

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Monday September 14, 2015**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Changes and additions to the agenda**

The USFS Ranger Update was cancelled.

**Board Reports**

**Commissioner Miller**

Commissioner Miller had a phone conversation with Rural Resource Director Greg Knight regarding the Housing Authority. Commissioner Miller spoke with Fire Officials about the removal of the “danger trees” on Boulder Creek Road. The concern was in using firefighting money to do recovery work. Commissioner Miller was assured that funding would be available for recovery work. Commissioner Miller came in to the Courthouse to discuss the Wellness Program with Deputy Auditor Dana Kincaid.

**Commissioner Davis**

Commissioner Davis attended the Republican (PCO) Precinct Committee Officer Meeting and the Prosecutor selection process on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September. Commissioner Davis attended the Joint Communication Upgrade Meeting regarding 911 communications. Commissioner Davis attended the Spokane Fair. Commissioner Davis came in to the Courthouse and helped MIS Director Darrell Dirks with the email server issue.

**Commissioner Blankenship**

Commissioner Blankenship met with the Forest Service to discuss coordination on the Forest Plan Revisions on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. In attendance was a Stevens County Representative and a Pend Oreille Representative. Commissioner Blankenship attended met with the Forest Service to discuss coordination on the Forest Plan Revisions on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September. In attendance was a Stevens County Representative and a Pend Oreille Representative. Commissioner Blankenship attended the Republican (PCO) Precinct Committee Officer Meeting and the Prosecutor selection process on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September.

**Public Works Foreman update**

Public Works Curlew Shop Foreman Will Rowton, Public Works Republic Shop Foreman Doug Kellogg, Public Works Boyds Shop Foreman Justin Haag, Public Works Inchelium Shop Foreman Russell Camp, Public Works Keller Shop Foreman Rusty Jannot and Public Works Maintenance Coordinator Ron Charlton came before the Board to give an update. Mr. Rowton gave an update on the Boulder Creek Road “dangerous tree” removal project. Mr. Haag reported that firefighting efforts on Deadman Creek Road damaged the road surface and ditch. Mr. Jannot presented a list of Roads to the Board for discussion. Mr. Jannot discussed the procedure to close a road and requested

direction on what is appropriate for these roads. Commissioner Blankenship suggested the Board talk to Public Works Director Troy Reynolds about creating a procedure for these roads. Commissioner Miller addressed Mr. Camp in regard to the cattle guard for Don Gronlund. Mr. Camp was instructed to put in the cattle guard on the property leased by Mr. Gronlund. Commissioner Blankenship addressed the issue of maintenance of equipment in the Public Works Shops.

There is a sign in sheet in the file. (Ex. #1)

### **Republican Prosecutor Appointment Candidate selections**

Ferry County Republican Central Committee Chairman Jim Schumacher came before the Board to discuss the candidate selections from the Republican Party. Ferry County Assessor Rachel Siracuse, District Court Administrator Chris Burnside and Superior Court Clerk Jean Booher were present. Mr. Schumacher presented a packet of papers that outlined the three choices. The three choices were; 1. Sandra Richartz 2. Kathryn Burke 3. Nick Force. Mr. Schumacher made the appointments for the candidates' interviews. Discussion was held on the procedure for interviews of the candidates. No decisions were made.

There is a copy of the packet of papers in the folder. (Ex. #2)

### **Minutes**

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes from September 8, 2015 as presented. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Lunch**

The Board recessed for Lunch at 11:45 AM and reconvened at 1:00PM

### **Public Works update**

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds and Public Works Controller Sharon Sattler came before the Board to give an update. Mr. Reynolds prepared and Ms. Sattler presented a written recommendation for "Leave pertaining to recent fire". Commissioner Blankenship asked Mr. Reynolds about the cattle guard that needs to be installed for Don Gronlund. Mr. Reynolds said the Incheium Shop is getting right on it. Commissioner Miller asked Ms. Sattler if they could work with the Public Works Department in regard to the Wellness Program. Mr. Reynolds will also be scheduling a quarterly foreman update with the Commissioner's Office staff in conjunction with the standard foreman meeting.

### **Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) to discuss Personnel**

Superior Court Judge Pat Monasmith was present, District Court Judge Thomas Brown was present and Superior Court Judge Allen Neilson was present via speakerphone. The Ferry County Board of Commissioners went in to Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) for the purpose of discussing personnel at 1:40 PM. The Board came out of Executive Session at 2:25 PM. No decisions were made.

### **Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss Potential Litigation**

Ferry County Interim Prosecutor Kathryn Burke and Ferry County Auditor Dianna Galvan were present. Ferry County Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenlieb arrived at 2:35. The Ferry County Board of Commissioners went in to Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for the purpose of

discussing Potential Litigation at 2:25 PM. The Ferry County Board of Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 3:00 PM. No decisions were made.

**Republic Regional Visitor & Convention Bureau update**

Republic Regional Visitor & Convention Bureau member Kate Meginley came before the Board to ask some questions. Ms. Meginley asked what was going to happen with the (TEDD) Tri county Economic Development District office. Commissioner Blankenship said that it was being worked on. Discussion was held on the Tourism funding and how that money is distributed. No decisions were made.

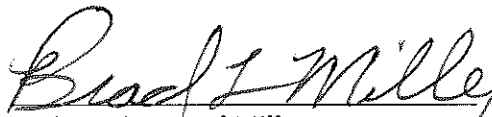
**WSU Extension 4H Coordinator and Office Manager Position**


WSU Extension Director Trevor Lane came before the Board to discuss the 4H Coordinator position and the Office Manager Position. Mr. Lane requested eighty hours of extra time funded by the County to train the new office manager. Commissioner Blankenship made the motion to grant an eighty hour allotment of time to use at Mr. Lanes discretion to use between now and the end of the year. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Lane reported on the Market Animal Sale. Discussion was held on the details of the Market Animal Sale. Commissioner Miller stated that the Market Animal Sale was not a Fair event and does no need to go before the Fair Board.

**Unfinished Business**

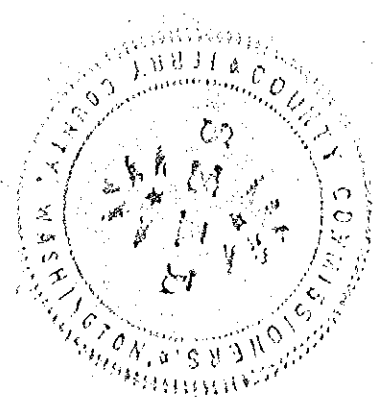
With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

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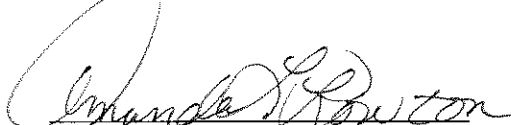
  
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VICE CHAIRMAN, Mike Blankenship

  
MEMBER, Nathan Davis



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Interim Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton