

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Monday June 1, 2015**

The meeting was opened at 9:20 AM by Commissioner Miller with Commissioner Davis and Commissioners Blankenship present.

Pledge of allegiance

Changes or additions to the agenda

No changes.

Correspondence

Letters from Mr. Mickey Wooley were received notifying the Board that he is resigning from the Ferry County Planning Commission and the Ferry County Board of Equalization. Commissioner Blankenship moved to approve the letters of resignation from Mr. Wooley. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. (Ex.#1) Instruction was given to the Clerk of the Board, Pamela Stoddard, to advertise the vacant positions on the Planning Commission and the Board of Equalization.

Board Reports

Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Miller attended the Rural Resources Planning Committee and Board meeting. The Chairperson of Rural Resources signed a letter of commitment to assume the loan for the San Poil properties that is managed by the City of Republic/Ferry County Joint Housing Authority. Commissioner Miller attended the Fair board meeting with no changes to report.

Commissioner Davis

Commissioner Davis conducted research at the local library branch with regards to historic documents dealing with historic railways and roads. Commissioner Davis has been working on the heating and cooling systems in the Ferry County Sheriffs Department and has ordered the heat pump to upgrade the current antiquated system. Commissioner Davis attended the Workforce Development meeting at the Spokane Airport Ramada.

Commissioner Davis attended a presentation by a telecommunications company, the E911 department and Sheriff to discuss options for the current 911 system that is increasingly having issues with support due to the systems age and lack of technical support offered.

Commissioner Davis met with Rural Resources and the Department of Social Health Services (DSHS) to discuss options for the Joint Republic Ferry County Housing Authority and some problems that have been discovered with Connections and their funding sources.

Commissioner Blankenship

Commissioner Blankenship attended the Tri-County Economic Development District (TEDD) meeting on Wednesday, on Thursday Commissioner Blankenship attended the Martin Hall meeting at Medical Lake, and on Friday attended the Eastern Washington Council of Governments (EWCOG) meeting and attended a presentation by Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT) on the proposed Salmon recovery project. The Tribes are proposing introduction of Sockeye and Chinook Salmon into the Upper Columbia and Lake Roosevelt.

Safety Trainers

The Commissioners completed 7- Minute Safety Trainers provided by the Human Resources department teaching OSHA techniques and the importance of good housekeeping and elimination of hazards in the workplace. (Ex.#2)

Teleconference with Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers; County Concerns

The Board of Commissioners called in for a teleconference with Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers. A discussion on current issues facing Ferry County took place. The current Forest Plan revision was discussed and issues the County has been encountering collaborating with the Forest service to make sure the Counties needs are being taken in to account before the plan is implemented.

Minutes

Commissioner Blankenship moved to approve the minutes of May 26, 2015 with corrections. Commissioner Davis seconded, the motion passed with all in favor.

Vouchers and Consent

Commissioner Blankenship moved to accept the Washington Counties Insurance Fund (WCIF) Wellness Grant for the amount of \$2630.00 (Ex. #3) Commissioner Davis seconded the motion passed with all in favor.

A transfer from Inmate Welfare to Current Expense in the amount of \$538.92 for the purpose of Correcting vouchers paid out of wrong fund was approved. (Ex.#4)

Funding in the amount of \$112,189.76 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No.316131-316205 (Ex. #5) for the following:

Current Expense in the amount of \$36151.69

County fair in the amount of \$2,114.49
Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$15.07
Veteran's Relief in the amount of \$118.45
Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$30,983.85
Boating Safety in the amount of \$25.11
Inmate Welfare in the amount \$3,210.11
Recreation Fund in the amount of \$20,369.84
Weed Control in the amount of \$11,669.96
Tourism in the amount of \$2,071.70
Fairgrounds Management in the amount of \$2,495.91
Connections in the amount of \$2,113.10
Sheriff's Uniform/Clothing in the amount of \$36.56
Management Information Systems in the amount of \$280.87
Insurance Fund in the amount of \$533.05

A transfer from CE Misc. Non Departmental to Solid Waste in the amount of \$ 47,054.13 for the purpose of transfer for constructions costs to be reimbursed by grant. (Ex.#6)

Lunch

The Board recessed for Lunch at 11:55 AM and will re-adjourn at 1:00 PM.

Public Works: update

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds, Public Works Controller Sharon Sattler, Solid Waste Manager Kristy Cromwell, and County Engineer Bob Breshears came before the Board to give a Public Works update. Mr. Reynolds asked that the Commission look over Engineer Breshears contract that is up for renewal. The Commissioners will review the contract on June 15th, 2015.

Quotes from Sargent Engineers in the amount \$88,560.00 and Nicholls-Kovich Engineering PLLC in the amount of \$45,748.95, for a bridge load analysis report project was presented. Mr. Breshears recommended the firm of Nicholls-Kovich Engineering, PLLC for approval. Commissioner Davis moved to approve Mr. Breshears recommendation Commissioners Order #15-03. Commissioner Blankenship seconded and the motion passed with all in favor. (Ex. #7)

Ms. Cromwell spoke to the Board about a transfer for the Construction expenses and her funding for the construction taking place at the transfer station. A transfer was approved earlier in the day to pay the expenses which the Solid Waste Department will repay when the grant funds are received.

Mr. Reynolds spoke to the Commissioners about the complaint of illegal hunting that was received on the Herron Creek property. Mr. Reynolds asked for confirmation on what the Board would like the signage for the property to say. Clarification was given that the signs will read “no hunting”.

Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(ii)

Per RCW 42.30.110(1) (ii) the Ferry County Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation with legal counsel. Present were Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Blankenship, Clerk of the Board Pamela Stoddard, and Prosecutor Emma Paulsen. No decisions were made.

Prosecutor Emma Paulsen: Prosecutors recommendations

The Board directed Clerk of the Board, Pamela Stoddard, to draft a letter to resident Marc Keith asking for a case number and any additional information in regards to the issues he is addressing and clarification to what action he would like to see the Board take moving forward.

Prosecutor Emma Paulsen recommended the Board end recording the meetings. Ms. Paulsen believes that inconsistency in recording and the audio and written version of minutes can lead to the possibility of potential litigation. Ms. Paulsen believes that the burdensome retention rate and the possibility of accidental deletion or the failure of technology, the public dissemination of employee information, and many other potential situations may create litigation issues.

Upon the recommendation of the Ferry County Prosecutor, Emma Paulsen, Commissioner Blankenship moved to stop recording the meetings with audio recording devices, Commissioner Davis seconded the motion for the sake of discussion.

Commissioner Davis stated that he understands the concern but also sees the value of the audio recordings for those unable to attend the weekly meetings. Commissioner Miller stated that he felt it will be important to continue to have detailed minutes. Commissioner Blankenship said that he felt with a commitment from the Commissioners to review the minutes prior to the Monday meeting that there should not be any issues. With no further discussion Commissioner Miller called for the question. The motion passed with Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Blankenship in favor and Commissioner Davis voting against.

Unfinished Business

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON

CHAIRMAN, Brad Miller

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MEMBER, Nathan Davis

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board, Pamela Stoddard