

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Monday February 6, 2017**

The meeting was opened at 8:25 a.m. by Commissioner Davis with Commissioner Exner present.  
Commissioner Blankenship was delayed due to the weather.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Changes and Additions to the Agenda**

'Toilet Issue' was added to the Agenda.

'HR Update' was cancelled.

'Solid Waste Update; Tipping Fees' was added to the Agenda.

**Shelter House Discussion**

Human Resource Director/Risk Management Jill Gates and Realtor Bill Baldwin came before the Board to discuss the shelter house. Mr. Baldwin received an email that there were broken pipes, mold, and a lot of water damage to the house. The house was sold on January 20<sup>th</sup>. According to the buyer, when they turned on the water, it started shooting out of the wall. The buyer would like the County to pay for repairs. Ms. Gates spoke with the County's insurance broker, Fred Lee, concerning the issue. Ms. Gates said that the County can turn in a claim, and see if they will cover it. Mr. Lee said that the County is only responsible if the County was negligent.

The Board suggested that Ms. Gates contact several contractors to get itemized estimates before proceeding.

**Insurance Update**

Payroll Specialist Dana Kincaid came before the Board to discuss the Left One retiree insurance. Ms. Kincaid reported that Bernadette Brandon in the Prosecutor's Office quit as of today; she was due to retire at the end of next month. Ms. Kincaid found a plan through HUB International for the last Left One retiree that the County has. The insurance company wants the retiree to pay for the insurance himself, and have the County reimburse him. If the County reenrolls him with WCIF, it will cost the County an extra \$200 a month. Commissioner Davis said that he will call HUB International to discuss the issue with them. Ms. Kincaid said that she would call and take care of the problem.

**Toilet Issue**

Lead Custodian Marty Padilla came before the Board to discuss a toilet issue. Mr. Padilla reported that the septic line in the Sheriff's Office was plugged. Mr. Padilla said that he used a 50' snake but couldn't get the clog out. Mr. Padilla called a plumbing company and they were able to snake the line up to 100', but couldn't unclog it. Mr. Padilla believes that it may be a frozen drain line. Mr. Padilla would like to wait for the ground to thaw before proceeding.

Mr. Padilla would like to call in a company from Tonasket with a sensor to detect where the line is blocked, that way they will know where to dig up the line. Mr. Padilla said that they have some

seepage in the line, so he believes it may be ice, not a clog. Mr. Padilla thinks it may be plugged at a joint. The Sheriff's Office employees will use the jail restroom in the meantime.

### **EMS Decedent Transportation**

EMS Director Phillip Starr came before the Board to discuss the costs of transporting decedents. Most EMS don't transport the deceased. Mr. Starr said that they don't mind transporting, but it's about cost. They need to charge \$200 per transport. They will continue to provide the service, but they need to be able to recoup their costs. The Board asked Mr. Starr to confirm with the Prosecutor who provides the body bags. The Board asked Mr. Starr to talk to the Prosecutor about a possible contract with Bergs Funeral Home in Oroville. If Bergs is unable to pick up the decedents, then the EMS District will do the transport for a fee.

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

Sheriff Maycumber and Prosecutor Kathryn Burke were present. The Board went in to Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. No decisions were made.

### **Board Reports**

#### **Commissioner Exner**

Commissioner Exner attended the Conservation District Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Exner attended a TriCounty Health Meeting. They discussed purchasing a building and billing Medicaid. Also the new bylaws passed. Commissioner Exner attended a Fair Association Meeting. Travis Fletcher is the new Fair Association President. The theme for the fair this year is 'Kick Up Your Boots And Support Your Roots'. Commissioner Exner attended a Special Meeting to appoint a new Senator on January 30<sup>th</sup> and a Special Meeting to appoint the new State Representative on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Exner has been trying to contact Frontier concerning phone issues in the county. Commissioner Exner attended a Rail Trail Meeting.

#### **Commissioner Davis**

Commissioner Davis attended a Drug Court Meeting. They only have two people in the program. Commissioner Davis attended a Rural Resources Meeting. Commissioner Davis attended a Ferry County Finance Committee Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> with Treasurer Rochelle Rodak, and Auditor Dianna Galvan. Commissioner Davis attended a Special Meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup> to pick a new State Senator, and attended a Special Meeting on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> to pick a new State Representative. Commissioner Davis spoke with April Drennan on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> concerning Business Recruitment.

#### **Commissioner Blankenship**

Commissioner Blankenship was delayed due to the weather.

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

Economic Development Specialist April Drennan came before the Board to give an update. Ms. Drennan tested the Customer Relations Software (CRS) on businesses. They only had two emails that were opened out of the ten that were sent out. Ms. Drennan made an agreement with the View to publish a Ferry County featured business each month in the Extra View. Each featured business published, will have its own featured page on the Ferry County Sunrise website. The press release

for Ferry County Sunrise still hasn't been published. Ms. Drennan said that her spring project is to get a USDA approved farmers market going. They would have to pull vendors from Okanogan County and Stevens County, as Ferry County doesn't have enough producers to fill a market up.

### Consent & Vouchers

Commissioner Exner made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from John Hamilton for the Veterans Assistance Board and the SWAC Board. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Blankenship was absent.

Letter of Resignation John Hamilton. (Ex. #1)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Ken Muggli from the Motorized Trail and Recreation Committee. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Blankenship was absent.

Letter of Resignation Ken Muggli. (Ex. #2)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to appoint Gail Huntley to the library board. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Blankenship was absent.

Letter to appoint Gail Huntley. (Ex. #3)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve a credit card for Brianna Brown for 911. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Blankenship was absent.

Credit Card Application for Brianna Brown 911. (Ex. #4)

Ferry County Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds **from** Public Works in the amount of \$30,375.75 **to** Current Expense in the amount of \$30,375.75 has been approved. (Ex. #5)

Ferry County Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds **from** Current Expense in the amount of \$385.00 **to** Veterans Relief in the amount of \$385.00 has been approved. (Ex. #6)

Ferry County Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds **from** Current Expense in the amount of \$50,000.00 **to** MIS in the amount of \$50,000.00 has been approved. (Ex. #7)

Ferry County Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds **from** CE MISC Non-Dept. in the amount of \$20,000.00 **to** Fair Grounds in the amount of \$20,000.00 has been approved. (Ex. #8)

Ferry County Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds **from** Ferry County EMS District #1 in the amount of \$1,910.00 **to** EMS District Equipment Reserve in the amount of \$1,910.00 has been approved. (Ex. #9)

Commissioner Davis signed the Governing Board Member Code of Ethics. (Ex. #10)

ACH Direct Deposit in the amount of \$5,583.33 has been approved. (Ex. # 11)

Correction to EFT Warrant previously approved on 1/9/2017 in the amount of \$207.00 and Warrant No. 324060 was issued in the amount of \$207.00 (Ex. #12)

Funding in the amount of \$144,526.50 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No.324136-324215 for the following: (Ex. #13)

*Current Expense in the amount of 65,760.02*

*County Fair in the amount of \$1,320.61*

*Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$336.94*

*Veteran's Relief in the amount of \$750.00*

*Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$5,277.79*

*MHCD in the amount of \$917.00*

*Designated Medical Trust in the amount of \$538.40*

*Inmate Welfare in the amount of \$1,438.25*

*Recreation Fund in the amount of \$64.62*

*Weed Control in the amount of \$32,447.00*

*Fair Grounds Management in the amount of \$4,357.40*

*Management Information Systems in the amount of \$27,078.97*

*Insurance Fund in the amount of \$4,239.50*

Funding in the amount of \$ has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. for the following: (Ex. #14)

*Current Expense in the amount of \$274,646.24*

*County Road in the amount of \$157,514.45*

*Auditor's O&M Fund in the amount of \$1,665.17*

*Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$38,169.92*

*Recreation Fund in the amount of \$2,299.02*

*Crime Victims in the amount of \$284.73*

*Weed in the amount of \$6,377.45*

*Solid Waste in the amount of \$12,456.69*

*Management Information Systems in the amount of \$13,303.32*

*Insurance Fund in the amount of \$3,477.08*

*Fire District #13 in the amount of \$5,490.24*

*Fire District #14 in the amount of \$4,090.70*

*Fire District #3 in the amount of \$1,964.62*

*Curlew Water in the amount of \$1,130.33*

*Inchelium Water District in the amount of \$4,505.16*

*EMS District #1 in the amount of \$15,652.10*

*Housing Authority in the amount of \$3,737.62*

### **Lunch**

The Board recessed for Lunch at 11:57 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Blankenship arrived at 12:05 p.m.

### **Public Works Hearing; Eagle Track Road Establishment & Update**

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds, Controller Sharon Sattler, Solid Waste Coordinator Kristy Cromwell and Solid Waste Assistant Leanne Hill came before the Board for a hearing and update. Community Member Dan Stillings was present. The Hearing opened at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-04 Establishment of the Eagle Track ORV Park Road, County Road No. 02240. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Hearing closed at 1:03 p.m.

Ferry County Road Resolution No. 2017-04 Establishment of the Eagle Track ORV Park Road, County Road No. 02240 was signed by the Board. (Ex. #15)

### **Solid Waste Update; Tipping Fees**

Solid Waste Coordinator Kristy Cromwell came before the Board to give an update. Discussion was held on Tipping Fees and Flow Control. Ms. Cromwell said that she needs to build her revenue, she has nothing in reserves. Discussion was held on the equipment that Ms. Cromwell needs. Ms. Cromwell asked the Board to please take action on these issues. Ms. Cromwell suggested going up from \$141 a ton to \$160 a ton. Ms. Cromwell would like to get a truck to haul garbage on the other side of the pass. Ms. Cromwell is asking the Board to automatically follow Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases. Ms. Cromwell just needs to give a 75 day notice and have a hearing to be able to apply increases.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to have Ms. Cromwell create a Resolution to be able to tie the County tipping fee increases with Consumer Price Index's tipping fee increases. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Cromwell will be giving a 35 day notice to the public that they will now be charging for white goods. There will be a flat rate per refrigerator, freezer, and air-conditioning unit.

### **Public Works Hearing; White Mountain Vacation**

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds and Controller Sharon Sattler came before the Board for a hearing and update. Community Member Dan Stillings was present. The Hearing was opened at 1:15 p.m.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-03 Vacation and Abandonment of a Portion of White Mountain Road County Road No.05340. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Commissioner Exner abstained. The motion passed 2-0.

The Hearing closed at 1:18 p.m.

Discussion was held on Title II funding. Discussion was held on FEMA reimbursements. Mr. Reynolds reported that we have only received \$25,000 out of the \$89,000 that was spent.

Resolution 2017-03 Vacation and Abandonment of a Portion of White Mountain Road County Road No.05340 was signed by the Board. (Ex. #16)

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

Prosecutor Kathryn Burke and Human Resource Director Jill Gates were present. The Board went in to Executive Session at 1:30 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 1:50 p.m. No decisions were made.

### **Prosecutor Update; New Employee Discussion**

Prosecutor Kathryn Burke came before the Board to discuss her new hire. Ms. Burke interviewed four applicants, two have a lot of experience, and two didn't. Discussion was held on accrued pay-out for leaving employees. Ms. Burke would like to hire immediately, she believes that she has enough money in her budget to pay out Bernadette Brandon and hire a new person right away. Discussion was held on a possible contingent fund to pay-out departing employees. The Board would like to do an assessment of how many employees are getting ready to retire to be able to calculate the funds necessary for pay-outs.

### **Weed Update**

Weed Coordinator Rochelle Osborne came before the Board to give an update. Ms. Osborne presented the Board with a copy of a section of the Weed Board's Policy and Procedures and a sample letter that she sends to the land owner informing them of the need to spray their weeds. Ferry County does not issue fines for unpaid weed spray. The Weed Board sends a bill, and if it remains unpaid, they are supposed to put a lean against the property. Ms. Osborne stated that the Weed Board renews their policy every year following state RCW's. The Board of Commissioners' does not have to approve the policy.

Commissioner Blankenship stated that if the elderly can't afford to pay for the weed spraying, he would like to find a way to help them pay for it. Ms. Osborne said that they do find funds for those that need it. The lean against the property are for those that refuse to respond, or pay even when they can afford it. Ms. Osborne said that the land owner is sent a certified letter that has to be signed for, so the Weed Board knows that the land owner received it. The Weed Board can survey without it being considered trespassing, but they need permission when treating weeds. They have to have the land owner sign a contract agreeing to have their property sprayed. Ms. Osborne doesn't

have to get permission once she goes through the enforcement process; then she is allowed to spray without the homeowner's permission.

Ms. Osborne asked the Board for a credit card increase. Ms. Osborne needs to buy weed mats for Curlew Lake and they cost \$10,000, her credit card has a limit of \$5,000. She will get reimbursed through grants. Ms. Osborne would like her credit card limit raised to at least \$15,000.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve an increase in Ms. Osborne's credit card to at least \$15,000 up to \$25,000. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Osborne said that she ran into an issue with the cell phone policy. The Board said that they will get back to Ms. Osborne on the cell phone policy at a later date.

A copy of the letter and policy is in the file. (Ex. #17)

### **Library Update**

Lead Librarian Gailene Hooper came before the Board for an update. Discussion was held on some of the programs that the Republic and Curlew libraries provide. Ms. Hooper said that the library system is trying to come up with a 5 year strategic plan. Ms. Hooper said that the librarians are required to interview the stakeholders to get an idea for the strategic plan. The Board of Commissioners are considered stakeholders. Ms. Hooper interviewed the Board.

A copy of the 'Stakeholder Interview' is in the file. (Ex. #18)

### **Fee Schedule for the City Contract**

Chief Civil Deputy Amy Rooker, Jail Superintendent Shawn Davis, Prosecutor Kathryn Burke, 911 Coordinator Karen Hall, Republic Mayor Elbert Koontz, Republic Police Chief Culp, and City Office Clerk Dixie Moore came before the Board to discuss the City Contract. Discussion was held on 911 dispatching, evidence, and bed days. Currently the City pays the jail a \$25,000 flat fee per year no matter how many inmates they house. Mr. Shawn Davis said that they want to go to a day by day pay system where the City pays for the actual bed days that are used each year. The Board will work on the numbers before getting back to the City.

### **Lake Roosevelt Public Announcement**

Lake Roosevelt Superintendent Dan Foster came before the Board (via conference call) to give a Public Announcement. Mr. Foster introduced himself to Commissioner Exner. Mr. Foster reported that the contract for the concessions operations at the Kettle Falls Marina is ending April 30<sup>th</sup>. The National Parks Service did not receive an acceptable offer. Lake Roosevelt Nation Parks Service will not awarding anyone the contract for the Concession. This will close the house boat rentals, boat slip rentals, fuel station, septic tank pumping station and grocery concessions at the Kettle Falls Marina. The docks, parking area, bathrooms, camp grounds, and fish cleaning area all will remain open.

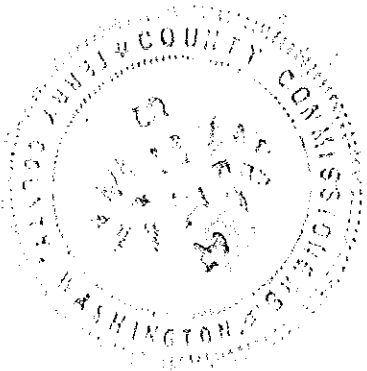
The Board asked Mr. Foster how many offers they received. Mr. Foster said that he cannot give out those numbers without a public records request. They will be taking some time to decide what to do in the future; what is needed, and what is available in the area. Mr. Foster said that it takes six months to prepare a prospectus, so they wouldn't be able to offer another one this year.

Mr. Foster said that they expect to have a good reservoir this year due to the snow pack. They had a public meeting and a press release out, for potential recreation in the Barstow area. They are considering putting in a mountain bike trail, Frisbee golf, hiking trail, and a stationary archery area.


**Unfinished Business**


With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

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FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON



  
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