

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Monday April 04, 2016**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Changes and Additions to the Agenda

An Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(d) for Contract Negotiations was added to the agenda.

Correspondence

Board Reports

Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Miller attended a Commissioners' Meeting on Tuesday with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. Commissioner Miller worked on EMS District issues; the EMS District would like to contract with someone to manage the district. Commissioner Miller spoke with Sheriff Maycumber to discuss staffing issues. Commissioner Miller spoke with Attorney Michael Golden concerning the GMA contract amendment.

Commissioner Davis

Commissioner Davis attended a Commissioners' Meeting on Tuesday with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. Commissioner Davis met with Sheriff Maycumber to deal with issues pertaining to the Sheriff's office. Commissioner Davis attended a Drug Court Meeting. Commissioner Davis worked with MIS, GIS and the Weed Board to rearrange office space and possibility put up a wall and door in the block house for Weed Board chemicals and a maintenance/janitorial office.

Commissioner Blankenship

Commissioner Blankenship attended a Commissioners' Meeting on Tuesday with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. Commissioner Blankenship met with Cathy McMorris Rogers. Commissioner Blankenship attended a Forest Plan Revision Meeting for public input at the AG Trade Center on Thursday. Commissioner Blankenship attended a Fish and Wildlife meeting in Colville on Friday; they are reviewing plans on depredations.

Minutes

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for March 28, 2016. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for March 29, 2016. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

United States Forest Service (USFS) Ranger Update

Republic Ranger Mike Herrin and Three Rivers District Ranger Josh White came before the Board to give an update. Mr. Herrin introduced Mr. White to the Board. Commissioner Blankenship spoke regarding the FOIA requests recently sent to the Republic Forest Service. One FOIA request was on Potential Wilderness Area (PWA). The second request was on Motor Vehicle Maps (MVM) and a list of roads, the third was concerning South Fork of Boulder. Discussion was held on the usage of South Fork of Boulder Creek Road. Colville Tribe spoke with Mike Herrin expressing concern with getting South Fork of Boulder opened back up.

Discussion was held on the Travel Management Plan. Discussion was held on not being able to use WATV's on the Colville National Forest. Mr. Herrin stated that we need a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to be able to have OHV's on Forest Service land. Mr. Herrin stated that other Forest Service lands have a NEPA in place that allows OHV's use of Forest Service land. Commissioner Blankenship stated that Forest Service signage shows camping, skiing, snow mobiles, but not OHV. Commissioner Miller spoke concerning the Snow Groomer Program. Commissioner Miller reported on a lack of signage stating where County land stops and Forest Service land begins; it can be confusing for citizens.

Discussion was held on the restriction of the 21" upper diameter limit; Precision Pine in Omak would like to reopen but needs bigger trees to mill. Discussion was held on the Tribal Forest Protection Act. Mr. White stated that he is curious what the Board wants from him to keep the Board informed. Commissioner Blankenship stated that when there is an issue, the Board will invite him. If Mr. White has an issue, he can contact the Clerk of the Board to get on the Agenda, but the Board would like to get regular monthly updates. Mr. White asked who he should contact for emergency issues. The Board told Mr. White to contact the Sheriff's office Civil Deputy, Amy Rooker. Discussion was held on the dangers of Flooding in the burn areas. Discussion was held on road closures, Mr. Herrin stated that he thinks some roads will be open sooner than expected. Mr. White will be putting up some maps with information on road openings.

Tri County Economic Development Update

Economic Specialist Leah VanderStoep came before the Board to give an update. Ms. VanderStoep reported that she finished working with Washington State University (WSU) Extension Director Trevor Lane on Branding Ferry County. Ms. VanderStoep explained that a brand is something you would put on a website to identify Ferry County for tourism. Trevor Lane will be presenting the Board with the Brand for approval on the 18th of April.

Ms. VanderStoep reported that Rural Development of USDA will possibly be having an informal discussion to let people know what grants are available here in Republic. Ms. VanderStoep spoke with USDA and Rural Development on the possibility of getting a tech team together for more development.

Discussion was held on the meat processing truck that would meet USDA standards. The meat truck was bought years ago through WSU with grant funds. The truck is kept out in Chewelah at a slaughter house. Commissioner Blankenship reported that the problem was the USDA requires proof of how the blood was going to be disposed of. Discussion was held on possibly finding a certified place to keep the truck and have people bring their cattle to the truck. Commissioner Blankenship stated that by doing that it would defeat the purpose of a "mobile" slaughter truck. Discussion was held on the possibility of using a central location where there can be a refrigerated storage unit. Commissioner Blankenship would like to see three slaughter locations.

Ms. VanderStoep reported that there will be mobile wool collectors to come around and pick up wool to take to market. Waste water from all processing needs to go through a waste water system. Discussion was held on getting a Waste Water Plant. Commissioner Blankenship told Ms. VanderStoep to contact Debra Hanson concerning the Slaughter truck. Discussion was held on the Knotty Pine, Lilly's Bakers stone and Virginia's Country Café.

Consent & Vouchers

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the bill for the Republic Motorcycle Rally. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Republic Motorcycle Rally Bill is in the file. (Ex.#1)

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-07 Amending Resolution 2006-35. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2016-07 Amending Resolution 2006-35 Commissioners Travel Reimbursement was signed by the Board. (Ex.#2)

Funding in the amount of \$13,490.34 was approved for ACH Direct Deposit to the Clearing Fund (Ex.#3)

Funding in the amount of \$55,755.92 has been approved for transfer to the Clearing Fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 320011-320062 for the following: (Ex.#4)

Current Expense Fund in the amount of \$37,783.86

County Fair Fund in the amount of \$1,291.66

Enhanced 911 Fund in the amount of \$126.00

MHCD Fund in the amount of \$1,834.00

Designated Medical Trust Fund in the amount of \$454.70

Inmate Welfare Fund in the amount of \$890.39

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

REET Property Tax Administrative Asst. Fund in the amount of \$5,711.25

Management Information Systems Fund in the amount of \$645.22

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$4,768.84

Ferry County Proclamation April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Month was signed by the Board (Ex.#5)

Older Americans Month 2016 A Proclamation was signed by the Board (Ex.#6)

Digital Submittal Certification-County Road Administration Board Reports for 2015 was signed by the Chairman (Ex.#7)

Funding in the amount of \$488,663.24 has been approved for transfer to the Clearing Fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 320063-320089 for the following: (Ex.#8)

Current Expense Fund in the amount of \$243,870.54

County Road Fund in the amount of \$140,975.25

Auditor's O&M Fund in the amount of \$3,480.08

Enhanced 911 Fund in the amount of \$37,607.84

Recreation Fund in the amount of \$439.04

Crime Victims Fund in the amount of \$352.33

Weed Fund in the amount of \$7,062.41

Solid Waste Fund in the amount of \$12,875.93

Landfill Post Closure Fund in the amount of \$561.94

Management Information Systems Fund in the amount of \$13,224.55

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$3,428.93

Fire District #13 Fund in the amount of \$645.90

Fire District #14 Fund in the amount of \$4,090.70

Fire District #3 Fund in the amount of \$1,587.85

Curlew Water Fund in the amount of \$1,383.32

Inchelium Water District Fund in the amount of \$3,679.44

EMS Fund in the amount of \$9,626.24

Housing Authority Fund in the amount of \$3,770.95

Lunch

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:55 AM and reconvened at 1:00 PM.

Leasing Rail Right of Way

Prosecutor Kathryn Burke, Deputy Prosecutor Sandra Richartz, Public Works Director Troy Reynolds, Public Works Controller Sharon Sattler, Planning Department Director Irene Whipple, Bobby Weller, Gene Weller and Community Member Larry Beardslee came before the Board to discuss rail right of way land. Assembly Member Robert Platt was present. Ms. Whipple stated that she has concerns about leasing out the rail bank properties; who would pay the land taxes on the property and if the land would need a parcel number.

Ms. Whipple asked if the lessee would be required to have the land surveyed, Commissioner Blankenship stated that he thought that the land wasn't worth as much as a survey. Commissioner Miller stated that unless it's a public entity or an adjoining property owner, nobody should ask to lease any rail bank property. Commissioner Miller stated that the County has not collected any funds from leased rail bank properties. Commissioner Miller stated that if the lessee takes care of the property, it saves the County money from not having to spray the weeds.

Discussion was held on the difference between a lease and a long term use permit/agreement. Discussion was held on the possibility of a processing fee. Discussion was held on the possibility of the Public Works Department taking care of the processing fee and filing the paperwork for any long term use permit for rail bank property. Ms. Weller stated that she has an agreement for her property. Ms. Weller stated that an agreement does not have to be put out for bid as it would with a contract. The Board asked Ms. Weller for a copy of the agreement. Ms. Weller stated that she would get a copy to Clerk of the Board Amanda Rowton. Ms. Burke asked for copies of several agreements to be able to put together a new rail grade agreement. Ms. Weller stated that she will get the Board a copy of an Encroachment policy. Discussion was held on having a meeting to discuss what would need to be on the rail bank property agreement.

Sheriff Update on Equipment and Staffing

Sheriff Ray Maycumber, Human Resource Director Jill Gates and Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib came before the Board to discuss staffing and equipment. Assembly Member Robert Platt and Community Member Gary Olsen were present. Sheriff Maycumber reported that his department is understaffed and he is in desperate need of deputies. Discussion was held on hiring an undersheriff. Sheriff Maycumber stated that he will be hiring an undersheriff as soon as possible from within house.

Sheriff Maycumber stated that he is in contact with Department of Corrections (DOC) to get the amount of the contract changed to shore up the loss if Kinross leaves next year. Commissioner Davis stated that Drug Court won't work if there are not enough deputies. Sheriff Maycumber stated that Officer Kersten doesn't get out of the academy until June. Discussion was held on having Reserve Officers. Sheriff Maycumber reported that several officers will be at training and he will either be on call or on duty 24 hours a day for 6 days.

Discussion was held on the cost of putting someone through the academy. Ms. Gates stated that she is close to hiring a deputy. Commissioner Blankenship asked Ms. Schertenleib to check on getting the cap on 1/10 of 1% sales tax. Clerk of the Board Amanda Rowton was directed to find the RCW on it.

Working Session

Contract Amendment

GMA Attorney Michael Golden and Planning Director Irene Whipple were present to discuss the Public Defender Contract Amendment. Community Member Doug Rowell was present. Discussion was held on the Public Defender Contract. Mr. Golden stated that Dennis Morgan and Jim Irwin are two of the Public Defenders and there can be a third contract. Discussion was held on the third attorney contract position. Mr. Golden stated that he would like to run for the contract position.

Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(d) for Contract Negotiations

GMA Attorney Michael Golden was present. The Board went in to Executive Session at 3:10 PM. The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:30 PM. No decisions were made.

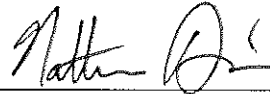
Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the Ferry County Public Defender Contract (Addendum and Amendment to the Contract). Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ferry County Public Defender Contract (Addendum and Amendment to the contract for Legal Representation Between Ferry County and Golden Law Office, executed June 2013) (Ex.#9)

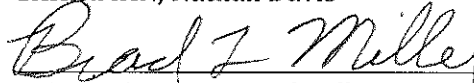
Unfinished Business

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

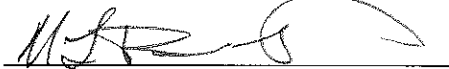
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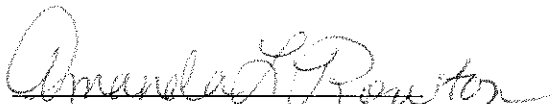
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MEMBER, Mike Blankenship



ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton