

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Monday August 8, 2016**

The meeting was opened at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Davis with Commissioner Miller present.
Commissioner Blankenship arrived at 9:10 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Changes and Additions to the Agenda

A Maintenance Update was added to the Agenda.

An Empire Creek Road Discussion was added to the Agenda.

Development Regulations Ordinance #2016-04 Approval

Planning Director Irene Whipple came before the Board for approval of Planning Ordinance 2016-04. Ms. Whipple presented the Board with 'Findings of Fact And Conclusions of the Ferry County Board Of Commissioners Regarding Adoption of Amendments To The Comprehensive Plan And Development Regulations'. Discussion was held on comments and changes to the Ag Lands of Long Term Commercial Significance. The County has done the work asked for and GMA Attorney Peter Scott is recommending that the County move forward. Now the County can apply to Commerce to Opt Out and it will go to the hearing board for final consideration.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to adopt Development Regulations Ordinance #2016-04 with the changes made from the Planning Commission after carefully reviewing and taking into consideration the comments that were received. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ferry County Development Regulations Ordinance #2016-04 was signed by the Board. (Ex. #1)

'Findings of Fact And Conclusions of the Ferry County Board Of Commissioners Regarding Adoption of Amendments To The Comprehensive Plan And Development Regulations' was signed by the Board. (Ex. #2)

Correspondence

Clerk of the Board Amanda Rowton was directed to request a hard copy of the Final Environmental Assessment Draft Decision for the Sherman Pass Project.

Board Reports

Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Miller attended a follow up meeting on Tuesday with area ranchers concerning wolf depredations.

Commissioner Davis

Commissioner Davis attended Natural Resource Board Meeting. Commissioner Davis attended a City Council Meeting on the topic of Marijuana. Commissioner Davis reported that the Historical

Society Meeting was cancelled. Commissioner Davis attended a Canvassing Board Meeting. Commissioner Davis worked on Business Recruitment. Commissioner Davis attended the LEPC/Multiple-Hazard Mitigation Meeting. Commissioner Davis changed out the MIS A/C unit and also the Sheriff's office A/C unit.

Commissioner Blankenship

Commissioner Blankenship attended the Back Country Horsemen Meeting on Wednesday. Commissioner Blankenship met with Sheriff Maycumber concerning the wolves. Commissioner Blankenship attended an Aging and Long Term Care of Eastern Washington (ALTCEW) of Washington Meeting on Friday. Executive Director Evaluation was discussed. ALTCEW revenue is relatively stable. Commissioner Blankenship composed a letter with Clerk of the Board Amanda Rowton, regarding wolves. Commissioner Blankenship stopped to check out the Sherman Pass Overlook Campground and reported that it is opened and well maintained.

Minutes

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for August 1, 2016. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for August 2, 2016. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Human Resource Update

Human Resource Director Jill Gates came before the Board to give an update. Ms. Gates reported on the upcoming stress management classes that she is teaching. The classes will be on Tuesdays with a morning and an afternoon session. The classes will run through the end of the month. Ms. Gates presented the Board with the Facilities Review from Clear Risk Solutions. Ms. Gates will work with Lead Custodian Marty Padilla, the Sheriff's Office, and Public Works to identify areas of potential loss due to identified hazards.

Ferry County Job Description Public Works 'Engineer/Traffic Technician' was signed by the Chairman. (Ex. #3)

Ferry County Job Description Planning Department 'Director of Planning' was signed by the Chairman. (Ex. #4)

A copy of the Facility Review is in the file. (Ex. #5)

Maintenance Update

Lead Custodian Marty Padilla came before the Board to give an update. Mr. Padilla reported on a bid received from Omak Paving for courthouse parking lot crack sealing. The Bid was for the amount of \$2,239.08. The Bid has a one year warranty on workmanship.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the crack sealing for the courthouse parking lot in the amount of \$2,239.08. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The funds for the crack sealing can come out of Capital Improvement. Mr. Padilla reported on an email concerning the Courthouse Improvement Grant. Mr. Padilla stated that the grant is being held up due to the Courthouse not being on the National Historical Registry list. Discussion was held on

the possible purchase of a tractor for the Courthouse. Mr. Padilla believes that he can do 90% of the snow plowing with the tractor w/snow blower attachment. Mr. Padilla reported that a riding lawn mower was already in the budget and the funds can be used towards the tractor. Mr. Padilla reported that there is dirt up against the log house that is rotting the boards out. Mr. Padilla needs to get the dirt dug out away from the wood. Mr. Padilla would like to extend the back parking lot to accommodate the new trailer for the Weed Board's new 4-wheeler.

A copy of the Bid from Omak Paving is in the file. (Ex. #6)

Consent & Vouchers

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Search And Rescue purchase a CPR/First Aid in the amount of \$1,199.00 to be used for County trainings. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Funding in the amount of \$533,894.78 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for Warrant/Voucher No. 321606-321644 for the following: (Ex. #7)

Current Expense in the amount of \$261,121.08

County Road in the amount of \$152,763.76

Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$3,485.26

Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$47,104.76

Boating Safety in the amount of \$2,217.99

Recreation Fund in the amount of \$197.53

Weed Fund in the amount of \$9,384.46

Solid Waste in the amount of \$13,796.49

Landfill Post Closure in the amount of \$213.05

Management Information Systems in the amount of \$13,207.29

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$3,427.35

Fire District #13 in the amount of \$645.90

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

Fire District #3 in the amount of \$1,695.50

Curlew Water in the amount of \$1,367.16

Inchelium Water in the amount of \$4,063.79

EMS District #1 in the amount of \$11,252.63

Housing Authority in the amount of \$3,860.08

Warrant No. 321008 in the amount of \$128.00 was cancelled. (Ex. #8)

Ferry County Resolution to Transfer From Recreation Fund 'Groomer' (Repairs & Maintenance) in the amount of \$1,800.00 to the following: (Ex. #9)

Recreation Fund 'Groomer' (Salary) in the amount of \$1,500.0

Recreation Fund 'Groomer' (Travel) in the amount of \$300.00

Lunch

The Board recessed for Lunch at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

Assessor Software Purchase

Assessor Rachel Siracuse came before the Board for a purchase request. Ms. Siracuse reported that approximately 6 weeks ago her computer failed. Ms. Siracuse stated that her computer was 5 years old and used the Adobe Suite program to update the Ferry County Website but the software was lost. Ms. Siracuse is requesting to buy new software. It would cost \$800 a year for Adobe with Cloud or a onetime purchase of Adobe Suite for \$1,600.

The Board asked Ms. Siracuse to check how many computers the Adobe Suite can be added to and to check to see if it is compatible with Windows 10. Ms. Siracuse doesn't have the funds in her budget and is asking for the funds to be taken out of current expense. Commissioner Davis will be looking into different options to possibly share Adobe Suite with different offices.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the purchase of the Adobe Suite in the amount of \$1,600. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

All Hazard Mitigation Funds and Update

Civil Deputy Amy Rooker and Deputy Patrick Rainer came before the Board to give an update. Ms. Rooker reported that several of the Sheriff's vehicles that have broken down and have to be replaced. Three new Sheriff's fully outfitted police pursuit Chevy Tahoes would cost \$196,353. The Sheriff's office needs at least two vehicles this year and another two by next year. Commissioner Davis asked for a list of the costs for outfitting each vehicle. Ms. Rooker presented the Board with a copy of the price list. Discussion was held on surplus vehicles. Any money that the Sheriff's office gets from the surplus vehicle has to go back into the cumulative reserve fund. Ms. Rooker reported that \$18,000 can be applied for from EMPG to help with the purchase of the vehicles.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Ferry County Resolution No. 2016-23 Declaring Surplus Personal Property. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to purchase three Chevy Tahoe pursuit vehicles for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A copy of Ferry County Resolution No. 2016-23 Declaring Surplus Personal Property is in the file. (Ex. #11)

Ms. Rooker reported that there is well over \$800,000 from FEMA for Public Works to us. If they don't get going on it, the money goes back in the federal funds. Ms. Rooker reported that Public

works hasn't filled out any paperwork or applied for any FEMA funds. Ms. Rooker has emailed Public Works repeatedly but has received no response. The Board said that they will look into it.

North Empire Creek Road Discussion

Present:

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| Community Member Rick Mumford | Community Member Becki Blackwell |
| Community Member O'Leary | Community Member Cathy Wutzke |
| Community Member Debi Smith | Community Member James Wutzke |
| Community Member Pamela Williams | Public Works Director Troy Reynolds |
| Community Member Gary Fletcher | Public Works Engineer Bob Breshears |
| Community Member Mark Keith | Assessor Rachel Siracuse |
| Community Member Keith Muggoch | Sheriff Ray Maycumber |

Mr. Keith reported that he is confused on his lot sizes. Mr. Keith believed that when he bought the property he owned the road. Mr. Keith showed the Board with photographs of his property. Mr. Keith reported that part of the property is bog land and can't be used as a road. Mr. Keith believes that the culverts are undersized in diameter and in length for the amount of runoff. The Conservation District paid \$5,000 and Mr. Keith paid \$7,000 for work on a retaining wall. Mr. Keith offered to compromise and put in two palm button posts to open the gates with automatic closure and a sign indicating a car/truck turn around ahead. Mr. Keith believes that the County did not accept the road back in 1992 so it remained in the owner's hand. Mr. Keith asked the Board to introduce a repeal to remove last month's resolution. The 'Whereas' would say the County would recognize that they continue to maintain the road up until the cattle guard and the owner will maintain the road after the cattle guard to the cul-de-sac.

Mr. Keith reported that all of the residents knew that he was going to move the mail boxes on a Sunday morning; nobody protested or helped him move them. Mr. Keith stated that the stand that the mail boxes sit on is his and all the neighbors just added on to it. He reported that he watched video feed on the Saturday, before the mail boxes were moved, to make sure that all of the mail was picked up. He stated that the mail boxes were left facing, he moved them to be right facing and put in at the correct height. He didn't realized that any of his neighbors had an issue with moving the mail boxes since no one complained.

Ms. Siracuse reported that Mr. Keith had two parcels but due to a software upgrade it now has been combined into one parcel number and is being taxed as a lot and not acreage. Mr. Fletcher stated that Mr. Keith gated the road after the cattle guard and made the cattle guard unusable. Mr. Keith stated that he would take down the gate across the road during the winter time. Ms. Becki Blackwell asked if he would take the other gates across their driveways off as well. Mr. Keith told Ms. Blackwell that they should talk about it. Mr. Keith stated that he knows that he cannot block their easements.

Mr. Muggoch stated that as an engineer, Washington State has no laws against building roads in a bog, but there are certain rules for a wetland but they can be gotten around. Mr. Keith asked to have the Board just leave the road in his hands. Commissioner Miller stated that he would like to see this

issue resolved amicably by having the County continue to take care of it as they have been. Mr. Muggoch asked the Board if they have done a 'vacation' of the road yet. The short plat shows that the road was accepted as a county road and now that the County has stated that they accept the road, the process has to be completed.

Mr. Wutzke reported on some state RCW's concerning short plats and gave a video presentation. To vacate the road the county would have to prove that the road is useless. Mr. Keith stated that he has to have a way to keep the cows out. Discussion was held on where Mr. Keith could put his fences to keep the cows out of his property. Mr. Wutzke stated that Mr. Keith has put his fences and dog kennels on the county road right-of-way according to a recent survey done by Mid Mountain Survey. Use of public property by a private individual is illegal. Commissioner Davis stated that the County has accepted the road and he adheres to the Short Plat.

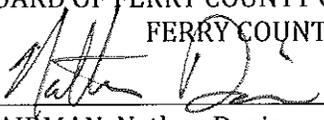
The Board stated that the discussion was over and the gates and fences are coming down. Mr. Keith will be given a certain amount of time to take his gates and fencing down, or the county will do it. The Board asked Mr. Keith to leave the gates open until such a time as he can take the gates and fencing down. The Board gave Mr. Keith until August 12th to take down all of his fencing/gates from the County Road. Mr. Keith acknowledges that he will take all of this property off of the road and return the road to the way it was.

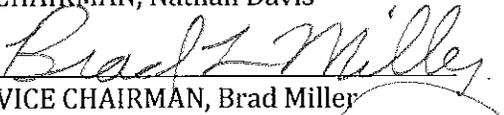
Sheriff Maycumber reported that the two wolves that Fish and Wildlife killed (from the Profanity Peak Pack) were swabbed for DNA. Sheriff Maycumber reported that Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife took the deceased wolves out of the County to Kettle Falls before calling to report that the wolves had been killed. The wolves were later driven back into Ferry County to be swabbed for DNA.

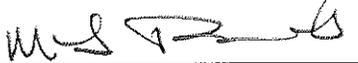
Unfinished Business

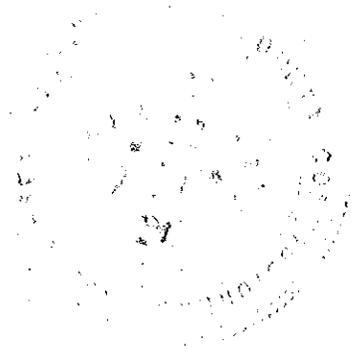
With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

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FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton