

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Monday January 23, 2017**

The meeting was opened at 9:05 a.m. by Commissioner Davis with Commissioner Exner and Commissioner Blankenship present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Changes and Additions to the Agenda

'Working Session; Abacus Contract, Weed Enforcement, & Hirst Impact Letter' was added to the Agenda.

Board Reports

Commissioner Exner

Commissioner Exner attended a Volunteer Stewardship Plan (VSP) Meeting on Thursday. Commissioner Exner attended a TriCounty Health Meeting on Friday at 8:00 a.m. Commissioner Exner attended the North East Washington Counties (NEWC) Meeting on Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Davis

Commissioner Davis attended a Public Development Authority (PDA) Meeting on the 18th; they put together a proposal to ACI. Commissioner Davis attended a Department Head Meeting; they discussed the travel policy, County cell phone plan, Policy changes, and a possible budget training. Commissioner Davis attended a Chamber Meeting. Commissioner Davis attended the North East Washington Counties (NEWC) Meeting on Friday.

Commissioner Blankenship

Commissioner Blankenship attended LSC on Wednesday the 18th. Commissioner Blankenship met with Shelly Short and Joel Kretz concerning the Hirst Decision, Wolves, Cougars, County Funding, and County Consolidation. Throughout the week Commissioner Blankenship had different conversations with Commissioner Parker, Commissioner McCart, and Commissioner Skoog on several issues. Commissioner Blankenship attended the North East Washington Counties (NEWC) Meeting. Discussion was held on Wolves, Cougars, and several other issues.

Minutes

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the meeting notes as corrected for January 13, 2017. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for January 17, 2017. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Foreman Update

Republic Foreman Tyler Knowles, Keller Foreman Rusty Jannot, Crusher Foreman Will Beedle, Inchelium Russell Camp, Boyds Foreman Justin Haag, and Shop 60 Chief Mechanic Shawn Baxter came before the Board to give an update.

Mr. Camp reported that the Inchelium shop needs a new roof and the fuel pumps and meters are outdated and need to be replaced. Mr. Haag needs new wiring on his pumps and wiring to the back-up generator at the Boyds shop. Mr. Knowles said that the Republic shop is the only one that is not on a gas boy system. Mr. Knowles said that some posts and beams in the equipment shed are rotting and the wiring is extremely old and needs to be replaced. Mr. Camp would like wiring out to his equipment shed. Mr. Haag said the lighting at the Boyds shop needs to be replaced. Mr. Camp, Mr. Knowles, and Mr. Baxter all agreed that they need new lighting in their shops. Discussion was held on LED lighting.

Mr. Baxter said that out at Shop 60 he would like a lean-to shed attached to the back of the shop to keep fuel barrels dry and covered. Mr. Knowles said that the pipes in the heated floors broke and was shut off, but the concrete is breaking up and in bad shape. Mr. Camp said that he has one bay that is like that. Mr. Beetle said that the Curlew Shop has heat escaping from the under the eaves of the roof, and that is affecting the heating costs. Mr. Knowles said that the Republic Shop had a pickup break down and it hasn't been replaced. Mr. Knowles can't send his crew out in the same truck for different Jobs without a truck. There was a general consensus that all of the shops could use a new truck. Mr. Knowles also stated that his Equipment shed needs a new tin roof.

Mr. Jannot said that they need a flooding contingency plan for the Keller shop. Mr. Jannot said that a flood damaged the road, while he waited on responses from different agencies, the road was further damaged by flooding. Mr. Camp said that their district encountered the same problems in Inchelium. Mr. Jannot and Mr. Camp would like a plan in place to allow for quicker reaction in the future and faster coordination with different agencies.

Commissioner Blankenship asked the shop foremen to make a prioritized list for each shop and submit it to the Commissioners' Office. Mr. Camp asked the Board if applying for Grants was an option due to his and Mr. Jannot's shops being on the Reservation. The Board said that they will look into it.

Planning Update

Planning Director Leah VanderStoep came before the Board to give an update. Ms. VanderStoep said that Cody Desautel would like to get together with the Board some time. Ms. VanderStoep said that the Department of Commerce has until March 3rd to respond to the County concerning the Growth Management Act, Ag Lands of Long Term Commercial Significance. Ms. VanderStoep said that the Shoreline Master Program is in front of the Department of Ecology right now. She will be bringing the Program to the City Of Republic so that they are aware that it will be adopted soon. The Department of Ecology said so far it looks good. Ms. VanderStoep said that the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) Meeting was well attended; Commissioner Exner and former Commissioner Miller were there.

Discussion was held on how the VSP works. Ms. VanderStoep is taking a free short course on local planning put on by Commerce. Ms. VanderStoep took an online course on NEPA and SEPA, which included; Development Regulations and Reasonable Use Exception. Ms. VanderStoep asked the Board like her to take the Reasonable Use Exception to the Prosecutor before it's presented to the Board. The Board told Ms. VanderStoep to follow the procedures to the letter. Discussion was held on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and Joint Aquatic Resource Permits Application (JARPA). Ms. VanderStoep said that 10% of her time is going to be allocated to VSP.

Legislative Report

Lobbyist Zak Kennedy and Lobbyist Jim Potts came before the Board (via conference call) to give an update. Discussion was held on the different Bills during this legislative session. Mr. Kennedy said that they will be starting with 12 Bills and it will probably go down to one or two Bills. Commissioner Blankenship said that a concern he has is County Consolidation. Mr. Kennedy said that they haven't seen the Bill yet. Commissioner Blankenship asked them to keep their eyes open. Discussion was held on minimum wage. Discussion was held on Cougars and Wolves. Mr. Kennedy said that they will keep watching and keep the Board informed of things that would affect Ferry County.

Consent & Vouchers

Signature Authorization Form for Project Description 160PSG-Contract Number E17-180 was signed by the Board. (Ex. #1)

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to support Lake Roosevelt Forum for 2017. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Funding in the amount of \$193,091.19 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 324055-324059 for the following: (Ex. #2)

Recreation Fund in the amount of \$22,533.65

Airport in the amount of \$228.58

Curlew Waste Water Construction in the amount of \$169,369.56

Inchelium Water District General in the amount of \$959.40

ACH Direct Deposit has been approved in the amount of \$336.55 (Ex. #3)

Funding in the amount of \$52,344.90 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 324053-324054 for the following: (Ex. #4)

Current Expense in the amount of \$21,040.23

County Road in the amount of \$25,665.95

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

Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$753.55

Solid Waste in the amount of \$2,640.66

Management Information Systems in the amount of \$968.85

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$915.03

Ferry County Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds **from** Insurance in the amount of \$84.90 to Current Expense in the amount of \$84.90 has been approved. (Ex. #5)

Working Session: Abacus Contract, Weed Enforcement & Hirst Impact Letter

Discussion was held on the Abacus Contract.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to pay the \$15,000 to cancel the Abacus Contract. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on Weed enforcement. The Board would like to look at all options before the County starts fining land owner. The Board would like to see a copy of the Weed Board's Policy & Procedures and have the Prosecutor review the document before making a decision.

Discussion was held on the Hirst Impact letter from Joel Kretz. Ferry County hasn't started any regulations yet, not until we are challenged. Ferry County has no closed basins. If Ferry County is challenged, it would stop all building in Ferry County and would be cost prohibitive.

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, Controller Sharon Sattler, Public Works Engineer Bob Breshears and Solid Waste Coordinator Kristy Cromwell came before the Board to give an update. Community Member Michael Sternberg was present. Ms. Cromwell said that Engineer/Traffic Technician Alex Cava is helping out at the Recycling Center. He is willing to work 6 days a week until the position can be filled. Ms. Cromwell presented Board with a copy of the job description for the Recycling/General Operations Operator.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to accept the job description for the Recycling/General Operations Operator. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A Bulk Fuel bid opening was scheduled for February 27th, at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the Road Levy and Estimated Revenue. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Recycling/General Operations Operator job description is in the file. (Ex. #6)

Ferry County Certification of the 2017 Road Levy and Estimated Revenue Produced was signed by the Board. (Ex. #7)

WSU Update

WSU Director Trevor Lane and TriCounty Economic Development Specialist April Drennan came before the Board to give an update. Community Member Michael Sternberg was present. Mr. Lane gave a video presentation to introduce himself, and explain what he does, to Commissioner Exner.

Ms. Drennan discussed Ferry County Sunrise with the Board. Ms. Drennan said that they will have Recruitment and Retention on one portal. Some of the videos are done and some are being finished. Commissioner Davis said that when you go on Youtube and type in Ferry County, the videos come up. Discussion was held on the four grants that Mr. Lane is responsible for. One of the grants is for a weather station. Discussion was held on the Comprehensive Database. Discussion was held on the Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Grant.

Working Session: RCC Ordinance Review

RCC Grant Manager Keith Bell, RCC Member Jennine Groth, RCC Member Madilane Perry, and Community Member Michael Sternberg were present. Discussion was held on ADA accessibility on the trail. The Board will submit any changes to the RCC Ordinance by February 1st to Clerk of the Board Amanda Rowton. Commissioner Blankenship will come in on February 1st and help Ms. Rowton apply the changes. The Board will continue to work on the Ordinance until complete.

A copy of the draft Ferry County Ordinance No. 2017- Rail Corridor Management Plan is in the file. (Ex. #8)

Eagle Track Update

Eagle Track President Keith Jolin, Eagle Track Vice President Darren Smith, and Eagle Track Treasurer Tami Smith came before the Board to give an update. Community Member Michael Sternberg was present. Mr. Keith stated that he was slandered on Facebook and it has caused a lot of problems. Discussion was held on all of the changes that have been done to the Eagle Track. They are trying to bring in bigger venues to help pay the bills, but they are still having all the local cars race as well. Mr. Jolin stated that with just local cars, they can't make the bills.

The insurance company said that there can't be any more racing until the catch fence is put up. The Board asked Clerk of the Board Amanda Rowton to ask Human Resource Director/Risk Management Jill Gates if the County has any supplemental insurance on the track as a backup.

Forest Service Update

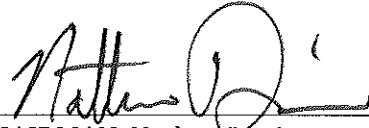
Three Rivers District Ranger Josh White and Republic Ranger Mike Herrin came before the Board to give an update. Community Member Michael Sternberg was present. Mr. White said that they got the Orient scoping letter. The Deer Jasper sale is actually going to be two sales due to its size. The San Poil scoping letter is out. Discussion was held on the Bulldog Project. Discussion was held on Sherman Pass and the trees on the corridor. Discussion was held on the Forest Plan Revision Meetings. Commissioner Blankenship said that they have formalized the group, but they have not picked a name yet for the group. They will need money for the group eventually and somewhere to put it.

Mr. White hopes to have a scoping letter soon for South Boulder Road. Discussion was held on road access and WATV's. Discussion was held on the Hall Creek Snow Park. A logging company plowed out the snow park without any permits from the Forest Service. The Forest Service has now issued a permit since the damage was already done. There are some lower areas that can still be groomed for snowmobile use. Discussion was held on the ATV trails.

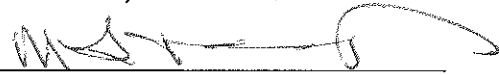
Unfinished Business

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

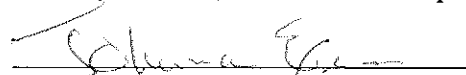
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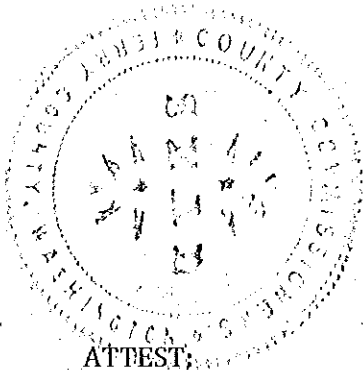
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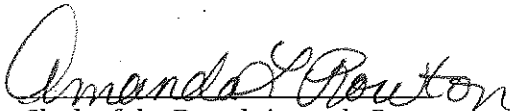


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