

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Tuesday January 19, 2016**

The meeting was opened at 8:00 AM by Commissioner Davis with Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Blankenship present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Changes and Additions to the Agenda**

A Commissioners' Working Session was added to the Agenda.

**GMA Council**

Attorney Michael Golden (via conference call), Prosecutor Kathryn Burke, Deputy Prosecutor Sandra Richartz, Ferry County Assembly Robert Platt, Ferry County Assembly Gary E. Howden and Planning Director Irene Whipple came before the Board to discuss the GMA Opt Out. Ms. Whipple presented the Board with copies of letters from community members concerning new Planning Department Ordinances. The Board asked Ms. Richartz if she felt comfortable handling the case. Ms. Richartz stated that she would feel more comfortable if someone with more experience were to handle the case. Commissioner Miller reported that the County has applied for a review of our case. Commissioner Blankenship shared an idea of having Ms. Richartz handle the case and hiring another Deputy Prosecutor to help handle the regular caseload in the Prosecutor's office. Ms. Richartz stated that she is willing to learn but is concerned with letting her regular caseload fall behind.

Mr. Golden reported that Resource Land and Wildlife were the two main issues that are in Appeals Court and an issue on Ag. Land. Ms. Whipple stated that she believes there are four issues still in the courts. Ms. Burke stated that she will ask around to see if there are any attorneys available to take on the case. Discussion was held on hiring a part time attorney for the position and where the funds would come from. Ms. Whipple stated that this is a time sensitive issue. To be compliant the county has to have an Ordinance by January 2017.

Mr. Golden reported that we will be billed a \$200 filing fee for filing a petition. Ms. Whipple stated that she will be in contact with Department of Commerce to get more information on cattle grazing land. Ms. Burke stated that she will look into possible budget for a new attorney. Mr. Golden stated that GMA wants to know why the 2,800 acres is not being used as agriculture land. Commissioner Blankenship asked Mr. Golden where GMA came up with the 2,800 acres. Mr. Golden stated that he believes that the report was misread and the 2,800 acres is cattle land.

Commissioner Blankenship stated to Mr. Golden that the term "negotiate" bothers him. Commissioner Blankenship asked why we have to negotiate. Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to appoint a litigation attorney to the Prosecutor's Office. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Blankenship asked Ms. Burke if her office has been receiving a lot of records requests. Ms. Burke stated that she has received a lot of requests, but most of them are from out of the area/state for research purposes. Discussion was held on putting together a spreadsheet to keep track of all requests. Ms. Whipple reported that the sixty day comment period is up concerning the new Planning Department Ordinances.

A copy of the letter from Gary Howden is in the file. (Ex.#1)

A copy of the letter from Edward Watt is in the file. (Ex.#2)

### **Board Reports**

#### **Commissioner Miller**

Commissioner Miller attended an EMS Meeting last week. Commissioner Miller reported that the EMS Director resigned. Commissioner Miller attended a special meeting for EMS concerning the resignation. Commissioner Miller reported that three people are signed up to take the EMT class. Commissioner Miller attended Winter Fest. Commissioner Miller reported that Med Star couldn't land due to ice on the runway. Commissioner Miller received a call from the hospital concerning Med Star. Commissioner Miller attended a Special Meeting of Commissioners concerning GMA on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Commissioner Davis**

Commissioner Davis attended the Department Head Meeting. Commissioner Davis stated that communication between departments, bathrooms and maintenance were discussed. Commissioner Davis reported that the jail is having a hard time finding employees. Commissioner Davis reported that a discussion was held on finding different health care for the County. Commissioner Davis spoke with Human Resources Jill Gates and Maintenance Director Dan Patterson concerning the Track It system. Commissioner Davis attended a Special Meeting of Commissioners concerning GMA on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Commissioner Blankenship**

Commissioner Blankenship attended the Lake Roosevelt Forum. Commissioner Blankenship reported that the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) is going to be held on November 15, 16 and 17<sup>th</sup> this year, and the Lake Roosevelt Forum is going to be held on November 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Blankenship spoke with Kathy McMorris Rogers Regional Representative Malcolm Freedman. Commissioner Blankenship attended a Special Meeting of Commissioners concerning GMA on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Consent & Vouchers**

A copy of the letter of interest from Larry Beardslee for the Historical Preservation Board position is in the file. (Ex.#3)

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to appoint Larry Beardslee to the Historical Preservation Board. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds from CE-Misc Non-Dept to Airport in the amount of \$23,800 has been approved. (Ex.#4)

Funding in the amount of \$536,206.14 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 318956-319127 (Ex.#5)

Current Expense Fund in the amount of \$68,005.67

County Road Fund in the amount of \$273,245.46

County Fair Fund in the amount of \$43.70  
Auditor's O&M Fund in the amount of \$233.72  
Veteran's Relief Fund in the amount of \$71.28  
Enhanced 911 Fund in the amount of \$65,962.62  
MHCD Fund in the amount of \$4,000.00  
Boating Safety Fund in the amount of \$50.49  
Court Facilitator Fund in the amount of \$326.00  
Designated Medical Trust Fund in the amount of \$58.00  
Inmate Welfare Fund in the amount of \$704.84  
Recreation Fund in the amount of \$105.81  
Law Library in the amount of \$419.07  
Weed Control Fund in the amount of \$3,125.82  
Fair Grounds Management Fund in the amount of \$2,461.22  
Sheriff's Uniform/Clothing Fund in the amount of \$303.64  
Airport Fund in the amount of \$1,864.23  
Solid Waste Fund in the amount of \$17,325.80  
Landfill Post Closure Fund in the amount of \$132.26  
Equipment Rental & Revolving Fund in the amount of \$70,300.33  
Management Information Systems Fund in the amount of \$8,768.70  
Insurance Fund in the amount of \$3,307.36  
Fire District #13 Fund in the amount of -\$11.88  
Fire District #14 Fund in the amount of \$279.77  
Parks & Recreation District #2 Fund in the amount of \$119.73  
EMS District #1 Fund in the amount of \$15,002.50  
Correction to Warrants previously approved on 12/07/2015 in the amount of \$185.25 was approved. (Ex.#6)  
Funding in the amount of \$68.13 was approved for transfer to the clearing fund for ACH Direct Deposit (Ex.#7)

Funding in the amount of \$53,167.34 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No.#318954-318955 (Ex.#8)

Current Expense Fund in the amount of \$18,733.28

County Road Fund in the amount of \$26,957.75

Auditor's O&M Fund in the amount of \$360.63

Enhanced 911 Fund in the amount of \$1,991.53

Solid Waste Fund in the amount of \$3,240.27

Management Information Systems Fund in the amount of \$968.85

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$915.03

Warrant No.#318850 in the amount of \$350.00 was Voided to Reissue Warrant No.#318904 to Correct Vendor in the amount of \$350.00 was approved. (Ex.#9)

### **Legislative Report**

Lobbyist Zak Kennedy came before the Board (via conference call) to give a legislative report. Mr. Kennedy reported on the Wildland Urban Interface Bill. Mr. Kennedy stated that this bill is specifically targeting rural areas, if it passes it would cost more to build a home in most of Ferry County. Mr. Kennedy stated that this bill requires a fire protection plan and homeowners would be required to do specific things for fire repression. Commissioner Miller stated that the County already has a Wildfire Protection Plan in place.

Mr. Kennedy stated that no Wolf bills have been put on the schedule yet. Commissioner Davis asked about the Gun Control Bill. Mr. Kennedy stated that the Gun Control Bill is receiving a lot of opposition.

Commissioner Blankenship asked Mr. Kennedy if there was any news on Transgender Bathrooms. Mr. Kennedy reported that not too much is happening on that yet. Commissioner Blankenship asked Mr. Kennedy about the Public Records Act. Mr. Kennedy reported that so far it is not going anywhere. Discussion was held on the Open Public Meetings Act.

### **Commissioner's Working Session**

Discussion was held on the Shelter Inventory. Clerk Amanda Rowton was instructed to ask Risk Management Jill Gates to do a walk-through of the Shelter house to get a rough estimate of its inventory.

American Lands Council annual dues were discussed.

Commissioner Blankenship asked to schedule the Board's Committee assignment discussion at next week's meeting.

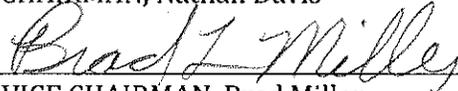
### **Unfinished Business**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 AM.

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FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON



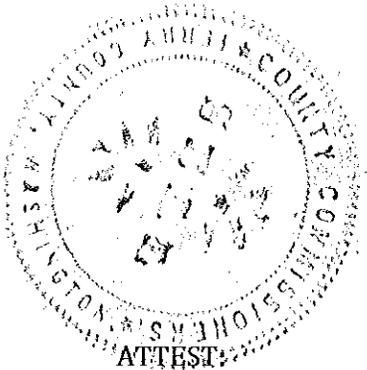
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