

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Monday January 25, 2016**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Reports

Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Miller attended the Ferry County Health Consortium. Commissioner Miller reported that discussion was held on the needs in healthcare in Ferry County. Commissioner Miller reported that they will be continuing meetings in the future. Commissioner Miller attended the State 911 Advisory Committee Meeting in Tacoma. Commissioner Miller reported that the Policy Subcommittee brought back a report to the Committee concerning contract changes. Commissioner Miller reported that the State will require each County to have a GIS data set 4 and to require a 98.5% accuracy rate. Commissioner Miller spent time working on EMS District issues. Commissioner Miller reported that the EMS District rented an apartment to house EMT's from Tonasket and Curlew to help cover shifts. Commissioner Miller stated that EMS members helped furnish the apartment.

Commissioner Davis

Commissioner Davis spoke with the manager of the PUD John Friederichs concerning the carbon tax fuel bill. Commissioner Davis spoke with Public Works Director Troy Reynolds concerning the snow removal around the Courthouse and discussed the feasibility of having Public works take over the snow removal until Tyler Fagley's truck is fixed. Commissioner Davis attended an interview for a Work Source Work Services intern for the Commissioner's office. Commissioner Davis reported that the intern would make copies of maps and do any work that needs catching up on. Commissioner Davis stated that he is going to experiment on android phones apps. for the purpose of public records. Commissioner Davis reported that the Prosecutor's office bought a system for phones to send public records through apps. on secure servers. Commissioner Davis spent three days talking to different departments at the Courthouse last week. Commissioner Davis spoke with Human Resources Jill Gates concerning the old connections shelter. Ms. Gates could not do an inventory check due to lack of snow removal. Commissioner Davis reported that he is going to do the inventory himself. Commissioner Davis emailed Suzi Fodie and Kathy Dugan at Connections concerning funding due to Connections.

Commissioner Blankenship

Commissioner Blankenship attended the WSAC Legislative Meeting in Olympia. Commissioner Blankenship reported that in attendance were our State Senator Brian Danel and our Legislative representative Zak Kennedy. Commissioner Blankenship stated that two of the issues were on gun ownership and transgender. Commissioner Blankenship reported that WSAC agreed to support the Washington Association of County Officials House bill 2762 and Senate Bill 6373 filing fee increase for auto licensing. Commissioner Blankenship reported on a proposal to establish a new committee to encourage the State of Washington Department Of fish and Wildlife to fund Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT). Commissioner Blankenship stated that it would cost \$500 annually for Ferry County.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion for Ferry County Commit to pay the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Coalition dues assessment in the amount of \$500. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for January 11, 2016. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for January 13, 2016. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance Update

Maintenance Director Dan Patterson came before the Board to give an update. Discussion was held on issues with Community members, neighboring the courthouse, parking in courthouse parking spaces. Discussion was held on putting in a vent for the courthouse basement restroom. Mr. Patterson reported that the Track It system is working well. Mr. Patterson stated that he has had to do some adjustment on the priority level on some requests. Discussion was held placing the antennae on the roof. Discussion was held on whether to do the work "in house" or contract the work out. Commissioner Miller expressed concern with the Maintenance Department not having the time to do the extra projects along with their regular duties. Discussion was held on cutting back the hillside and moving the parking lot on the west side of the courthouse several feet to add more room for traffic to drive through. Mr. Patterson reported that the Boiler is working in tip top condition. Mr. Patterson reported that there is a bad thermostat on the third floor that needs swapping out.

Mr. Patterson reported on the Snow Grooming Program. Mr. Patterson reported that every system has been groomed so far and he has started his second round. Mr. Patterson reported that Bonaparte was groomed this weekend. Mr. Patterson reported that he had had a blown seal on the Snowcat. Mr. Patterson reported that he ordered the parts and got the groomer running again. Mr. Patterson reported that the blown seal was the only problem so far this year. Deputy Clerk Jennifer Knowles asked Mr. Patterson for a list on the length of each trail in our trail system.

Tourism Allocation Continued

Community members Kathryn Mead, Kate Meginley, Jim Milner and Sarah Wilson came before the Board to discuss Tourism Allocations. Discussion was held on tourism funds for profit versus nonprofit.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the tourism allocations as follows:

Kettle River History Club \$450

Grasshopper Festival \$1,250

Gold Mountain Gallery \$1,000

Husky Truck and Auto \$300

Bass, Bands, BBQ & Brews \$1,800

Republic Motorcycle Rally \$2,500

Eagle Track Racing \$1,000

Chamber of Commerce \$5,000

Republic Regional Visitors & Convention Bureau \$2,600

Stonerose \$6,000

Fly-In/NW Aviation \$2,000

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The total tourism allocation amount was \$23,900 leaving \$1,100 in the event of late submissions and allocation increase requests.

Senator Dansel called in at 11:30 AM. Senator Dansel stated that he wants to support a Bill that would lighten up on public records requests to help cut down on frivolous requests. Senator Dansel asked the Board to send him information on how much of a time commitment and how much it costs the County to take care of all public records requests. Discussion was held on the transgender bathroom bill and the Carbon Tax bill.

Consent & Vouchers

Ferry County Resolution No. 2015-40 2016 Final Budget Revenue & Expenditures was signed by the Board. (Ex.#1)

Sheriff's Department Credit Card Request for Mathew Kersten was signed by the Board. (Ex.#2)

Tri County Economic Development District (TEDD) Question was signed by the Chairman. (Ex.#3)

Atlas Boiler Small Works/Public Works Contract was signed by the Chairman. (Ex.#4)

Okanogan County Agreement was signed by the Chairman. (Ex.#5)

Potts & Associates Lobbyist Registration was signed by the Chairman. (Ex.#6)

Ferry County Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds from *Home Security* to *Housing Authority* in the amount of \$40,000 was approved. (Ex.#7)

Lunch

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:07 PM and reconvened at 1:00 PM.

Public Works Update

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds, Solid Waste Coordinator Kristy Cromwell and Public Works Controller Sharon Sattler came before the Board to give an update. Mr. Reynolds reported on a reimbursable County Road/Solid Waste invoice that slipped through the cracks. Mr. Reynolds stated that it was too late to be reimbursed through a grant as the grant cycle has ended. Mr. Reynolds reported that the amount owed was \$6,000. Mr. Reynolds would like to split the bill between Public Works and Solid Waste. Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve \$3,000 to be paid by Public Works and \$3,000 to be paid by Solid Waste. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on Airport runway maintenance. Mr. Reynolds reported on Med Star failing to land due to ice on the runway. Discussion was held on using chemicals on the runway. Mr. Reynolds stated that certain chemicals cannot be used due to the damaging effects to the aluminum on planes. Mr. Reynolds stated that the County does plow the airport runway. Mr. Reynolds reported that there will be a meeting on the airport runway issue.

Discussion was held on road restrictions. Ms. Sattler presented the Board with an Interim Departmental Work Request.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the Interim Agreement with Public Works to plow the Courthouse from January 20, through January 31, 2016. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Reimbursement Work Request is in the file. (Ex.#8)

Mr. Reynolds requested approval for a 5 year lease of two Caterpillar motor graders from Western States. Ms. Sattler presented the Board with a copy of Commissioners' Order 16-01 for approval. Mr. Reynolds reported that there are a few students interested in putting up the fencing around the County pits. Mr. Reynolds stated that when the time comes he will be contacting schools to find eligible students.

A signed copy of Commissioners Order 16-01 is in the file. (Ex.#9)

Ms. Cromwell reported that the first bale of cardboard weighed 1,040 lbs. and the second bale weighed 1,100 lbs.

Housing Authority Discussion

Auditor Diana Galvan and Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib came before the Board to discuss the Housing Authority. Discussion was held on the West Curlew Lake property that is undergoing bankruptcy. Ms. Galvan reported that the owner can sign the property back over to the County and the County can put it up for sale.

Ms. Schertenleib reported that the Housing Authority Board Meetings are every second Thursday at 5:00 PM at the Housing Authority Office. Discussion was held on advertising for Housing Authority Board members. Discussion was held on the new Housing Authority Office Manager getting some training in another Housing Authority office.

Discussion was held on licensing fees.

Commissioner Miller reported that realtor Bill Baldwin called and reported about a second offer made on the mobile home on Portland. Discussion was held on the rent issues with Connections. Discussion was held on the inventory of the shelter house. Ms. Schertenleib reported on two possible move-ins for the Heather Hills apartments and one for the Special Needs apartments. Discussion was held on rent prices.

Barb Stevens' last day will be January 29th. Ms. Schertenleib reported that most of the 2014 financials are balanced and most of the 2015 financials are done.

BOCC Committee Appointments

The Board discussed their Board and Committee assignments for 2016.

Courthouse Snowplowing

Tyler Fagley and Rachel Siracuse came before the Board to discuss the snowplowing contract for the Courthouse. Discussion was held on the lack of room to drive through the Courthouse parking lot due to snow build up. Mr. Fagley reported that his plow truck is broke down and is at the mechanic shop being worked on. Commissioner Miller asked Mr. Fagley if he wanted out of the contract. Commissioner Miller stated that he wouldn't have a problem if Mr. Fagley was over extended and wanted out of the contract. Mr. Fagley stated that he gets off work from Boise at 11:00 PM, drives back to republic and makes some rounds to plow snow. Mr. Fagley stated that he comes in to the Courthouse at about 5:00 AM and if there is not enough snow, he doesn't plow. Commissioner Miller stated that next year the contract would be more specific on how much snow requires plowing. Mr. Fagley said he would appreciate a spreadsheet detailing what was expected of him. Mr. Fagley stated that he would like the freedom to come in to remove the excess snow when he feels it is needed and not have to wait for the Commissioners' office to call in an emergency.

Commissioner Blankenship stated that the opening to turn in behind the Courthouse is too narrow and that there is a fire hydrant. Commissioner Blankenship asked that Mr. Fagley cut that corner out more so the school bus doesn't have a problem turning in. Mr. Fagley stated that the parking lots are always too full to be able to plow around especially the Sheriff's office. The Board asked Mr. Fagley if he wanted the County to cover the snow plowing for Mr. Fagley until his truck is fixed. Mr. Fagley stated that he will be bringing his backhoe down the pass and would take care of the snow removal.

Ms. Siracuse asked the Board how they want the County vehicles to be parked for snow removal. Commissioner Miller stated that they should possibly park on the west side of the Courthouse lawn. Discussion was held on possible parking by the Prosecutor's office.

Curlew Library Streetlight

Vice President of the Board for Friends of the Library Laurel Scott came before the Board to discuss a lighting problem in the parking lot for the handicapped parking. Ms. Scott reported that the estimated price of the light would be \$250. Ms. Scott reported that the light is a 58 watt yard light. Ms. Scott asked the Board if they would be willing to help with the price of the light. Commissioner Miller expressed concerns with gifting of public funds. Ms. Scott presented the Board with a copy of the estimate.

Commissioner Miller reported that the PUD will be putting in more efficient lighting in curlew through a grant from Bonneville Power and Light. Commissioner Miller stated that the lights would be LED. Commissioner Blankenship stated that the Board will do some research to see if it is possible to donate the funds and if that was not possible the Board would look into getting donations for the light. Ms. Scott asked if the Board was willing to write a letter to the PUD to show support. Discussion was held on the amount of people that are using the Curlew library just to use the computers. Commissioner Davis mentioned a Revolving Loan Fund through the PUD as a possibility. Ms. Scott stated that the Curlew Library didn't qualify.

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

911 Budget Discussion

Chief Payroll Clerk Dana Kincaid came before the Board to discuss Karen Hall’s raise. Ms. Kincaid stated that there is some confusion about how much to pay Ms. Hall. Ms. Kincaid stated that she has concerns that the Sheriff’s office will go over budget again this year. Ms. Kincaid reported that last year there were two part time employees and this year they have added a full time employee, plus there was a lot of overtime last year due to the fires.

Ms. Kincaid reported that there is a difference of approximately \$2,200 in the budget for Ms. Hall’s salary compared to what was budgeted. Discussion was held on 911 and Dispatch budgets. Commissioner Davis asked Ms. Kincaid if the \$2,200 is in the budget to pay Ms. Hall. Ms. Kincaid stated that there were not enough funds in the budget. The Board stated that Ms. Hall would get the amount that was actually in the budget for her position for 2016.

Unfinished Business

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 PM.

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