner Davis made motion to pass Resolution 2015-16(Ex.#10) Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 2 – 1 vote with Commissioner Blankenship voting No.

Also presented was an agreement for use of the Gotham-Kidwell pit. The agreement was approved as presented and signed(Ex.#11)

**Ferry County Sheriff Ray Maycumber; staffing update**

Sheriff Maycumber came before the Board to readdress the Board in regards to his current staffing situation. Currently the relief Civil Deputy is working the full time Civil Deputy position due to lack of staffing. This situation has caused the funding for the relief Civil Deputy position to be depleted. Sheriff Maycumber had requested to retain the Relief Civil Deputy position and hire a new Civil Deputy. The Board had asked that the sheriff to present a financial summary substantiating the cost effectiveness of retaining both positions.

Sheriff Maycumber stated that the portion of the Homeland Security funds that were previously being used to supplement the Undersheriffs wages could be used for the Relief Civil Deputy position. Sheriff Maycumber believes that the Relief Civil deputy could be funded and have that position responsible for the billing and documentation required by the grant.

Sheriff Maycumber stated that the bottom line of the Sheriffs budget will not be significantly affected.

Commissioner Miller stated that he was in support of the position but would like to revisit the issue in a year to make sure that it is still fiscally responsible.

**Minutes**

The minutes of April 6, 2015 were approved as corrected.

**Unfinished Business**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:27P.M.



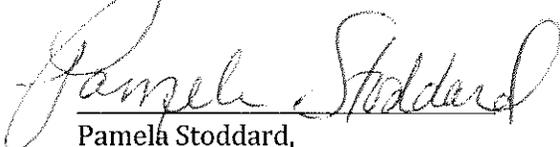
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