

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Monday January 11, 2016**

The meeting was opened at 8:30 AM by Commissioner Davis with Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Blankenship present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Changes and Additions to the Agenda

Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for the Purpose of Discussing Potential Litigation was added to the Agenda.

Part-Time Maintenance Position Salary Discussion

Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib and Part Time Maintenance Worker Marty Padilla came before the Board to discuss the part time Maintenance position salary. Ms. Schertenleib reported that the amount that Mr. Padilla was receiving was not the same amount that was annually budgeted for the position. Discussion was held on how many hours the position held and what the hourly wage was for the position. Discussion was held on whether Mr. Padilla was eligible for the \$500 annual wage increase. The part time maintenance position was given a bump up to \$17,640, which was the actual annual budgeted salary.

Board Reports

Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Miller attended the Trauma Council Meeting. The Trauma Council is in the process of renewing County Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), the County Wildfire Prevention Plan is part of the CEMP Plan. Commissioner Miller spoke with a bus driver from the Republic School. Commissioner Miller reported that the bus driver is having a problem getting around the Courthouse with all the snow built up in the parking lot areas. Commissioner Miller attended the Forest Plan Revision Team Meeting in Colville at the Stevens County Commissioners Office. One of several topics of discussion was the Bonneville Transmission lines going over Sherman Pass. Commissioner Miller reported that discussion was held on the two worst burn spots from the fires. Commissioner Miller reported that there is concern of flooding from lack of vegetation in these areas, one of which is the Orient Watershed. Commissioner Miller reported that there were culverts removed from burned areas that will be replaced within one-two years depending on the regrowth of brush. Commissioner Miller spoke with Lloyd Odell from the Conservation District concerning the potential contract with the Planning Commission for the Voluntary Stewardship Program.

Commissioner Davis

Commissioner Davis met with the Forest Service in Colville on the Forest Plan Revision Team Meeting. Commissioner Davis spoke with Franklin Pemberton concerning studies through WSU regarding the possibility of doing a REC grant. Commissioner Davis came to the Courthouse to check on different departments to make sure things were running smoothly. Commissioner Davis attended the Historical Preservation Meeting.

Commissioner Blankenship

Commissioner Blankenship attended a Martin Hall meeting.

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Board Committee Appointments and Advertising of the Meetings

The Board discussed the different committees to choose which committees they would each take on for the 2016 calendar year.

Insurance Renewal

Human Resource Director Jill Gates and Insurance Broker Fred Lee came before the Board to discuss the Washington Rural Counties Insurance Program. Mr. Lee stated that the Washington Rural Counties Insurance Program (WRCIP) was renewed for 2016. Mr. Lee presented the Board with a copy of the Washington Rural Insurance Program Invoice. Mr. Lee presented the Board with a copy of the WRCIP letter concerning coverage and rates. Insurance coverage, premiums and cyber liability were discussed. Mr. Lee presented the Board with a copy of the WRCIP Coverage Confirmation. Discussion was held on earthquake coverage, evacuation coverage, smoke damage coverage, and HVAC systems coverage. Mr. Lee presented the Board with a copy of the WRCIP Statement of Value, a copy of the WRCIP Misc. Equipment Schedule and a copy of the WRCIP Vehicle Schedule.

A copy of the WRCIP Invoice is in the file. (Ex.#1)

A copy of the WRCIP letter is in the file. (Ex.#2)

A copy of the WRCIP Coverage Confirmation is in the file. (Ex.#3)

A copy of the WRCIP Statement of Value is in the file. (Ex.#4)

A copy of the WRCIP Misc. Equipment Schedule is in the file. (Ex.#5)

A copy of the WRCIP Vehicle Schedule is in the file. (Ex.#6)

Closed Range Discussion

Community Members Ron Ciais, Suzie and Randy Sage, Mel Shunn, James R. Gliddon, Michael Sternberg, Rob Stotts, and Jill Carlson came before the Board to discuss Closed Range. Mr. Ciais expressed concern about cattle getting on roads and highways and getting struck by cars. Mr. Ciais stated that there are no cattle guards to keep cattle off the roads. Mr. Ciais stated that he would like assistance to help people to fence off their property to keep cattle off state highway 20. Ms. Carlson stated that she is not going to fence off her property and feels that the ranchers need to fence their own cattle in. Ms. Carlson reported that Mr. Ciais' cattle have done damage to her property several times.

Mr. Ciais stated that the Closed Range Ordinance was not done right and he will continue to run his cattle until it is fixed. When asked what was wrong with the Ordinance, Mr. Ciais stated that there is a lack of cattle guards, the Ordinance is half done and needs to be finished. Commissioner Miller stated that he thinks there is nothing wrong with the Ordinance and that Mr. Ciais needs to work with his neighbors. Commissioner Davis asked if Mr. Ciais couldn't get together with his neighbors and get a pool of money together to put up fencing.

Commissioner Miller stated that he is not going to change the Closed Range Ordinance. Commissioner Miller is worried that opening the Ordinance up to change could cause a lot of unwanted problems for the ranchers. Mr. Shunn asked the Board what the definition was for Closed

Range. Commissioner Miller stated that all of Washington State is open range area and it is up to each County to close any areas.

Discussion was held on Swamp Creek, Old Swan Lake Road and Sage Road having no cattle guards. Mr. Sage spoke about the Ordinance and the ranchers in his area. Mr. Ciais asked if ranchers have the right to go on to private land to retrieve their cattle. Mr. Ciais stated that some ranchers have been shot at. Commissioner Miller stated that ranchers do have the right to retrieve their property. Commissioner Miller suggested that they call first or knock on the property owner's door to let them know what they are doing.

Mr. Ciais reported that he is operating at a loss and can't afford to put up miles of fence. Commissioner Blankenship suggested that if the County put cattle guards in, community members would need to tie fencing from the cattle guards into old existing fencing and maintain the fences. Commissioner Blankenship stated that he is not willing to change the Ordinance. Mr. Sternberg suggested the Board talk with the Conservation District about possible funding for fencing. Commissioner Blankenship stated that if the community members could find someone to maintain fence around the cattle guards and bring a proposal before the Board, the Board would be willing to put in cattle guards and signage. Commissioner Davis stated that the Board would be willing to talk to different entities to try to find funding for help with fencing.

Consent & Vouchers

An Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds was approved in the amount of \$32,500 from CE Misc. Non Dept. to Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$32,500. (Ex.#7)

Warrant No.#318751 in the amount of \$48.75 was Voided to Reissue Warrant No.#318893 to Correct Vendor in the amount of \$48.75 was approved. (Ex.#8)

Warrant No.#318760 in the amount of \$199.46 for Advanced Travel, Voided due to Cancelled Training, was approved. (Ex.#9)

Lunch

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

Department of Corrections (DOC) Contract

Sheriff Ray Maycumber and Jail Superintendent Shawn Davis came before the Board to discuss the DOC Contract. Sheriff Maycumber reported that the DOC Contract has expired, but the DOC still considers Ferry County under contract unless they opt out. Mr. Davis reported that the County can receive \$53.05 a day per inmate and each year request an additional 3%, or the County can opt out. Mr. Davis stated that in his option the County should not accept anything less than \$60.00 per day per inmate. Mr. Davis reported that DOC helps to fill beds in Ferry County. Ferry County takes inmates from other county jails that are full, often transporting inmates at the County's expense.

Discussion was held on whether or not to renew the contract or opt out. The Board asked Mr. Davis to write a letter to DOC telling them we will opt out unless they are willing to renegotiate a new contract.

Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP)

Planning Director Irene Whipple and Ferry Conservation District Manager Lloyd Odell came before the Board to discuss the Voluntary Stewardship Program. Mr. Odell reported that he spoke with

Ron Shultz from the Washington State Conservation Commission. Mr. Odell stated that Mr. Shultz would be willing to talk to the Board and any other entities that would be interested. Clerk Amanda Rowton was asked to contact Mr. Shultz to set up a meeting date and time.

Discussion was held on the VSP and whether any Ordinances would have to come out of it. Ms. Whipple asked Mr. Odell how VSP would handle the monitoring. Mr. Odell stated that all the details haven't been worked out yet. Discussion was held on how much time to schedule for Mr. Shultz's visit.

Minutes

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for January 4, 2016. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Commissioner Blankenship abstained. The motion carried 2-0.

Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for the Purpose of Discussion Potential Litigation

Planning Director Irene Whipple and Planning Commission Chairman Lorna Johnson were present. The Board went in to executive session at 2:00 PM. The Board came out of executive session at 2:15 PM. No decisions were made.

Ag Land & Commercial Significance

Planning Director Irene Whipple and Planning Commission Chairman Lorna Johnson came before the Board to discuss Ag Land & Commercial Significance. Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to appeal the Court's decision and have an attorney negotiate with Ag Land & Commercial Significance. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Housing Authority Discussion

Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib came before the Board to discuss the Housing Authority. Commissioner Davis reported that the new Housing Authority Office Manager started and is working on her training with the Auditor's Office. Discussion was held on paying back Rural Resources for Housing Authority expenses. Discussion was held on the sellable properties. The Board asked Clerk Amanda Rowton to advertise for Housing Authority Board Members.

Commerce Asset and Compliance Manager Jason Davidson failed to call in.

Tourism Promotion Allocations w/Spreadsheet

VCB Vice President Kate Meginley and Stonerose Director Katherine Mead came before the Board for the 2016 Tourism Promotion Allocations. Discussion was held on which entities are nonprofit and have a 501c3. Discussion was held on which attractions bring in tourists. Commissioner Miller made a motion to allocate tourism funding for Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$4,500, VCB in the amount of \$2,500, Stonerose in the amount of \$6,000 and Fly-In in the amount of \$2,000. The rest of the Tourism Allocation will be done at a later date. The Board stated that they will give the fore mentioned groups a chance to request more funds at another time. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Historic Preservation Board Update

Historic Preservation Board President Lorna Johnson, Member Ben Butler, Member Larry Beardslee, Members Liz and George Young, Member Gary Howden and Public Works Director

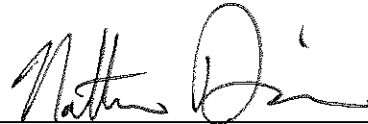
Troy Reynolds came before the Board to discuss Old Stage Coach Road Right-of-way Quit Claim Deed Procurement. Ms. Johnson presented the Board with a copy of a letter from the Historical Preservation Advisory Board asking the Board to file a request with Washington State Department of Transportation for a Quit Claim Deed to that part of the Marcus to Marble Mount State Highway located within the boundaries of Ferry County, and includes the portion referred to as the Old Stage Coach Road. Discussion was held on putting together a letter of request for a Quit Claim Deed. Commissioner Miller stated that the Board would put together the letter to be approved by the Historic Preservation Board. Commissioner Blankenship requested that the letter be ready to be approved and signed by February 1st.

A copy of the letter is in the file. (Ex.#10)

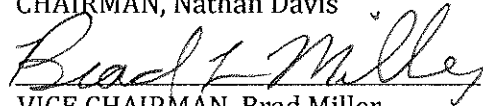
Unfinished Business

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

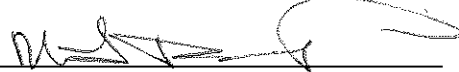
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