

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Monday September 26, 2016**

The meeting was opened at 8:07 a.m. by Commissioner Davis with Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Blankenship present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Changes and Additions to the Agenda

A 'Working Session; Curlew Lake Home Owners Association Letter' was added to the Agenda.

Correspondence

Board Reports

Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Miller attended the Tri County Health District Board Meeting. The Board of Health is going to request a 10% increase in County contributions. Ferry County's 10% contribution is \$9,600. Commissioner Miller attended the Kinross open house. There were over 200 people present including Shelly Short, lunch was provided.

Commissioner Davis

Commissioner Davis attended the County Department Head Meeting on Tuesday. Commissioner Davis met with Deanna Zakar for a mine update. Commissioner Davis attended a Public Development Authority (PDA) Meeting at the City Hall. They received a counter offer from ACI Trucking Company. Commissioner Davis worked on Housing Authority issues on Thursday. Commissioner Davis attended the North East Washington Counties (NEWC) Meeting on Friday; Senator Brian Dansel was present. Discussion was held on wolves and cougars. Commissioner Davis attended the Kinross Open House on Saturday. Commissioner Davis did some filming up at Kinross with Tyler Bowe.

Commissioner Blankenship

Commissioner Blankenship attended the North East Tri County Health (NETCH) Meeting. Commissioner Blankenship attended a Martin Hall Meeting on Thursday. Funds are low, but the bond is paid through the year. They may need to raise the daily bed fee to \$180 a day. They discussed the possibility of putting Martin Hall on the Capital Improvement List. Commissioner Blankenship attended the North East Washington Counties (NEWC) Meeting on Friday.

Wolf Discussion

Sheriff Ray Maycumber came before the Board to discuss the wolf issue. Community Member Ben Heizer and Community Member Dave Hedrick were present. The attack on a dog on Lambert Creek were by two grey wolves according to a witness. Sheriff Maycumber said that supposedly there are no grey wolves in the Profanity Peak Pack.

Discussion with the Director of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). Sheriff Maycumber will start meeting with WDFW to discuss tactics. The wolf tracker went up to look at

the newest depredation but the kill was old so the tracker couldn't follow the trail. Discussion was held on getting a proposal from the tracker to negotiate a price for services. The negotiations will be done in executive session. The Sheriff's budget will need to include the tracker's fees.

Sheriff Maycumber stated that he has the authority and the obligation to protect the citizens and their property from the wolves. People on Lambert Creek Road are now carrying their firearms while outside because of fear of the wolves. Brea Wirt Hendrickson was feeding her goats when two grey wolves attacked her dog; she chased the wolves off with a shovel. WDFW would not confirm the depredation even though the dog was wounded and Ms. Hendrickson actually saw the wolves with her own eyes. Ms. Hendrickson gave a report to the Sheriff's office and the veterinarian will be filing her findings. There is an increase in sightings of non-wolf predators such as bears and cougars.

Sheriff Maycumber had a run-in with a bear on his front porch. Sheriff Maycumber feels that when the fear of wolves changes a person's habits, it's a breach of peace. Wolves will travel long distances for food and will follow cattle and other animals home. Once a wolf pack reaches approximately 12 members, a pair will split off from that pack to create a new one.

If we have a reasonable number of depredations per pack a year then nothing needs done, but if they become excessive or public safety is threatened, then something will be done under the Sheriff's authority. Sheriff Maycumber said that Steve Pozzanghera stated that he would like things done together between WDFW and the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Maycumber is afraid that if he doesn't do something, the public will take matters into their own hands and take out the wolves. He would like to stop that from happening. Discussion was held on the coyote population.

Working Session: Curlew Lake Home Owners Association Letter

The Board worked on drafting a letter to the Curlew Lake Home Owners Association concerning county owned property in Curlew Kai.

Curlew Property Concerns

Property owner John Seaman came before the Board to discuss a property issue. Community member Randy King and Community Member Joanne Guichard were present. Mr. Seaman presented the Board with a copy of the letter to Mr. Seaman from the Health Department. Mr. Seaman reported that he is living in an RV on his property and has his septic pumped regularly. Mr. Seaman reported that the Health Department has told him that he has until September 30th to put in a septic system or pay the septic fee of \$560. If he does not do these items, he has to remove his RV from the property. Mr. Seaman stated that he wasn't even given 30 days' notice to put in his septic or vacate. He was also told he can haul his water for a short time, but he has to put in a well. Mr. Seaman feels that the Health Department is overstepping their bounds.

Mr. Seaman has 1.01 acres approximately 300 yards from the river. There is no HOA. Commissioner Blankenship stated that he will talk to the Health Department concerning the issue at the next task force meeting. Commissioner Miller stated that he will talk to the director of the Health Department. The Board feels that Mr. Seaman is not violating any laws.

Mr. King reported that there is a homeowner that has made a rock-work structure that goes 10 feet past his property line into the right-of-way. Discussion was held on a plat map of the area. The area was platted in 1972. Mr. King has already talked to the Planning Department. The Board stated that

they will talk to the Planning Department and have the Planning Director write a letter to the property owner concerning the right-away encroachment.

A copy of the letter to Mr. Seaman from the Health Department is in the file. (Ex. #1)

Medical Renewal

Payroll Clerk Dana Kincaid and Human Resource Jill Gates came before the Board to discuss the County's medical renewal. The County can offer Group Health or Premera this year. We have to decide by Wednesday or call for an extension. There were no price changes for dental, vision, or life insurance. Providence will not participate in Premera Prime, the county will have to switch back to Heritage if they want coverage in a Providence run facility.

Discussion was held on the different options. Medical premiums went up by \$135 thousand from last year. The medical premium costs are 20% of the county's annual budget. We can offer up to 4 plans, the HSA high deductible plan would be the 5th. Last year Premera costs were \$634.93 for the 1250 plan, \$453.16 for the 3000 plan and \$556.76 for the HSA plan. Last year the County paid \$200 a month to add County employee dependants to the 3000 plan. The County can offer the Group Health 2000 plan, an HSA plan, and two or three other plans. The Board will discuss the options further during tomorrow's WCIF Update at 10:00 a.m. with Jon Kaino.

Consent & Vouchers

Commissioner Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-27 Lifting Restrictions on the Use of Open Flame in Ferry County. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2016-27 Lifting Restrictions on the Use of Open Flame in Ferry County was signed by the Board. (Ex. #2)

Ferry County Warrant No. 322242 in the amount of \$96.93 was voided. (Ex. #3)

Lunch

The Board recessed for Lunch at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

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

Attorney Dennis Morgan was present. The Board went in to Executive Session at 1:00 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 1:30 p.m. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Ferry County District Court Agreement for Legal Services for Indigent Representation 2017-2021. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A copy of Ferry County District Court Agreement for Legal Services for Indigent Representation 2017-2021 was signed by the Board. (Ex. #4)

Forest Service Update

Republic District Ranger Mike Herron came before the Board to give an update. Discussion was held on the different areas of salvage tree sales. Mr. Herron reported that the Swan Lake tree salvage is done. Discussion was held on Forest Management Plan. Discussion was held on WATV's. Mr. Herron

reported that Freedom of Information, wolves, and eagles are taking up a lot of their time. Discussion was held on wolves and cattle grazing. Discussion was held on firewood cutting maps. Discussion was held on the Old Stage Coach Road/Marcus to Marble Mount Road and the Republic to Kettle Falls Wagon Road.

Department of Corrections (DOC) Contract & Introduction to the Transition Program

Jail Superintendent Shawn Davis, Sheriff Ray Maycumber and Aaron Edwards came before the Board to discuss the DOC contract and Transition Program. Discussion was held on the DOC contract. They have adjusted the per diem payment for the past couple months. From this point on there will be a 3% increase. The jail is full at 40 inmates, 30 of which are paid for from other counties. A person convicted of property crime now automatically serves time. The DOC is full and is shipping inmates to wherever they have empty beds.

Discussion was held on pay for corrections officers. Mr. Davis stated that nobody wants to sign up to be a corrections officer due to the issues on the news with police shootings. Discussion was held on possible new hires. Mr. Davis said that there are some locals that are looking to hire on, that want new careers, and are willing to stay in the county.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Edwards have been working with the Ferry County Health Care Coalition. Discussion was held on reoffenders that need medical care and medications. Mr. Davis stated that it is costing the jail money. Once incarcerated the inmates lose their health care and they have to reapply once they get out of jail. Once in jail, the jail has to take the inmate to the doctor for visits and meds. There is a pilot program Empire Health Foundation that helps inmates with continuity of care once they are out of jail. Mr. Davis believes that some inmates get readmitted to get health care, or they get caught committing a crime to pay for their medications.

Discussion was held on County health care options. The hospital will now bill for flu shots. Employees used to have to pay for their flu shots out of pocket, or personally bill the insurance company. Discussion was held on the new doctor at the hospital, Dr. Garcia.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve The Interagency Agreement with DOC. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Interagency Agreement with DOC was signed by the Board. (Ex. #5)

Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for Personnel

Human Resource Director Jill Gates was present. The Board went in to Executive Session at 2:30 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:30 p.m. No decisions were made.

Planning Department Update

Interim Planning Director Leah VanderStoep came before the Board to give an update. Ms. VanderStoep reported on planning jurisdiction issues on Fee Land. The Board asked Ms. VanderStoep to talk with the Steven County Planner and ask what he does with these issues. Discussion was held on an easement encroachment issue. Discussion was held on a fencing issue. Ms. VanderStoep will be sending Clerk of the Board Amanda Rowton information for a letter to be sent to the land owner that is encroaching on a legal easement on Customs Road.

Commissioner Blankenship left at 3:53 p.m. for a meeting.

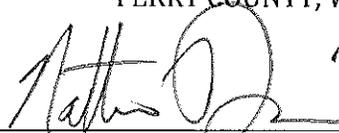
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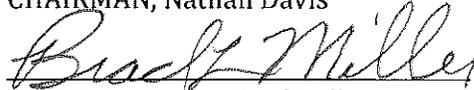
Unfinished Business

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

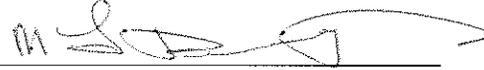
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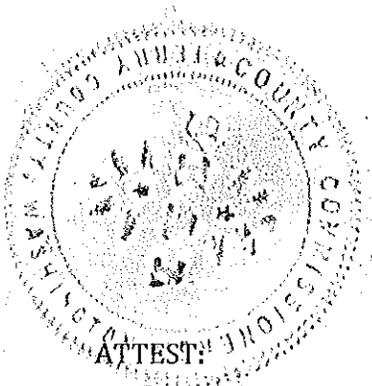
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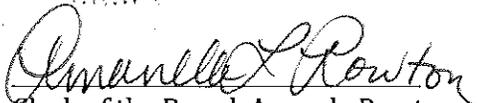


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