# Adjourned Meeting of the Board Ferry County Commissioners Monday August 22, 2016

The meeting was opened at 9:07 a.m. by Commissioner Davis with Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Blankenship present.

# Pledge of Allegiance

# Changes and Additions to the Agenda

A Budget Discussion was added to the Agenda.

#### **Correspondence**

The Board asked Clerk of the Board Amanda Rowton to send a letter to Matthew Short giving approval for Don and Marsha Schroeder to use a small battery powered golf cart on a small section of the Curlew Lake Rail Trail.

# **Board Reports**

#### **Commissioner Miller**

Commissioner Miller worked on participate in the activities of the hiring committee for the Tri County Health District. Commissioner Miller attended a special Commissioners' Meeting on Friday concerning wolves.

# **Commissioner Davis**

Commissioner Davis attended several Canvassing Board meetings. Commissioner Davis worked on Business Recruitment, they are hoping to be active in October. Commissioner Davis attended a special Commissioners' Meeting concerning wolves. Commissioner Davis received a call from Pend Oreille Commissioner Karen Skoog; they are backing the Ferry County Commissioners decision to get rid of the wolves. Commissioner Davis will be filming this week in Ferry County in designated areas.

# Commissioner Blankenship

Commissioner Blankenship met with Stevens County Commissioner Steve Parker in Colville to talk about wolf and forest issues. Commissioner Blankenship met with Merrill Ott to talk about Marcus to Marble Mount/Old Stage Coach Road. Commissioner Blankenship met with Sheriff Maycumber on Thursday. Commissioner Blankenship attended a meeting at Sandy's Drive In on Thursday with Shelly Short, Joel Kretz, several cattlemen, a WDFW representative, and Stevens County Commissioner Steve Parker. Commissioner Blankenship attended a special Commissioners' Meeting on Friday concerning the wolves. Commissioner Blankenship attended First Thot Days in Orient and spoke with the Ferry County Prosecutor Kathryn Burke. The Sheriff's Department had a boat in the parade.

#### **Minutes**

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for August 15, 2016. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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# **Weed Update**

Weed Director Rochelle Osborne came before the Board to give an update. Ms. Osborne presented the Board with a packet. Discussion was held on the RAC Board. Discussion was held on the type of weeds that are being treated in Ferry County. Discussion was held on Scotch Thistle on fee lands and non-fee lands. Ms. Osborne reported that the Tribe wants the Scotch Thistle treated too. Discussion was held on aquatic plants that need to be treated. Ms. Osborne reported that the Rail Trail, Tiger Trail and Ferry County Airport have all been treated. The Weed Department was contracted by the Forest Service to spray some forest service roads.

Ms. Osborne asked about storage space in the log house. Ms. Osborne asked how much of the space was hers to use. The Board stated that they will need to define the needs of each department to determine how much space the Weed Department can use. Ms. Osborne reported that she has put up shelving and done some organizing in the log house.

A copy of the Weed Board packet is in the file. (Ex. #1)

# **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 Public Works Agenda. Discussion was held on the Laurier Bridge. Discussion was held on the airport.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approved Commissioners Order No. 16-07 Exemption to Resolution No. 2016-17 Ferry County Department of Public Works-Airport. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the Cost Benefit Analysis Plan Contractor for FEMA funding. Discussion was held on the generator to run the water pump in Curlew for the water system.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to hire a Cost Benefit Analysis Plan Contractor. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on RAP projects. Commissioner Miller made a motion for the Chairman to sign after the engineer approves the Final RAP Prospectus. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on two sections of road in Curlew that need paving. Mr. Reynolds reported that the job will cost approximately \$21,990.00.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve fixing the connecting streets in Curlew using County Road Funds. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Public Works Agenda is in the file. (Ex. #2)

Commissioners' Order 16-07 Exemption to Resolution No. 2016-17 Ferry County Department of Public Works-Airport was signed by the Board. (Ex. #3)

# **Consent & Vouchers**

The Board approved a bill for \$164.90 for radios. MIS will pay for the radios and will be reimbursed by the Sheriff's office later for the radios.

Ferry County Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds from Current Expense in the amount of \$30,000.00 to MIS in the amount of \$30,000.00 was approved. (Ex. #4)

Ferry County Credit Card Application for Ferry County EMS District #1 Phillip Starr-Task Director was approved. (Ex. #5)

Ferry County Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds from CE MIS Non-Dept in the amount of \$7,233.00 to Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$7,233.00 was approved. (Ex. #6)

Ferry County Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds from E911 in the amount of \$100,000.00 to Current Expense in the amount of \$100,000.00 was approved. (Ex. #7)

Ferry County Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds from CE MIS Non-Dept in the amount of \$30,000.00 to Fair Grounds in the amount of \$30,000.00 was approved. (Ex. #8)

Funding in the amount of \$51,267.97 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 321844-321845 for the Following: (Ex. #9)

Current Expense in the amount of \$18,894.76

County Road in the amount of \$25,450.65

Auditor's 0&M in the amount of \$360.63

*Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$1,184.15* 

Solid Waste in the amount of \$3,240.27

Management Information Systems in the amount of \$968.85

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$915.03

Housing Authority in the amount of \$253.63

Ferry County Warrant No. 321733 in the amount of \$100.00 was cancelled. (Ex. #10)

# Lunch

The Board recessed for Lunch at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

# **Maintenance Update**

Custodian Marty Padilla came before the Board to give an update. Discussion was held on a tractor for the Courthouse. Commissioner Blankenship recommended a riding lawn mower up to \$5,000 to come out of next year's budget. Discussion was held on a snow blower for the sidewalk. Mr. Padilla would like to rent a backhoe to remove some of the dirt bank around the parking lot for extra room. The Board stated that they would like to contract the work out. Discussion was held on yard work. The Board asked Mr. Padilla to do some research on a riding lawn mower and bring the Board the information.

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

Prosecutor Kathryn Burke was present. The Board went in to Executive Session at 1:30 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 2:00 p.m. No decisions were made.

# Sherman Pass Project

United States Forest Service (USFS) Environmental Coordinator Christy Merritt, USFS Republic District Ranger Mike Herrin and USFS Three Rivers District Ranger Josh White came before the Board to give an update. Mr. White reported that they have a Draft Decision on the Final Environmental Assessment. Discussion was held on the BPA Power Line Corridor. Discussion was held on the Boulder Creek salvage. Discussion was held on the Sherman Pass Overlook campground.

# **Benefits Review with Hub International**

Employee Benefits Consultant Melissa Koontz and Employee Benefits Consultant Matt Gilroy came before the Board to discuss health insurance benefits. CASA Program Manager Val McIntyre, Human Resource Director Jill Gates, Jail Superintendent Shawn Davis, Payroll/Accounts Payable Specialist Dana Kincaid, Weed Board Coordinator Rochelle Osborne and GIS Specialist Kristen Winters were present. Ms. Koontz presented the Board with a packet. Discussion was held on moving the plan outside of WCIF. Discussion was held on the possible split with Premera and Providence Hospitals. Mr. Gilroy and Ms. Koontz are brokers that work for HUB International and work with all Health Insurance carriers in Washington State. Discussion was held on Premera, Signa, Asuris Northwest and Group Health (being bought out by Kaiser).

Discussion was held on being able to have both Premera and Group Health side by side. Discussion was held on self-funded insurance. They need a census form from the County to run through the system to get rate quotes. The Board asked for a few options to choose from. Discussion was held on Cobra insurance. Ms. Kincaid will be looking into what it takes to opt out. Ms. Kincaid believes that it is a 6-12 month notice to WCIF to opt out, so we wouldn't be able to sign up for new insurance until 2018. Mr. Gilroy reported that the trend increases have been between 6-9 percent in the past year. Ms. Kincaid said that she can get the demographics together and send them to Hub International to get quotes.

A copy of the packet is in the file. (Ex. #11)

# **Budget Discussion**

Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib came before the Board to discuss the budget. Discussion was held on pay increases, no pay increases in the preliminary budgets at this time. Discussion was held on health insurance.

# **Unfinished Business**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

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