

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Monday March 27, 2017**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Changes and Additions to the Agenda**

Agenda item 'Planning Update' was cancelled.

A Human Resource Update was added to the Agenda.

**Board Reports:**

**Commissioner Exner**

Commissioner Exner attended a Curlew Water & Sewer Meeting on Monday. The History Club was there, some people offered to pay some of their sewer bill for this year. The History Club may be able to use Tourism funding for next year if they can't find an alternative. Commissioner Exner attended an EMS Meeting on Tuesday. Commissioner Exner said that the Fire Department may possibly do extractions if they are on site, and EMS will do the medical care once the patient is extracted.

Commissioner Exner attended a TriCounty Health Meeting; Commissioner Exner and Commissioner Blankenship requested that the Health Department send the Board complaint letters for sewer only, and they asked for all complaint letters for sewer issues within the last 3 years. TriCounty Economic Development Specialist April Drennan said that when Ferry County gets a Farmer's Market, people will be able to use WIC to buy produce. Vaping was discussed; there will be a public meeting in each county in regards to vaping.

Commissioner Exner attended a Conservation District Meeting. They watched a brief Snotel video. Discussion was held on deferred grazing. Deferred grazing will allow the grass time to go to seed before the cattle are turned out. VSP has submitted two grants on water cannons and a Food Systems Grant. Ferry County is considered a Food Desert.

Commissioner Exner attended a Fair Board Meeting on Thursday night. They hired a new office assistant, and they are looking for a qualified Arena Director. The Fair Board required training for the Carousel, but no one showed up. There needs to be more security out at the fairgrounds during the Fair, a horse escaped last year. Someone will be sleeping in the horse barns to make sure it doesn't happen again.

**Commissioner Davis**

Commissioner Davis attended a Department Head Meeting on Thursday. Commissioner Davis helped the maintenance department prime the Boiler, since it ran out of fuel. Commissioner Davis created a vacuum pump and got it going again. Commissioner Davis bought a primer pump that can prime the boiler in two minutes. The State Auditors want a risk audit done on each office. The Auditor said that the County's cash carryover is going down. There are new credit card forms due to

the new credit card policy. Commissioner Davis said that there is now a Human Resource tab on the County's main web page.

Commissioner Davis attended a Rural Resources Meeting. A Rural Resources Member will be the Ferry County Homelessness Initiative Advisory Board. Commissioner Davis worked on Business Recruitment. Commissioner Davis spoke with the Sheriff; other counties have been trying to recruit deputies from the Ferry County Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Davis looked through records at the Public Works Department Office to find some documents concerning the creation of the Planning Commission and the Planning Department. Commissioner Davis said that he has received complaints concerning the conditions on Herron Creek Road and Silver Creek Road.

### **Commissioner Blankenship**

Commissioner Blankenship attended a Northeast Tri County Health Meeting on Wednesday. Commissioner Blankenship asked for the BOCC to be notified before they send out a notification of compliance. Commissioner Blankenship attended a TriCounty Economic Development District Meeting. Kalispell Tribes air quality was discussed.

Commissioner Blankenship attended a Martin Hall Meeting; Douglas County is looking at opting out of Martin Hall. If Douglas County does not use their beds, it will impact the other counties with costs per bed day. Commissioner Blankenship spoke at the Logger Appreciation Event on Friday at the Ag Trade Center. The Event was sponsored by Vaagen Brothers Lumber.

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

The Board went in to Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. No decisions were made.

### **Maintenance Update**

Lead Custodian Marty Padilla came before the Board to give an update. Community Member Michael Sternberg was present. The Boiler is up and running now with 3,000 gallons of fuel. Mr. Padilla reported on the Sheriff's Office piping in the parking lot that froze this winter. Mr. Padilla will be putting a manhole cover over the hole for future access to the pipes, and will use a cold mix and asphalt paint to seal it. Mr. Padilla would like to use Capital Improvement Funds to put in a new back porch/ramp on the Sheriff's Office/911 Center. Some of the roofing is bad and needs replaced as well. The floor in the 911 kitchen area is peeling up and is a tripping hazard. The jail control room ceiling needs to have new tiles put back in. The Courthouse needs a caged ladder for the roof, or a Man Lift. Mr. Padilla said that there is a used Man Lift for sale locally for \$4,000. The Man Lift reaches to 26'. The rear window needs to be fixed in the boiler room, possibly with plywood and a vent for air flow.

Human Resources Director Jill Gates arrived at 11:15 a.m. Discussion was held on the Man Lift. Mr. Padilla requested to go to Asbestos Training Class, the request was denied. Mr. Padilla spoke to Rob Slagle about the log house. Mr. Slagle said that there is no historical value to it and the county owns it. There are no restrictions with the roofing type that can be used on it.

### **Timesheet Approval**

*Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to allow the Clerk of the Board Amanda Rowton to sign the time sheets for the departments that are under the Board of Commissioners. The Board will review the time sheets at a later time. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **Consent & Vouchers**

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to keep the Clerk of the Board's credit card balance at \$5,000. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Agreement to Use Ferry County Business Credit Card In Accordance with County Policy for Clerk of the Board Amanda Rowton was signed by the Chairman. (Ex. #1)

Funding in the amount of \$6,769.52 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 324753-324776 for the following: (Ex. #2)

*EMS District #1 in the amount of \$6759.52*

Ferry County Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds **From** Ferry County EMS District #1 in the amount of \$2,540.00 **To** EMS District #1 Equipment Reserve in the amount of \$2,540.00 has been approved by the Board. (Ex. #3)

A Copy of Voucher Transfers Correction to Previous Transfer on 3/20/17 for \$415.09 is in the file. (Ex. #4)

A Copy of Voucher Transfers Correction to Previous Transfer on 3/13/17 for \$281.61 is in the file. (Ex. #5)

### **Lunch**

The Board recessed for Lunch at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

### **Public Works Update**

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds and Engineer Bob Breshears came before the Board to give an update. Community Member Michael Sternberg was present. Mr. Reynolds presented the Board with a copy of the Public Works Agenda and a Credit Card Application for Solid Waste Assistant Leanne Hill.

*Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the Ferry County credit card application for Solid Waste Assistant Leanne Hill for travel and training. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Reynolds reported that crews are dumping rock in the soft muddy area on Herron Creek. Mr. Reynolds reported that Silver Creek has stabilized for now. Certification for CRAB is coming up. Public Works will be hiring a 16 year old student from the Curlew School through a program with Rural Resources for 50 hours this summer. The student will be working on fencing.

Ferry County Credit Card Application Form for Ferry County Solid Waste Assistant Leanne Hill was signed by the Board. (Ex. #6)

A copy of the Public Works Agenda is in the file. (Ex. #7)

### **Minutes**

*Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for March 20, 2017. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **Housing Authority Update**

Department of Commerce Asset Manager Tina Hochwender (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 came before the Board to give an update. Community Member Michael Sternberg was present.

Ms. Hochwender didn't have anything to report. Another meeting was scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. The Clerk of the Board will be advertising for the new Ferry County Homeless Initiative Committee. The advertisement will be asking for letters of interest. Discussion was held on the requirements for the new Committee. It will be a 9 member committee. They are still looking for members with medical experience, law enforcement experience, and a background in education. Housing Authority Board Member Gary Howden will be leaving in September. The Clerk of the Board will also advertise for two Housing Authority Board positions.

### **Washington State Fish and Wildlife Update (WDFW)**

Republic District Ranger Mike Herron, Sheriff Ray Maycumber, and WDFW Regional Director Steve Pozzanghera came before the Board to give an update. Community Member Michael Sternberg and Brenda Starkey from The View were present.

Mr. Pozzanghera presented 'Draft Concept and Framework For A 2017- Protocol' and 'Washington Grey Wolf Conservation and Management 2016 Annual Report' to the Board and to the Public. Discussion was held on wolf management. The 'Wolf Livestock Management Protocol' was discussed. Stevens County and Pend Oreille County will be providing their own written comments on the Draft. Mr. Pozzanghera said the definition of a pack is two or more wolves traveling together that are continually in each other's presence in the same land area. They don't have to be a breeding pair to be considered a pack.

Discussion was held on the 'Draft Concept and Framework'. The Board stated that the packs in Ferry County are expanding and there will soon be too many wolves for the size of the area. Commissioner Exner asked Mr. Pozzanghera if it was possible to relocate some of the packs to prevent overcrowding. WDFW doesn't regulate pack size, they let nature take care of it. Mr. Pozzanghera said that Washington State is still in wolf recovery mode. The Board will be making a written response to the Draft.

### **Planning Department Office Lighting & Thermostat**

Building Inspector Mike Nee came before the Board to discuss issues with the Planning Department Office. Mr. Nee said that the PUD is having a rebate program for replacing their existing lights to LED. With the rebate the total out of pocket for the lights will be around \$240. Mr. Nee said that the office thermostat is not working correctly and needs to be replaced. He would like zonal heating for

each office if possible, but would be happy for a single thermostat. Mr. Nee said he will get an exact estimate and bring it before the Board at a later time.

**Human Resource Update**

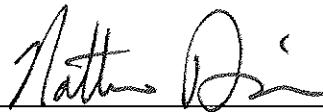
Human Resource Director Jill Gates came before the Board to discuss the racetrack. Ms. Gates said that Community Members would like to have underage racers up at the racetrack. Ms. Gates said that it raises the liability for the County and the racetrack. Ms. Gates reported that there is an insurance company that will cover having underage drivers, but it would be very expensive.

Ms. Gates reported that the water damage to the shelter house is covered by the County's insurance. T&M Restoration is doing the repairs.

**Unfinished Business**

With no further business the meeting was closed for the Quarter at 3:50 p.m.

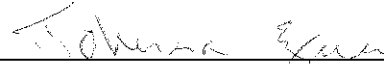
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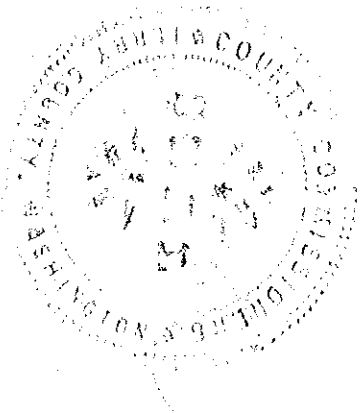
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