

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Monday January 4, 2016**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Changes and Additions to the Agenda**

**Choosing a Chairman of the Board**

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion (via conference call) to appoint Commissioner Davis as Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Davis abstained. Commissioner Miller volunteered to be Vice Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Commissioner Miller as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Commissioner Miller abstained. The motion carried 2-0.

**Board Reports**

**Commissioner Miller**

Commissioner Miller had nothing to report.

**Commissioner Davis**

Commissioner Davis worked with the Maintenance Director Dan Patterson and a repairman from Atlas Boiler to fine tune the Courthouse Boiler. Commissioner Davis helped Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib with the Housing Authority Property Manager Job description. Commissioner Davis spoke with Erin Roush about the Housing Authority job position.

**Commissioner Blankenship**

Commissioner Blankenship was absent.

**Minutes**

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for December 28, 2015. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Blankenship was absent.

**Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP)**

Ferry Conservation District Manager Lloyd Odell came before the Board to discuss the Voluntary Stewardship Program. Discussion was held on state allocated funds; Mr. Odell reported the state has provided funding for the project.

Discussion was held on the state contract and getting a contract with our local Conservation District. Discussion was held on the shared watersheds in Okanogan County. Mr. Odell discussed the possibility of getting an agreement with Okanogan County for taking care of the shared

watersheds. Mr. Odell stated that the Okanogan Cattleman's Association and the local Farm Bureau are in support of the VSP.

Commissioner Miller stated that he would like to discuss the VSP contract at the next Quad County Meeting. Commissioner Davis asked to have a VSP discussion on the January 11<sup>th</sup> Agenda. Commissioner Miller asked Mr. Odell when the deadline for signing the contract is. Mr. Odell stated that he would make some phone calls and find out. Mr. Odell stated that the Board needs to discuss the contract with the Ferry County Planning Commission.

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

Planning Director Irene Whipple was present and GMA Attorney Michael Golden was present (via conference call). The Board went in to Executive Session at 11:00 AM. The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:30 AM. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to keep all of the County's options open, to prepare for a possible appeal and to also work on negotiations with the Department of Commerce for Ag. Land of Long Term Significance. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Blankenship was absent.

Ms. Whipple presented the Board with a letter of interest for a 1 year term from Ron O'Halloran for Interim Planning Commission District 3. A copy of the letter is in the file. (Ex.#1)

Ms. Whipple presented the Board with a letter of interest for a 1 year term from Johnna Exner for Interim Planning Commission District 3. A copy of the letter is in the file. (Ex.#2)

Commissioner Miller made a motion to reappoint Ron O'Halloran and Johnna Exner as Interim Members of the Planning Commission for District 3. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Blankenship was absent.

### **Consent & Vouchers**

Ferry County credit card application from E911 for Amber Maycumber was approved by the Board. (Ex.#3)

Funding in the amount of \$71,264.57 was approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 318751-318852 and Funding in the amount of \$1,035.51 was approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 318883 Combined total of \$72,300.08 (Ex.#4)

Current Expense Fund in the amount of \$63,400.99

County Fair Fund in the amount of \$1,291.66

Treasurer's O&M Fund in the amount of \$124.39

Auditor's O&M Fund in the amount of \$9.84

Enhanced 911 Fund in the amount of \$199.46

Boating Safety Fund in the amount of \$971.98

Designated Medical Trust Fund in the amount of \$132.16

Inmate Welfare Fund in the amount of \$700.32

Fair Grounds Management Fund in the amount of \$3,328.60

Sheriff's Uniform/Clothing Fund in the amount of \$281.68

Inchelium Water District General Fund in the amount of \$1,859.00

Funding in the amount of \$13,490.34 was approved for transfer to the clearing fund for ACH Direct Deposit (Ex.#5)

Current Expense Fund in the amount of \$13,490.34

Funding in the amount of \$513,640.93 was approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 318853-318882 (Ex.#6)

Current Expense Fund in the amount of \$256,555.88

County Road Fund in the amount of \$147,116.06

Auditor's O&M Fund in the amount of \$3,529.13

Enhanced 911 Fund in the amount of \$41,602.00

Boating Safety Fund in the amount of \$8.62

Recreation Fund in the amount of \$1,481.73

Crime Victims Fund in the amount of \$356.18

Weed Fund in the amount of \$6,051.58

Solid Waste Fund in the amount of \$14,747.00

Landfill Post Closure Fund in the amount of \$9.25

Management Information Systems Fund in the amount of \$12,631.03

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$3,493.82

Fire District #13 Fund in the amount of \$645.90

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

Fire District #3 Fund in the amount of \$1,587.85

Curlew Water Fund in the amount of \$1,038.83

Inchelium Water Fund in the amount of \$3,677.11

EMS District #1 Fund in the amount of \$12,133.49

Housing Authority Fund in the amount of \$2,884.77

## Lunch

The Board recessed for Lunch at 12:06 PM and reconvened at 1:00 PM.

## Public Works Update

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds, Public Works Engineer Bob Breshears and Public Works Controller Sharon Sattler came before the Board to give an update. Mr. Reynolds reported that Public Works was invited to attend the Curlew School Career Fair on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Reynolds asked for permission to attend the Fair during work hours. The Board granted Mr. Reynolds permission to attend.

Mr. Reynolds reported that Public Works is required to fence their pit sites. Mr. Reynolds reported that they would like to hire a crew of 3 college ready students during the summer before they start college, to put fencing for the sites. Mr. Reynolds reported that the County has five miles of fence to put up to keep people and animals out of the pits. Mr. Reynolds reported that the cost would be approx. \$55,000 which would include wages and material. The Board asked who would be responsible for the work crew. Mr. Reynolds stated that the site foreman would be responsible to keep track of the work crew.

The Public Works 2016 pay scale was discussed. Ms. Sattler reported that wages for temporary laborers is too low at \$10.75 an hour. Ms. Sattler presented the Board with Resolution No. 2016-01 Pay Rates for Calendar Year 2016, Rescinding Resolution No. 2015-01.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-01 Pay Rates for Calendar Year 2016, Rescinding Resolution No. 2015-01. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Blankenship was absent.

Resolution No. 2016-01 Pay Rates for Calendar Year 2016, Rescinding Resolution No. 2015-01 was signed by the Board. (Ex.#7)

Ferry County Public Works Department Credit Card Application for Inchelium Foreman Russell Camp was signed by the Board. (Ex.#8)

Discussion was held on possibly contracting out snow removal around the Courthouse to the City. Discussion was held on the possibility of adding additional parking for the Courthouse. Discussion was held on possible County owned properties to potentially dump excess snow.

## Tourism Promotion Allocation Discussion

VCB Vice President Kate Meginley and Stonerose Director Katherine Mead came before the Board to discuss the 2016 Tourism Promotion Allocations. Commissioner Miller requested a spreadsheet to compare 2015/2016 Tourism requests to be presented at next weeks' meeting. Discussion was held on nonprofit vs. for profit entities. Commissioner Miller asked that the Prosecuting Attorney be contacted for her interpretation of the Tourism RCW's.

Discussion was held on having all Tourism requests in for 2017 by October or November 2016 and allocating the Tourism funds in December 2016. Commissioner Miller suggested that the Board advertise for Tourism requests in July to be able to receive all requests by October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Tourism Promotion Allocations will be readdressed at next week's Board meeting.

### **Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to Discuss Personnel**

The Board went in to Executive Session at 2:08 PM. The Board came out Executive Session at 2:30 PM. No decisions were made.

### **Housing Authority Working Session**

Auditor Dianna Galvan and Commerce Asset and Compliance Manager Jason Davidson came before the Board (via conference call) to discuss the Housing Authority. Discussion was held on the hiring of the part time Housing Authority office manager. Discussion was held on selling the properties at Fair Market Value. Mr. Davidson stated that the properties can be sold within a variance of 10%-15% of the Fair Market Value to allow for Market variations.

Discussion was held on the amount of the Revolving loans. Discussion was held on which loans are being paid and which loans are delinquent. Mr. Davidson suggested that Commerce would be able to take over the admiration of those loans. Mr. Davidson asked if there are any Deeds Trusts on properties. Commissioner Davis stated that there were some properties in Trust. Mr. Davidson asked to see the paperwork on these properties.

Discussion was held on the Pine Bluff and Heather Hills apartments. Commissioner Davis stated that the County is checking to see if the Housing Authority can break even between revenue and maintenance costs.

Commissioner Davis stated that the County is having difficulty trying to qualify people at different income levels. Ms. Galvan asked Mr. Davidson how to qualify people for TEBRA Funds. Mr. Davidson stated that he believed that the Housing Authority can refer people to Rural Resources to be able to apply for TEBRA Funds.

Commissioner Davis asked if there is any wiggle room when it comes to an applicant making too much money. Mr. Davidson stated that there might not be any way to waver these individuals without amending the contracts. Commissioner Miller asked Mr. Davidson if there was any training that Commerce could provide for the new office manager, Erin Roush. Mr. Davidson stated that he does have some resources he could send to Ms. Roush and asked for her contact information. Mr. Davidson stated that there are a few individuals that he could get Ms. Roush in touch with. Discussion was held on training Ms. Roush. Ms. Galvan stated that she would like Ms. Roush to work 5 hours a day, Monday-Thursday, during her training.

Discussion was held on the Housing Authority owned property on West Curlew Lake Road that is vacant. Ms. Galvan reported that the County can foreclose, sell the property, and put the money back in to the other Housing Authority Properties.

### **Unfinished Business**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

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FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON

*Nathan Davis*

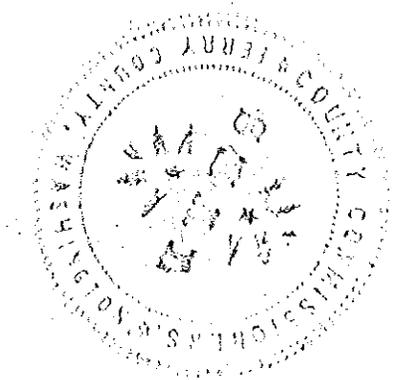
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*Brad L Miller*

VICE CHAIRMAN, Brad Miller

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MEMBER, Mike Blankenship



ATTEST:

*Amanda Rowton*  
Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton