

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Monday December 12, 2016**

The meeting was opened at 8:00 a.m. by Commissioner Davis with Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Blankenship present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Changes and Additions to the Agenda**

Jail Bed Contract was changed from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. during the 2017 Budget Discussion Hearing.

An Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) Potential Litigation was added to the Agenda.

Senator Brian Dansel Update was added to the Agenda.

**Board Reports**

**Commissioner Miller**

Commissioner Miller attended the Forest Plan Revisions Meeting in Colville on Tuesday. Commissioner Miller was on the Interviewing Committee at TriCounty Health; they hired an Environmental Health Administrator.

**Commissioner Davis**

Commissioner Davis attended the City Council Meeting on Monday. Commissioner Davis attended the Forest Plan Revisions Meeting on Tuesday in Colville. Commissioner Davis attended the Housing Authority Meeting; they worked on a budget. Commissioner Davis had a meeting with the State Auditor concerning the Housing Authority. Commissioner Davis met with City Council Member Jim Burnside and City Clerk Dixie Moore; they checked the meters on some of the housing units that were not working correctly. Commissioner Davis worked on Business Recruitment; they are close to completing a comprehensive business database.

**Commissioner Blankenship**

Commissioner Blankenship attended the Forest Plan Revisions Meeting in Colville on Tuesday. Commissioner Blankenship attended the TriCounty Economic Development District Meeting; they finalized the budget and formally recognized Avista as a Board Member. Commissioner Blankenship met with WSU Extension Director Trevor Lane on Thursday to discuss 4-H leader issues.

**Minutes**

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for December 5, 2016. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Safety Trainers/Color Activities**

Human Resource Director Jill Gates and Public Works Controller Sharon Sattler were present. The Board and Clerks of the Board took a True Colors test, which is designed improve interpersonal interactions.

### **Tourism Allocation**

Community Member Kathryn Meade, Community Member Sarah Wilson and Community Member Dave Wermuth were present. Community Member Jim Schumacher arrived at 11:17 a.m. Community Member Melissa Rose arrived at 11:21 a.m.

#### **Tourism Requests received for 2017:**

Curlew Civic Club/Barrel Derby Days \$1,800  
Search and Rescue \$5,000  
Chamber of Commerce \$7,200  
Ferry County Children's Theater \$300  
Kettle River History Club \$439.75  
Eagle Track Raceway \$2,000  
Wings Over republic, Fly-In \$1,000  
NW Aviation Conference \$1,000  
Republic VCB \$4,000  
Eureka Arts/Gold Mountain Gallery \$2,000  
Stonerose Gallery \$7,770

The total amount of requests received was \$32,509.75. Discussion was held on the different requests. The Board received several new requests this year. Discussion was held on the Search And Rescue Conference to be held in Ferry County in the Spring. The Board discussed the amounts for all requests.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the following tourism awards for 2017:

Curlew Civic Club in the amount of \$1,800  
Kettle River History Club in the amount of \$450  
Republic Visitors and Convention Bureau in the amount of \$2,600  
NW Aviation Conference and Trade Show in the amount of \$1,000  
Wings Over Republic/Fly-In in the amount of \$1,000  
Eagle Track Raceway in the amount of \$1,000  
Stonerose Gallery in the amount of \$7,250  
Republic Chamber in the amount of \$5,000  
Gold Mountain Gallery in the amount of \$1,000  
Search And Rescue Conference in the amount of \$5,000  
Missoula Children's Theatre in the amount of \$300  
For a total of \$26,400. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Consent & Vouchers**

Ferry County Order to Transfer Funds from Mosquito Control in the amount of \$336.76 to Insurance Fund in the amount of \$336.76 has been approved. (Ex. #1)

Commissioner Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-34 Amending Various 2016 County Budgets. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ferry County Resolution No. 2016-34 Amending Various 2016 County Budgets was signed by the Board. (Ex. #2)

Commissioner Miller made a motion to sign the Letter of Support for the EMS district. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Letter of Support was signed by the Board. (Ex. #3)

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the Vacation Time Rollover for Chief Deputy Brenda Miller in the Treasurer's Office. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Vacation Time Rollover Request for Chief Deputy Brenda Miller is in the file. (Ex. #4)

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to appoint Scott L. (Pete) Simmons to the Planning Commission for District 3. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Letter of Interest for Planning Commission District 3 is in the file. (Ex. #5)

Commissioner Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-35 To Adopt the Annual Construction Program for 2017. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ferry County Resolution No. 2016-35 To Adopt the Annual Construction Program for 2017 was signed by the Board. (Ex. #6)

Letter of Permission from DiAnne Hewitt to use the Rail Trail after dark on February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> was approved by the Board. (Ex. #7)

Addendum No. 2 to Agreement Between Ferry County, Washington, and Kootenai County, Idaho, for Housing Inmates in the Ferry County Correctional Facility was signed by the Board. (Ex. #8)

### **Lunch**

The Board recessed for Lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

### **2017 Budget Hearing Continued**

Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib, Jail Superintendent Shawn Davis, and Community Member Jim Schumacher were present. The Hearing was opened at 1:05 p.m. Discussion was held on a new server for the County; Microsoft 365. The cost for the new server was in the MIS budget for 2016, but it never got installed. It needs to be in the MIS 2017 budget.

Jail Superintendent Shawn Davis reported that the Jail revenue increased by \$45,000. There were increases in the DOC contract, and increases in the Kootenai County contract. Jail Superintendent Shawn Davis is trying to get Steven's County to their contract as well. Jail Superintendent Shawn Davis reported that the County received a \$10,000 back payment from the Department Of Corrections. Discussion was held on the deficit. Discussion was held on the Jail freezer.

The Hearing was continued until December 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. The hearing concluded at 1:38 p.m.

### **Courthouse Blinds Request**

District Court Administrator Chris Burnside, Ferry County Clerk Jean Booher, and Jail Superintendent Shawn Davis came before the Board to make a request. Community Member Jim Schumacher was present. Ms. Booher said that they would like to put blinds on the windows of the courtroom. People outside the windows distract the jury. Mr. Davis said that from a safety standpoint putting blinds on the window cuts off visibility. Officers wouldn't know what kind of a situation that they are walking into in the courtroom, or what's on the outside of the courtroom when leaving. Mr. Davis suggested darkening the windows to help cut down on distractions, but still provide officers with visibility. The cost for the window tinting can come out of the Trial Court Improvement Fund.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to allow the courts to spend up to \$500, to fix the window issue in the courtroom, out of the Trial Court Improvement Fund. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Planning Commission Update**

Planning Commissioner Chair Lorna Johnson, Prosecutor Kathryn Burke, Deputy Prosecutor Sandra Richartz, Planning Director Leah VanderStoep and Planning Department Front Receptionist Mary Kalinowski came before the Board to give an update. Community Member Jim Schumacher was present. Discussion was held on the need for an Executive Session.

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

Planning Commission Chair Lorna Johnson, Prosecutor Kathryn Burke, Deputy Prosecutor Sandra Richartz, Planning Director Leah VanderStoep, and Planning Department Front Receptionist Mary Kalinowski were present.

The Board went in to Executive Session at 2:07 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 2:35 p.m. No decisions were made.

### **Retiree Medical Benefits**

Payroll Specialist Dana Kincaid came before the Board to discuss Retiree Medical Insurance. Ms. Kincaid contacted HUB International and they recommended using Cobra only with Aetna. Retirees through the Union can use County medical according to the Union contract. Cobra only lasts 18 months after an employee leaves the County. Ms. Kincaid said Hub recommended not putting retirees on Aetna. The Board discussed providing no retiree medical and providing medical to retirees with the Union only until the contract is up December 31<sup>st</sup> 2017.

### **Fair Grounds Update**

Fair Manager Wayne Egner came before the Board to give an update. Mr. Egner presented the Board with a packet on the Ferry County Fair Contract. Mr. Egner reported the grant check for the horse barns should be in soon. The total amount was \$73,890.61 and the County's portion was \$15,000.

Mr. Egner reported that recently a 4-H group rented the Carousel Building, and left a mess. There was green frosting on the floor, paper towels all over the bathroom floors, and chicken bones all over the floor. Mr. Egner would like to make the 4-H groups pay a deposit of \$50 that will be returned after the event if the building is left clean. The Board said that they are okay with the \$50

deposit fee and asked Mr. Egner will send a letter to the leaders' council to let them know that there is a change in policy. The Board told Mr. Egner to send the Market Animal Sale check to leaders' council and they distribute the money.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to allow the Fairgrounds to charge a \$50 deposit fee to all groups that use the Carousel Building. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Egner reported that there are less R.V.'s in storage than usual. The normal count is 48-50, there are just a few less this year. The Sheriff's Office has not put its boats in storage yet.

A copy of the packet is in the file. (Ex. #9)

#### **TriCounty Economic Development District (TEDD) Update**

TEDD Director Jeff Koffel and Economic Development District Specialist April Drennan came before the Board to give an update. Mr. Koffel helped the city write a grant to put in sidewalks up Klondike to the hospital. There is a 5% match. Mr. Koffel asked the Board if he can us some of the funding that Ferry County gives to TEDD to help the City make their match. Mr. Koffel reported that they have around \$45,000 in their budget for projects. The Board recommended that Mr. Koffel wait to see how much money the City can raise and then come back to the Board. Mr. Koffel is scheduled to meet with the Board on January 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 p.m. Discussion was held on the Ferry County videos.

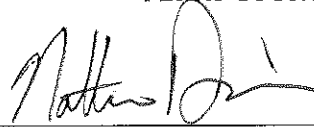
#### **Senator Brian Dansel Update**

Senator Brian Dansel arrived at 3:25 p.m. Mr. Dansel reported that he got the Chair position of the local Government in the Senate. Mr. Dansel requested that the Board let his know of any issues they would like him to take to the Senate. Mr. Dansel is also the Vice Chair of Energy, Environment and Telecommunications. Discussion was held on communication issues during times of emergency. Mr. Dansel thanked Commissioner Miller for his years of service. Discussion was held on minimum wage, county medical, and the Hearst Decision.

#### **Unfinished Business**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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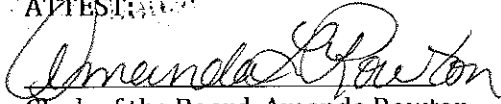
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