

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Monday August 15, 2016**

The meeting was opened at 9:18 a.m. by Commissioner Davis with Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Blankenship present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence

A Letter to Dave Anderson at Washington Department of Commerce was signed by the Chairman. (Ex. #1)

A Letter of No Objection for the Fair Beer Garden was signed by the Board. (Ex. #2)

Board Reports

Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Miller attended an EMS Board Meeting. Things have really smoothed out and Phillip Starr is doing a great job as Task Director. Commissioner Miller stated that the EMT's are all dedicated to doing their jobs and he really appreciates all of their hard work.

Commissioner Davis

Commissioner Davis attended the Ferry County Health Coalition Meeting. Commissioner Davis spoke with Deana Zakar from Kinross. Ms. Zakar reported that Kinross will be winding down next year. Commissioner Davis reported that TEDD Specialist Leah VanderStoep resigned from TEDD; Commissioner Davis currently has the keys. The Board will be interviewing for the position soon. Commissioner Davis mediated during a meeting with 4-H, the WSU Extension office, and some of the 4-H Board members. Commissioner Davis attended a Housing Authority Meeting. They met with the Housing Authority lawyer concerning several issues. No applications were received for the Housing Authority position other than from the current temp Jae Hightower. Ms. Hightower was hired for the full time position. Commissioner Davis attended the Kathy McMorris Rodgers Meeting on Friday. Commissioner Davis spoke with Mike Herrin; Mr. Herrin found the BPA grant document. Commissioner Davis spoke with Eagle Track Raceway Manager Keith Jolin and got permission to film the races. On Saturday Commissioner Davis filmed the races up at the race track with the drone. Next time the camera will be in the pits and in the car.

Commissioner Blankenship

Commissioner Blankenship attended the Tri-County Motorized Recreation Association (TCMRA) Meeting concerning motorized recreation area trails concerning access to Forest Service land. Commissioner Blankenship met with former Commissioner Merrill Ott of Stevens County and discussed the Marcus to Marble Mount trail and the Kettle Falls Old Stage Coach Road. On Friday Commissioner Blankenship attended the Cathy McMorris Rodgers Town Hall Meeting. Many Veterans complained about how they are being treated in concern with medical and there no longer being a medical bus. Commissioner Blankenship spoke to Ms. Rodgers concerning Title 3 funds and how to be heard in Region 6 with the Forest Service. Commissioner Blankenship spoke with Sheriff Maycumber concerning patrolling Forest Service parks and roads.

Minutes

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for August 8, 2016. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance Update

Lead Custodian Marty Padilla came before the Board to give an update. Mr. Padilla presented the Board with a copy of the email from Executive Director Chris Moore from Washington Trust For Historic Preservation concerning the courthouse grant. Mr. Moore had some questions and concerns. Mr. Padilla presented the Board with a copy of the estimate for the new office space and storage spaces in the block house. The Kinross grant may help with purchasing the tractor. Mr. Padilla reported that mowing all three lawns with the regular mower takes four hours, if he used his tractor it only takes one hour. Mr. Padilla reported that half of the cinder block wall has been taken out so far between the storage space and the new office area. Mr. Padilla reported that Part Time Custodian Trenton Wellman is going well. Commissioner Blankenship asked Clerk of the Board Amanda Rowton for the RCW that guides the \$5,000 threshold for Capital Improvement funds. Discussion was held on the new office and storage areas in the block house. Mr. Padilla reseeded some of the bare spots around the tree in front of the courthouse. Discussion was held on a possible reader board for the front of the Courthouse.

The Estimate for the new maintenance office and storage spaces is in the file. (Ex. #3)

A copy of the email from Executive Director Chris Moore from Washington Trust For Historic Preservation is in the file. (Ex. #4)

Road Name Issue

GIS Specialist Kristen Winter came before the Board to discuss a road name issue. Discussion was held on an aerial map of Peace Ridge Road. Mr. Chad Church is requesting to change the name of the road he is living on. Discussion was held on a resolution that states that there cannot be any more name changes made. The Board could possibly amend the Resolution. The Board asked Ms. Winter if she had time to look for the policy on renaming roads.

A copy of the aerial map is in the file. (Ex. #5)

Consent & Vouchers

Ferry County Credit Card Application for Prosecutor's Office Manager Tanya Margerison-Wolt was signed by the Board. (Ex. #6)

Funding in the amount of \$459,547.58 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for Warrant/Voucher No.321653-321810 for the following: (Ex. #7)

Current Expense in the amount of \$56,193.17

County Road in the amount of \$234,265.21

County Fair in the amount of \$25,181.63

Veteran's Relief in the amount of \$48.00

Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$1,761.86

MHCD in the amount of \$5,058.33

Boating Safety in the amount of \$134.00

Inmate Welfare in the amount of \$1,956.89

Recreation Fund in the amount of \$11,415.34

Weed control in the amount of \$13,312.25

Tourism in the amount of \$405.00

Fair Grounds Management in the amount of \$2,200.41

Sheriff's Uniform/Clothing in the amount of \$629.73

Airport in the amount of \$172.79

Distressed Area Cap in the amount of \$1,200.00

County Capital Improvement in the amount of \$632.47

Solid Waste in the amount of \$35,514.40

Landfill Post Closure in the amount of \$2,456.00

Equipment Rental & Revolving in the amount of \$28,338.49

Management Info Systems in the amount of \$809.76

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$40.21

Fire District #13 General in the amount of \$9,287.55

Fire District #14 General in the amount of \$9,370.14

Curlew Water-Sewer District #1 in the amount of \$95.42

Parks & Recreation District #2 in the amount of \$114.13

EMS District #1 in the amount of \$10,684.45

Ferry County Warrant No. 321557 has been cancelled in the amount of \$75.00 (Ex. #8)

Commissioner Blankenship received a call from a local Rancher. He reported that the wolf problems are still present having problems keeping livestock on the range per their contract. We received copy of an email that Cattle Producers of Washington (CPoW) sent to Director Unsworth in support of Ferry County's letter to Director Unsworth asking for the full removal of the Profanity Peak pack.

A copy of the email from CPoW is in the file. (Ex. #9)

Lunch

The Board recessed for Lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Public Works Update

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds and Public Works Controller Sharon Sattler came before the Board to give an update. Mr. Reynolds presented the Board with a list of Agenda Items. Mr. Reynolds reported that Bridge Creek is done and the Boulder project starts tomorrow; it may take a week. The Guard rail won't be completed until late October. The Curlew Street pipes and grates are done and is set to be paved by September 6th. Bamber was paved on Friday, Inchelium Hwy starts mid-September for initial dirt work, the rest will be contracted out next year. The airport will be reopened today. Silver Creek is set for chip seal and washout repair. Work will begin on the Inchelium Hwy slide and Trout Creek maintenance. The fencing on County Wide Pits and Torboy are being done this week and La Fleur Culvert is being done.

Public Works is working on FEMA funding. FEMA has extended the deadline until late September. Mr. Reynolds reported that there are separate applications for culverts and for a generator in case of power outages. The generator will keep the water running in Curlew if the power is out. The Six Year Transportation Improvement Program Advertisement will be going in the paper to be adopted in two weeks.

Commissioner Davis arrived at 1:17 p.m. from a Canvassing Board Meeting.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-24 Public Hearing Notice. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The list of Public Works Agenda Items is in the file. (Ex. #10)

A copy of Resolution 2016-24 was signed by the Board. (Ex. #11)

American Lands Council Discussion

Director of Western Values Project Chris Saegar came before the Board, via conference call, to ask the Board to discuss the American Lands Council. Mr. Saegar asked the Board if the Board is a current member of the American Lands Council. The Board is a current member and has been for the last few years. The current membership is a \$1,000 a year. Ferry County is 84% federally owned, which leaves little for economy. Bugs, weeds and fire were discussed. Timber harvest was discussed. Mining, cattle grazing were discussed. Not being able to have ATV's on Forest Service land limits Tourism. Commissioner Blankenship stated that he believes that Ferry County could do a better job managing Federal Land than the feds can do, they just let it burn.

Mr. Saegar asked how the Board is getting along with the Forest Service. The Board stated that they are getting along great with the local Forest Service, but things don't go as good when it goes further up the chain of command. Mr. Saegar asked the Board what they thought the likelihood of success of the American Lands Council will be. Commissioner Miller stated that he sees this as being the beginning of a grassroots movement. Mr. Saegar said that he sees the Western Values Project as a grassroots movement. Mr. Saegar stated that the Western Values Project doesn't necessarily see the American Lands Council as being effective.

The Western Values Project is working on keeping wolves off of the endangered species list. They believe that the government is working with politics rather than science in dealing with the forests. Commissioner Miller stated that the Feds aren't managing the forest. A third of the forest is diseased, turning color and then the fire comes in and we lose that resource for several generations. In 2014 Ferry County had a record fire season and then in 2015, we doubled the record fires. Mr. Saegar asked the Board if they will be renewing their American Lands Council next year. The Board

stated that they don't see any reason not to. Mr. Saegar stated that he can send the Board more information on MOAB.

WSU Update & Budget Discussion

WSU Extension Director Trevor Lane and 4H Coordinator & Master Gardener Tanya Jordan came before the Board to give an update. Preliminary Budget Hearing. They would like another \$1,000 in part time office support at certain times like fair. They would like another \$250 in their communications budget for mailing. Mr. Lane is due for \$500 in longevity pay. The Pre-Fair Shoot enrollment was low this year. 4-H enrollment is up thanks to the tech wizards program at the school. Ms. Jordan reported that Master Gardener enrollment is up.

Ms. Jordan presented the Board with a copy of an email. Ms. Jordan asked for \$1,000 for their volunteers to help offset costs. Ms. Jordan reported that they have two 4-H leaders that need to be members and they are asking for the funds to pay for it. It is \$20 for a lifetime membership and if the members were to retire, then new members would need to pay their \$20. Dianna Galvan took some inaccurate information to the state to request the funds and was told it was gifting of Public Funds. The Board directed Mr. Lane and Ms. Jordan to write the proposal up with accurate information to take to Ms. Galvan for approval.

A copy of the letter of support for the Tech Wizards Grant is in the file. (Ex. #12)

National Park Service Update

National Park Service Superintendent Dan Foster came before the Board to give an update. Mr. Foster met with Lincoln County Commissioners in Davenport this morning. Visitation on Lake Roosevelt is up a small amount from last year. They have had a few issues with local law enforcement, but they are working through it. The weather has been great and so has the clientele. The National Park Service participated in the Lilac Parade in Spokane this year with a decorated boat, they also participated in the Columbia school graduation in Hunters. Mr. Foster spoke in the Graduation program. The National Parks Service has a science based program called 'The River Mile'. Through the program, Youth go out and do a scientific project on a section of the river.

The National Park Service held a quilt show with 150 quilts based on national parks across the U.S. 500-600 people showed up for the quilt show. The tapestry quilts were 20x20 or 20x40. August 25th is the National Parks birthday at Fort Spokane at 10:00 a.m. The ceremony is at 11:00 a.m. for people to take their oaths to become citizens. Mr. Foster reported that area people put their own quilts in the show just to display them. The National Park Service made a book on all of the tapestry quilts. Mr. Foster reported that West Nile Virus was found on Lake Roosevelt in several mosquitoes this year. Last year they also had a mosquito test positive. The National Park Service is looking to put together a mosquito program to get rid of the mosquitoes. They will be using larvae traps, adulticide and ultrasonic treatments.

Mr. Foster reported on a canoe trip on the upper Columbia with the United Tribes. The Quinault donated six cedar trees that were given to other tribes to be turned into canoes. All of the canoes met on the Lake Roosevelt, had a salmon ceremony, dinner, and they camped up and down the river. Mr. foster was able to join in on one of the canoe rides. There was a canoe on display at the Spokane Tribe Little Falls Hatchery. They would like to hold this every year, possibly in June.

Tri County Economic Development (TEDD) Update

TEDD Director Jeff Koffel came before the Board to give an update. Discussion was held on Transportation Services, the company is being trained on how to train riders to use the lifts. Discussion was held on the website 'Visit Northeast Washington', which lists Ferry County. There are 1,400 visits a week on the Northeast Washington Trails website. The city of Colville gave them \$2,000 to add their bicycle routes to the website. There is the possibility of adding the Motorcycle Rally routes to the website. Mr. Koffel stated that trails are for everyone, whatever type of transportation you use, even water trails.

Commissioner Blankenship asked Mr. Koffel about a group that does "skulling" to search and identify skulls. Mr. Koffel stated that he hasn't heard of it. Mr. Koffel presented his annual budget letter to the Board. Mr. Koffel asked the Board what they would like next year's focus to be. The new Ferry County TEDD person can possibly manage the calendar.

Mr. Koffel reported that TEDD Specialist Leah VanderStoep resigned last week to take another job. The job was posted on WorkSource today and will be in the view on Wednesday. Mr. Koffel reported on a student from Stanford University, Courtney Pal. Ms. Pal was given an office space for 10 weeks. Ms. Pal worked in three trail towns to talk to hikers about how a town markets itself to hikers and the necessary services that a town could provide. The three towns were Northport, Republic, and Metaline Falls. Discussion was held on the Pacific Northwest Trail. Discussion was held on videos taken of area towns to promote tourism.

A copy of the 2017 Budget Request Letter-TEDD Membership Dues & Support is in the file. (Ex. #13)

Budget Request

911 Coordinator Karen Hall, Sheriff Ray Maycumber and Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib came before the Board to make a budget request. Discussion was held on getting an 8th full time dispatch position for 2017. Ms. Hall said that people won't even apply for the part time position. Ms. Hall stated that she needs two dispatchers on at all times. Mr. Brandon's payout was over \$10,000 due to his having built up comp time and not having the time to use it.

Discussion was held on the contract with the city. The contract is with the Sheriff's office to pay for a dispatcher. The Sheriff is expected to back up the city police officer on calls, do the record keeping and do all of the dispatching. The Sheriff believes that they are being underpaid. Discussion was held on possibly giving the City notice that the County is wanting to renegotiate with them for more money. The Board asked for a write up of costs of what the Sheriff's office and the Prosecutor's office needs before the Board sends a memo to the City informing them that the County wants to renegotiate.

The insurance company identified the carpet in dispatch and going up the stairs from dispatch are a tripping hazard. Discussion was held on whether the Lead Custodian will replace the carpet or whether to get bids for the job. The Board told Ms. Hall to get bids for the carpet replacement.

Sheriff Maycumber reported that he received an email from the Cattle Producers of Washington (CPoW) and the Stevens County Cattlemen. Sheriff Maycumber said that no new wolves have been captured or killed as of yet, they are still looking. Sheriff Maycumber talked to the gentleman that puts on 'First Thot Days' in Orient. The Sheriff's office will have a boat in the parade.

Sheriff Maycumber reported that people floating the river over by Orient are parking illegally. The Sheriff's office would like to add to the bottom of the No Parking signs that says "violators will be towed". Sheriff Maycumber reported that someone volunteered to open up a spot for parking next to the store. Discussion was held on possible parking solutions.

Unfinished Business

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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ATTEST:



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