

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Monday February 1, 2016**

The meeting was opened at 8:00 AM by Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Miller.
Commissioner Blankenship arrived at 8:20.

Pledge of Allegiance

Changes and Additions to the Agenda

GMA Letter was added to the Agenda.

Board Reports

Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Miller attended an emergency meeting for the EMS District. Commissioner Miller attended a Tri County Health District meeting. Commissioner Miller attended a Rural Resources Meeting. Commissioner Miller spoke on the phone with the manager of MedStar. Commissioner Miller reported that not all issues with landing were because of ice on the runway, fog and clouds were a factor several times.

Commissioner Davis

Commissioner Davis attended a Drug Court Meeting. Commissioner Davis reported that they went through eight pages of by-laws at the meeting. Commissioner Davis attended a meeting in Okanogan for the shared radio project. Commissioner Davis reported that there was discussion on how to work with multiple entities and how to structure it. Commissioner Davis attended a meeting with Derek Gianukakis with Washington Mutual. Commissioner Davis stated that Mr. Gianukakis would like to give a presentation to County employees.

Commissioner Blankenship

Commissioner Blankenship attended a Northeast Tri County Health Meeting. Commissioner Blankenship attended a TEDD Meeting. Commissioner Blankenship reported that he is the new TEDD Board Chairman. Commissioner Blankenship attended a Martin Hall Meeting. Commissioner Blankenship stated that he is expecting a letter from Spokane County stating they will continue to pay their obligation to Martin Hall. Commissioner Blankenship attended Eastern Washington Council of Governments. Commissioner Blankenship stated that the Reardon Future Farmers of America put on a presentation for the reintroduction of salmon above the dams.

GMA Options Discussion

Planning Director Irene Whipple, Community Member Ed Watt and Ferry County Assembly Members Bob and Carol Platt. Discussion was held on what would have to be done if Ferry County opts out of GMA. Commissioner Blankenship stated that if Ferry County opts out, we would need to redo our Comp Plan. Discussion was held on what would have to be done to be in compliance with GMA. Mr. Platt asked if there was a guarantee that if the County introduced forest Buffalo, the GMA would get off our backs. Commissioner Blankenship stated that no, the revised code of Washington would still require Critical Area and Resource Land planning from the County. Discussion was held on multiple species that have not been seen in Ferry County for close to fifty years. Mr. Platt asked

the Board how to prove that these species don't exist. Commissioner Blankenship stated it is up to the County to prove these species do not exist.

Discussion was held on hiring a new GMA attorney. Commissioner Blankenship stated that he would like to work with the attorney to become compliant in order to opt out. Discussion was held on where to find the funding for a GMA attorney. Commissioner Blankenship stated that he thinks the County should become compliant. Ms. Whipple stated that Ferry County has its own Ordinance but has used Okanogan's Ordinance as a model. Commissioner Blankenship stated that Ferry County has been working on this issue for 16 years and feels the County has made no forward progress and is going broke fighting it.

Mr. Watt asked if there was a specific document saying that Ferry County has to be compliant. Discussion was held on what was required to come in to compliance. Ms. Whipple told Mr. Watt that he can get a copy of the document at the Planning department. Commissioner Blankenship stated that when we get ready to file to become compliant, there will be a public meeting to give community members an opportunity to look at the documents before they are filed.

Martin Hall Discussion

Assembly Members Bob and Carol Platt were present for the Board discussion on Martin Hall. Commissioner Blankenship reported that the County will be signing a letter of support for legislation to remove the population count from the Martin Hall RCW. Commissioner Blankenship stated that a draft of the letter will be sent to Ferry County for review and to sign. Commissioner Blankenship stated that Marin Hall belongs to nine counties. Mr. Platt asked if we have a contract with Martin Hall. Commissioner Blankenship stated that Ferry County has a contract to help run Martin Hall at \$55 a day, plus an annual bond payment.

Tax Refund Reporting

Treasurer Rochelle Rodak came before the Board to discuss Tax Refund reporting. Ms. Rodak presented the Board with a copy of the Current Financial Holdings and a copy of the 2015 Compensating Tax Report #100005. Ms. Rodak presented the Board with a copy of the Acknowledgement of Receipt/Order to Refund Property Taxes. Ms. Rodak reported that the RCW states that only an annual report of all refunds is required, instead of every 60 days. Ms. Rodak asked if the Board was okay with only receiving an annual report. Ms. Rodak stated that this would save time and paperwork. Ms. Rodak stated that the RCW requires that the annual report state the person who is receiving the refund and the amount of the refund on the paperwork. Commissioner Blankenship stated that he was fine with an annual report. Commissioner Davis stated that he wouldn't have a problem with an annual report. Discussion was held on removing personal property that is held on Tribal Trust lands from tax rolls.

Ms. Rodak reported that there are still four accounts sitting at Bank of America, but most are at Washington Federal. Discussion was held on various accounts. Discussion was held on Medicare requirements delaying the bank account transfers.

A copy of the Current Financial Holdings is in the file. (Ex.#1)

A copy of the 2015 Compensating Tax Report #100005 is in the file. (Ex.#2)

A copy of the Acknowledgement of Receipt/Order to Refund Property Taxes is in the file. (Ex.#3)

GMA Letter

Community Member Ed Watt presented the Board with a letter concerning GMA.

A copy of the letter is in the file. (Ex.#4)

Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel

Human Resource Director Jill Gates and Clerk of the Board Amanda Rowton were present. The Board went in to Executive Session at 10:30 AM. The Board Came out of Executive session at 10:55 AM. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Clerk Amanda Rowton's pay raise to the full amount after completing her probation period. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Human Resource Update

Human Resource Director Jill Gates came before the Board to discuss the hot water heater inspections. Ms. Gates reported that there will be an upcoming first aid class for the County. Ms. Gates stated that Elbert Koontz and his sister Dianne Lundgren will be putting on the class. Ms. Gates stated that our insurance company requires an outside company to come in to inspect the County's hot water heaters. Ms. Gates expressed concern that no specific department is responsible for making sure the inspections are done. Ms. Gates volunteered to be the responsible party and collect all the records showing all inspection history.

Legislative Report

Lobbyist Zak Kennedy came before the Board (via conference call) to give a legislative report. Discussion was held on the fires. Discussion was held on the Wildland Urban Interface and a proposed requirement for additional building restrictions. Mr. Kennedy reported that transgender bathrooms will be a topic of discussion once presented. Mr. Kennedy stated that there was a lot of discussion on fire arms and ammunition, but wasn't certain if either will pass. Discussion was held on House Bill 2677 and Senate Bill 6372 establishing a population required for Martin Hall. Mr. Kenney stated that counties with a population of 50,000 or more are required to have a facility to house juveniles. Commissioner Blankenship stated that the Martin Hall's attorney read the law and stated that there are no provisions to have that population to require a detention hall in our county. Commissioner Blankenship stated that each county does not have to maintain their own detection facility; they just have to provide a place to send juveniles. Mr. Kennedy stated that he was under the impression that we did have to provide a facility if above a population of 50,000.

Mr. Kennedy reported that Bill 6420 on building codes is not currently moving; he will know more on Thursday. Commissioner Blankenship would like Mr. Kennedy to keep the Board up to date on that bill. Discussion was held on the Wildland Urban Interface Bill requirements. Commissioner Blankenship asked Mr. Kennedy to talk to Senator Dansel about a bill to allow farm license plates to go 200 miles from their home to allow Ferry County residents to go further to get hay when necessary.

Consent & Vouchers

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to appoint Ben Butler to the Ferry County Historical Preservation Society. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the letter of interest from Ben Butler is in the file. (Ex.#5)

The Board accepted Jim Schumacher's resignation to the Ferry County Natural Resources Board and Kettle River Advisory Board.

A copy of the letter of resignation from Jim Schumacher for Ferry County Natural Resources Board is in the file. (Ex.#6)

A copy of the letter of resignation from Jim Schumacher for Kettle River Advisory Board is in the file. (Ex.#7)

Funding in the amount of \$46,542.30 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 319150-319236 (Ex.#8)

Current Expense Fund in the amount of \$25,603.37

County Fair Fund in the amount of \$1,291.67

Enhanced 911 Fund in the amount of \$1,674.80

MHCD Fund in the amount of \$10,116.66

Inmate Welfare Fund in the amount of \$1,293.46

Fair Grounds Management Fund in the amount of \$2,250.00

Management Information Systems Fund in the amount of \$3,948.43

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$363.91

Funding in the amount of \$13,490.33 has been approved for ACH Direct Deposit to the Clearing Fund. (Ex.#9)

Current Expense Fund in the amount of \$13,490.33

Lunch

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:45 PM and reconvened at 1:00 PM.

Public Works Update

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds, Engineer Bob Breshears and Public Works Controller Sharon Sattler came before the Board to give an update. Ms. Sattler presented the Board with a packet of papers. Discussion was held on Cache Creek Road. The current list of restricted roads was discussed. Mr. Reynolds asked the Board if Public Works can hire the youth for the pit fencing, or if they need to go through Human Resources. Discussion was held on giving preference to Ferry County residents. Airport runway winter maintenance was discussed. Discussion was held on how to safely de-ice the runway. Federal Land Access FLAP funding was discussed. Mr. Reynolds reported that there is a 13.5% funding match. Discussion was held on only having Public Works attend Commissioners Meetings as necessary, instead of once a week.

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

A copy of the Road Levy Certification is in the file. (Ex.#11)

Introduction & Update

Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers Representative Malcolm Friedman came before the Board to introduce himself. Mr. Friedman reported that Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rogers would like to start doing call-ins to each County every month or every other month. Discussion was held on the Mobile Office Meetings. Discussion was held on VA health care. Mr. Friedman reported that he met with the Forest Service in Colville. Discussion was held on Special Interest Area for Recreation. Commissioner Blankenship stated that the Board does not support Wilderness. Discussion was held on the Stickpin Fire. Discussion was held on the Bonneville power lines going over Sherman's Pass and the need to widen the clear space. Commissioner Blankenship stated that South Fork Boulder Creek Road is still barricaded and the County would like it opened back up.

Kinross Introduction & Update

Deana Zakar and General Manager Rick Cruea came before the Board to give an update. Ms. Zakar introduced Mr. Cruea to the Board. Ms. Zakar presented the Board with a copy of the Kinross phone survey. Ms. Zakar reported on the Retention and Rotation program. Ms. Zakar reported that a survey of Kinross employees reported that 44% of the employees plan to stay in the area and try to find jobs and 12% said they would like to retire here. Ms. Zakar stated that cleaning and reclaiming of the site will take place in May. Ms. Zakar stated that in Okanogan County 290 jobs will be lost and 170 jobs will be lost in Ferry County. Discussion was held on the results of the phone survey that Kinross did last summer.

A copy of the phone survey is in the file. (Ex.#12)

Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP)

Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) Policy Director Ron Shultz, VSP Coordinator Bill Eller, Planning Director Irene Whipple and Lloyd Odell came before the Board to give a video presentation on the Voluntary Stewardship Program. Mr. Eller stated that counties are not responsible to start VSP until funding is provided. Mr. Shultz stated that if designated by the County, the Conservation District would coordinate and lead the Watershed Work Group. 2015-17 Operating budget includes \$7.6 million for the development of VSP.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to move forward and enter into an agreement with the Washington State Conservation District and to move forward with the VSP and enter into a contract with our local Conservation District. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

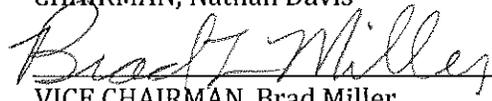
Unfinished Business

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

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FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON



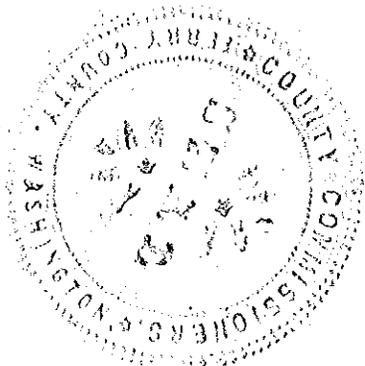
CHAIRMAN, Nathan Davis



VICE CHAIRMAN, Brad Miller



MEMBER, Mike Blankenship



ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton