

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Monday March 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 attended a Planning Commission Meeting. Saundra Richartz is the new Chair, Margo Lock is the Vice Chair. The Planning Commissioner would like the Prosecutor to let them know if they are legally allowed to do a Boundary Line Adjustment. Discussion was held on by-laws, and State RCW's. The Prosecutor is busy and will get to them when she can. Commissioner Exner received a letter from the Kettle River History Club for the Ansoerge Hotel Museum. They are hooked up to the new sewer system and they are expected to pay a fee of \$67.50 a month. They are asking for an exemption. Commissioner Exner spoke with Planning Director Leah VanderStoep concerning the Planning Commission on Friday.

**Commissioner Davis**

Commissioner Davis had a meeting concerning Business Recruitment to figure out what they want to highlight next. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, videos of the Ferry County Fair and Fly-in will be released. Commissioner Davis said that they will be doing a video on Stone Rose, History of Ferry County, Lakes, Rivers & Creeks, Winter Sports, and an Education Video for schools and colleges. Commissioner Davis said that when someone uses a Google search with specific keywords, an ad for Ferry County will come up.

Commissioner Davis attended a Housing Authority Meeting, they discussed Homeless housing. The Housing Authority is repairing some of the Heather Hills Apartments due to damages from previous tenants. Commissioner Davis met with Superintendent for Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area Dan Foster concerning Kettle Falls Marina. They are offering a one year extension to the current contract holder.

**Commissioner Blankenship**

Commissioner Blankenship visited with Kathy McMorris Rodgers Staff in Colville to talk about the direction that Lake Roosevelt Park is going, and SRS funding. Commissioner Blankenship would like to talk to Andrew Engell about making some changes to Title III dollars. Commissioner Blankenship met with Superintendent for Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area Dan Foster concerning the Kettle Falls Marina and the extension of the contract to the current contract holder.

**Hell's Gate Road & Silver Creek Road Discussion**

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds, Maintenance Coordinator Ron Charlton, Planning Director Leah VanderStoep, Chief Civil Deputy Amy Rooker, and Sheriff Ray Maycumber came before the Board to discuss Hell's Gate Road and Silver Creek Road.

Ms. Rooker reported that she received the information from Search and Rescue (SAR) that she has been waiting for.

Mr. Reynolds reported that the Tribe would like to vacate 9 miles of Hell's Gate Road. Public Works has a meeting with the Tribe on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March. Discussion was held on flood damage to county roads. Discussion was held on FEMA funding and reimbursement for salary and overtime pay for Public Works for Fire work. Mr. Reynolds would like to bid on a backhoe for the Transfer Station. It's a CAT backhoe and comes with a lot of attachments. Mr. Reynolds said that the old backhoe breaks down too often.

The auction ends today, so Mr. Reynolds needs permission from the Board to bid on it. Mr. Reynolds said that they have the funds to purchase the new backhoe, and they will sell the backhoe that they currently have. The Board approved the request. Mr. Reynolds said that Public Works has \$23,000-\$24,000 to spend on the backhoe.

### **Minutes**

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

### **Consent & Vouchers**

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Proclamation Ferry County Pride Month April 2017. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation Ferry County Pride Month April 2017 was signed by the Board. (Ex. #1)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Warrant register no. 319790, 320854, 322279, 322740, to cancel lost/refused warrants in the amount of \$225.36 and reissue with new warrant no. 324559, and 324562. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A copy of 'Warrant register no. 319790, 320854, 322279, 322740, to cancel lost/refused warrants and reissue with new warrant no. 324559, 324562' is in the file. (Ex. #2)

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Curlew School's Leadership Class the use of the Ferry County Rail Trail for a Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and Ferry County Rail Trail Committee fundraiser run. The Event is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Commissioner Exner seconded the Motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Letter of Request to use the Ferry County Rail Trail for a Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and Ferry County Rail Trail Committee fundraiser run is in the file. (Ex. #3)

Ferry County Warrant Register to cancel lost/refused warrant no. 309517, 314030, 314330, 317121, 318326, 318332, 318667, and 323086 in the amount of \$281.61 was approved. (Ex. #4)

Funding in the amount of \$117.97 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 324558 for the following: (Ex. #5)

*Weed Board in the amount of \$117.97*

A Letter to Senator Shelly Short was signed by the Board. (Ex. #6)

## **Lunch**

The Board recessed for Lunch at 11:34 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

## **Housing Authority Update**

Asset and Compliance Manager Jason Davidson from Commerce came before the Board (via conference call) to give an update. Housing Authority Board Member Kimberly Charles, Housing Authority Office Manager Jae Hightower, and Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib were present.

Discussion was held on the properties that are being transferred to Commerce. Discussion was held on future plans for the Housing Authority. Commissioner Davis said that once things are running smoothly, the County would like to find another entity to take over the Housing Authority. Mr. Davidson said that he is still working on the details of assuming certain outstanding loans. Ms. Hightower said that one loan was recently paid off, and another property sold. There are fourteen property loans left with an outstanding balance.

Mr. Davidson is scheduled to meet with the Board again at 1:30 p.m. on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Schertenleib asked about the possibility of paying off a loan before the loan is due, Mr. Davidson said that there may be a prepayment penalty. Ms. Schertenleib said that she will look into it.

## **Flow Control Ordinance Hearing**

Solid Waste Coordinator Kristy Cromwell, Solid Waste Assistant Leanne Hill, Public Works Director Troy Reynolds, Sunshine Disposal Manager Rick Buffer, Sunshine Disposal Regional Manager Steve Wulf, Sunshine Disposal General Manager Pat McHenry, and Sunshine Disposal President Marc Torre came before the Board for the Flow Control Ordinance Hearing. The Hearing opened at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Reynolds said that he recommends approving the new ordinance, because it will help the County. Mr. Reynolds said that people taking their garbage to Stevens County is costing the Ferry County approximately \$19,000 a year in lost revenue. Mr. Reynolds would like to proceed with putting in a new transfer station on the other side of the pass. The Board asked Mr. Reynolds how they plan to keep people from taking their garbage to Stevens County. Mr. Reynolds replied that they will do the best they can to keep the garbage in Ferry County. Mr. Reynolds believes that offering people a garbage truck and a transfer station, on the other side of the pass, should help.

Mr. Torre said that they are willing to pay a fee to Ferry County Solid Waste for them to continue to pick up the garbage over there. Mr. Torre said that the ordinance would cause them to lose money. Commissioner Blankenship said that as a landowner on the other side of the pass, he knows his neighbors will continue to take their trash to Stevens County. Ferry County tipping fees are more expensive than Stevens County tipping fees. Commissioner Blankenship said that he cannot approve the ordinance as he uses the Stevens County Transfer Station himself and feels the ordinance is unenforceable.

The Hearing ended at 2:02 p.m. to be continued on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

## **Working Session: Rail Corridor Committee Ordinance (RCC)**

Golden Tiger Trail Larry Beardslee, RCC Grant Manager Keith Bell, and RCC Member Jennine Groth were present. Discussion was held on whom the Board would like on the new committee. Commissioner Blankenship said that he has a list of twenty names so far that he would like to have

on the committee. The committee members will be from different groups in our community and will have a bigger impact. This new committee will cover a lot of different interests in the county. Commissioner Blankenship would like one large recreation committee instead of a bunch of different groups representing each interest. Commissioner Davis said that the group would definitely be diverse but it would be too big and they would have to have subcommittees to make it work. Discussion was held on the process of getting a new committee started.

### **Planning Update**

Planning Director Leah VanderStoep came before the Board to give an update. Ms. VanderStoep gave a GMA update. Ms. VanderStoep said that Ferry County was in compliance but it was appealed by Future Wise. The appeal went to Commerce and they decided Ferry County was in compliance. Future Wise has 60 days to appeal again. If there is no appeal, then Ms. VanderStoep will apply for a dismissal.

Ms. VanderStoep said that the next Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) meeting is this Thursday. Ms. VanderStoep and Planning Assistant Mary Kalinowski are writing a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Conservation for Ms. Kalinowski's time as VSP Secretary. Ms. VanderStoep said that she is meeting with Mayor Koontz this week to discuss the SMP. They are waiting for the draft to come back from Department of Ecology, then the Board can officially adopt it.

Discussion was held on Tri County Health, tiny houses, and dry cabins. Commissioner Blankenship said he would like the rules on them to be the least restrictive. Ms. VanderStoep gave a report on water and prospecting. Ms. VanderStoep is working with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, and Department of Ecology on Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Applications (JARPA) and mining permits. Ms. VanderStoep said that she was asked to speak at an even at Curlew Lake in April.

### **Tri County Health Update**

Tri County Health Administrator Matt Schanz came before the Board to give an update. Property owners Bob and Carol Platt were present. Discussion was held on Group B Water Systems. Tri County Health can do a Group B Water System for less than Washington State Department of Health, if the business has less than 25 people. The classifications for food booth sellers will change. Fees for professional services will be going up, they haven't changed for 15 years and operating costs have increased.

Mr. Schanz said that the pilot project by Better Health Together hired an employee from Rural Resources to help clients that are transitioning out of jail. Mr. Schanz reported on the Post Closure Care of the Torboy Landfill. Testing ground water for contaminants is a 20 year process. They would like to complete the process this year. Mr. Schanz said that they found high levels of Manganese which has caused a lot of extra water testing.

Mr. Schanz said that Tri County Health is trying to figure out what water testing should take place when property is purchased before issuing a building permit. The state of Washington is going to ask for volunteers to test their water, free of charge, for uranium this summer.

Mr. Schanz reported on land development issues concerning dry cabins. A dry cabin does not have plumbed water and is only used as storage, or as a recreational cabin a certain number of days a year. The Board asked Mr. Schanz if there was some sort of financial program to help land owners who can't afford to pay for their septic system. Mr. Schanz said that they did, but those funds have

expired. Mr. Schanz said that Tri County Health can put a notice on the property if there was no compliance, so if the property sells, the buyer knows that there is a non-compliant septic system.

Mr. Platt asked Mr. Schanz if there was a complaint made against the property owner up Big Goosmus Creek Road. Mr. Schanz said that yes, there was an anonymous complaint made against the homeowner due to the proximity of his outhouse and the creek.

Discussion was held on E-cigarettes. Mr. Schanz discussed the current law and the fact that you can't smoke in buildings or within 25 feet of an entrance. He discussed the prohibition of vaping in public buildings or places of employment. Commissioner Davis discussed the jails position on vaping.

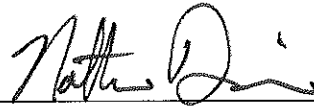
### Public Works update

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds came before the board to give an update. Mr. Reynolds presented a letter of recommendation for the Liquid Asphalt Bid from Bob Breshears.

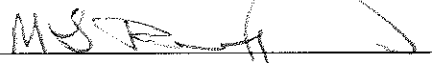
### Unfinished Business

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

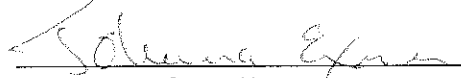
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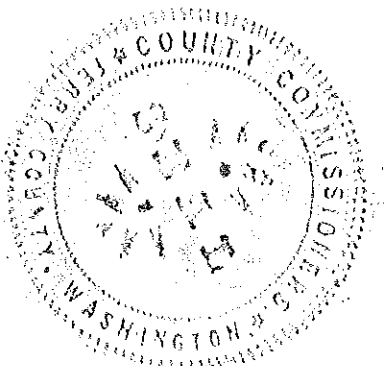
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