

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Monday February 13, 2017**

The meeting was opened at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Davis with Commissioner Exner and Commissioner Blankenship present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Reports

Commissioner Exner

Commissioner Exner reported that the Planning Commission Meeting on the 8th was cancelled, and the Kinross Meeting was cancelled. Commissioner Exner attended the Forest Plan Revision Meeting in Colville on Friday.

Commissioner Davis

Commissioner Davis did some filming for a Winter Sports video. The Housing Authority meeting was rescheduled. Commissioner Davis attended the Forest Plan Revision Meeting on Friday the 10th. The group was renamed the TriCounty Forest Group.

Commissioner Blankenship

Commissioner Blankenship drove to Republic for a Leader's Council Meeting, but the meeting was cancelled. Commissioner Blankenship attended the Forest Plan Revision Meeting in Colville on Friday. Commissioner Blankenship was supposed to attend the 7th District meeting, but the Meeting was cancelled. Commissioner Blankenship attended the Cattlemen's Banquet Fundraiser on February 11th in Colville. Commissioner Blankenship met with Matt Schanz and the Environmental Health Specialist from TriCounty Health Meeting on Friday.

Building Update

Building Inspector Mike Nee came before the Board to give an update. Mr. Nee presented the Board with a Building Permit Comparison. Discussion was held on permits. Mr. Nee said that house permits are down compared to the 1990's. Mobile home permits have dropped off as well. Discussion was held on well drilling and the Hirst decision. Discussion was held on outhouses. Discussion was held on lead in water sources.

A copy of the Building Permit Comparison is in the file. (Ex. #1)

Human Resource Update & Inventory

Human Resource Director Jill Gates and Prosecutor Kathryn Burke came before the Board to give an update. Discussion was held on County Inventory. Discussion was held on ADA Regulations for the Rail Trail. Ms. Gates reported that the Courthouse is very cold on Monday mornings due to the furnace being turned down during the weekend. She has requested that the furnace be turned up on Sunday evening to give it time to warm up by Monday morning.

Ms. Gates had a contractor clear the snow off of the roof of the Sheriff's Office, Jail, and 911. Discussion was held on Company Policy/Employee Handbook. Discussion was held on the Commissioners Minutes February 13, 2017

Employee At Will Policy. Ms. Burke thinks the At Will Policy needs to be defined for all departments instead of separately per department.

Law and Justice Council & Plan

Prosecutor Kathryn Burke, District Court Administrator Chris Burnside, and Superior Court Clerk Jean Booher came before the Board to discuss the Law and Justice Council & Plan. Ms. Burke said that the County is required by law to have a Law and Justice Council. Discussion was held on who needs to be on the Law and Justice Council. Discussion was held on paring down the Resolution on the Law and Justice Council. Ms. Burke will bring a draft to the Board to either amend the Resolution or pass a new one.

Consent & Vouchers

Payroll Specialist Dana Kincaid will be submitting an email of the Employees that need to have their time cards approved by the Board.

Credit Card increase Application for Weed Board Director Rochelle Osborne was signed by the Board. (Ex. #2)

Indigent Defense Contracts for Denis Morgan was signed by the Board. (Ex. #3 a. and b.)

ACH Direct Deposit in the amount of \$8,611.63 has been approved. (Ex. #4)

Minutes

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for January 23, 2017. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for February 1, 2017. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for February 6, 2017. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Lunch

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

Empire Creek Road Issue

Land Owner Marc Keith came before the Board to discuss an issue on Empire Creek Road. Mr. Keith presented the Board with a packet of papers of the road in question. Mr. Keith said that the cul-de-sac at the end of Empire Creek Road was denied and never completed. Mr. Keith believes the other land owners around him have falsified documents. Discussion was held on the documents that Mr. Keith brought before the Board. Mr. Keith would like the Board to undo the Resolution that they passed last summer so that he can move the mail boxes off of his property.

Mr. Keith stated that his neighbors are pushing silt into his well by driving up to the mail boxes Mr. Keith stated that this is contaminating his well water. The Board stated that they will have to speak with the Prosecutor before proceeding. Mr. Keith believes Mr. Wutzke is responsible for real estate fraud and would like Sheriff Maycumber to contact Olympia and have a real estate fraud investigator investigate Mr. Wutzke.

North Empire Creek Road Packet is in the file. (Ex. #5)

Housing Authority Update

Asset Management & Compliance Manager Jason Davidson came before the Board via conference call. Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib, Housing Authority Board Member Kimberly Charles, Housing Authority Board Member Bob Platt, and Housing Authority Office Manager Jae Hightower were present. Mr. Davidson said that they will need to do an assignment of the properties that are considered active. Discussion was held on Recoverable Grants. Ms. Hightower said that they have someone interested in buying the doublewide on Klondike Road. Discussion was held on a title search on the Klondike Road property.

Ms. Schertenleib reported that the Housing Authority bank account is at \$42,851.81 with a few deposits ready to be made. Ms. Charles asked Mr. Davidson if he has received the funds from the Homeless Shelter sale. Mr. Davidson said that they should receive the funds shortly. Discussion was held on the shelter house. Ms. Charles reported that they have increased revenue by nearly \$50,000 and have had a 100% occupancy rate recently. Mr. Davidson was scheduled to meet with the Board again on March 13th at 1:00 p.m.

Working Session; RCC Ordinance Review

TriCounty Economic Development District Director Jeff Koffel, Community Member Gene Weller, Rail Corridor Committee (RCC) Member Jennine Groth, RCC Member Judy Jeffrey, RCC Member Lori Price, RCC Member Madilane Perry, Golden Tiger Pathway Secretary Larry Beardslee, Motorized Trail & Recreation Chairman Stan Christie, RCC Grant Coordinator Keith Bell, RCC Chair Bobbie Weller, and Prosecutor Kathryn Burke were present.

Discussion was held on the ADA requirements for the Rail Trail. Discussion was held on trail signage. Commissioner Blankenship stated that the current signs state an Ordinance that is no longer accurate. Commissioner Blankenship said that future signs should not state an Ordinance number as Ordinances change and it gets expensive to change the signs. Commissioner Blankenship would like different groups to get together to form one committee to work on all trails in Ferry County, to make a more coordinated plan.

Ms. Perry said that she would like Historic sites connected by trails to help encourage tourism. The Board would like to contact the following groups: local snow mobile clubs, the Back Country Horsemen, Golden Tiger Pathway Committee, the Historical Society, Rail Corridor Committee (RCC), and Motorized Trail & Recreation. The Board would like to meet again in a month to discuss the Ordinance. The meeting was scheduled for March 13rd at 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Perry thinks that the Courthouse Historic Grant should go through soon.

A sign in sheet is in the file. (Ex. #6)

Planning Department Update

Planning Director Leah VanderStoep came before the Board to give an update. Discussion was held on marijuana farms. Ms. VanderStoep said that Ferry County has no zoning areas, just rural designation and service area designation. Discussion was held on well water for personal use versus commercial use. Discussion was held on possibly adding marijuana farming to the 'Right To Farm' Ordinance.

Ms. VanderStoep said that there is a boundary line adjustment that has to do with the Salishan Twin Lakes area. The Homeowners Association is in charge of water and they charge a monthly fee of \$75 for water per lot. Up to 4 lots they have capped the fee to \$450 with no further charge for more than 4 lots. Ms. VanderStoep said that a land owner wants to adjust a boundary line by adding a section of a lot to his existing lots. Ms. VanderStoep thinks this could create a water issue.

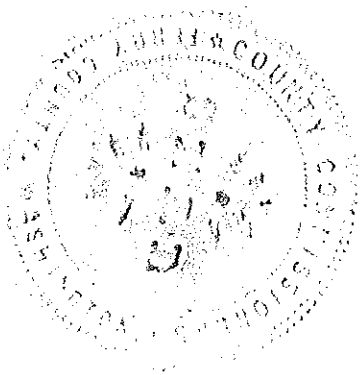
Ms. VanderStoep said that there is an issue with her C drive and her GIS mapping system and she has lost all of her maps. Something corrupted the system and she will have to recreate all of the maps. Ms. VanderStoep has been attending Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) conferences. She said they are going well. Discussion was held on the Rosenbaum short plat. Ms. VanderStoep offered the Tribe a government to government exemption for the short plat, but they declined. Ms. VanderStoep is handling the short plat herself. The property was trust land, but now it will be fee land.

Commissioner Blankenship said a disabled/vet was caught by TriCounty Health having an outhouse and no septic system or grey water system. He is on a very limited income and can't afford to put in a septic system. Commissioner Blankenship said that he would like to find a way to help the landowner find a way to pay for it. It costs \$550 for the permit. Ms. VanderStoep said that TriCounty Health accepts composting toilets. Discussion was held on water banking. Discussion was held on hiring a Hearings Examiner for land use issues.


Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to send an email to Mark Keith informing him that the Board of Commissioners will no longer be discussing the North Empire Creek Road issue. The Board holds with their previous decisions on the issue. It is considered a civil matter and he needs to take it up with the Courts. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.



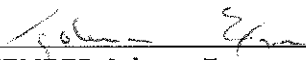
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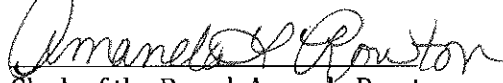


VICE CHAIRMAN, Mike Blankenship



MEMBER, Johnna Exner

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton