

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Wednesday February 3, 2016**

The meeting was opened at 1:00 PM by Commissioner Davis with Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Blankenship present.

**Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for Potential Litigation**

Prosecutor Kathryn Burke and Deputy Prosecutor Sandra Richartz were present. The Board went in to executive session at 1:00 PM. The Board came out of executive session at 2:00 PM. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to enter into a contract with attorney Peter Scott for the GMA process and the Commissioners' office will submit a letter to the Prosecutor's office to get permission to hire outside council for GMA purposes. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on getting the prosecutor a new cell phone for business use.

**Minutes**

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for January 25, 2016. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for January 26, 2016. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Wolf Discussion**

Community Member Jim Schumacher, Community Member Kimberly Charles, Assembly Members Carol and Bob Platt and Community Member Pete Remington came before the Board to discuss wolf issues. Discussion was held on game laws and different county resolutions. Commissioner Blankenship stated that if a person is protecting themselves or their property, they should have the right to shoot a wolf or wolves. Discussion was held on dogs being attacked in the area and removal of certain packs that are doing the attacking.

Discussion was held on Fish and Wildlife's lack of effort to remove an offending pack after repeated attacks. Discussion was held on the Profanity Peak pack that Ferry County is following with collars. Commissioner Blankenship stated that there are four packs in the area, the Game Department has identified one and it is believed that there are two on the Ferry County side of the Reservation. Discussion was held on the Boulder pack that moved to a different location, possibly Lambert Creek area. Discussion was held on the different locations that wolves have been spotted in the Curlew and Malo areas.

Commissioner Davis gave a video presentation on wolf tracks and wolf kills. Discussion was held on coordination between different agencies. Discussion was held on the difference between wolf and cougar kills.

Ms. Charles and Mr. Platt asked the Board if they would back community members if they were to shoot cougars or wolves. Commissioner Blankenship and Commissioner Miller stated that when asked, they would back them, just not financially. The Board stated that they would write them a letter of support. Ms. Charles asked the Board how the community could support them to change the laws. Commissioner Blankenship encouraged the audience to educate their neighbors on the east side of the state to help change the laws in areas where there is actually wolf activity.

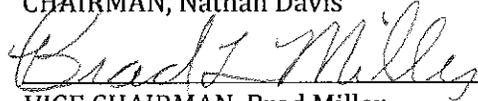
**Unfinished Business**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:11 PM.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON



CHAIRMAN, Nathan Davis



VICE CHAIRMAN, Brad Miller



MEMBER, Mike Blankenship



ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton