

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Monday April 17, 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 'Housing Authority Update' was cancelled.

Agenda item 'Advanced Travel Funds' was cancelled.

Agenda item 'Safe Routes to School' was rescheduled for May 1st, 2017.

Board Reports

Commissioner Exner

Commissioner Exner attended a Curlew Sewer & Water Meeting on Monday. Discussion was held on a possible Ansoorge Hotel exemption. There have been enough donations this year to pay the bill for the Ansoorge Hotel. Commissioner Exner traveled with the Planning Director to Pateros to meet with an Attorney to discuss the Kinross Mine water rights. The Okanogan Planning Director was also at the meeting. Commissioner Exner would like to hold the water rights locally until such a time as the Mine comes back, then the Mine can have control of the water rights again.

Commissioner Exner attended an EMS Meeting and a BVFF Meeting to approve bills; Sheriff Maycumber was there. There is going to be an EMT meeting for HIPA on April 30th. The ambulances were in the Republic girls' basketball team victory parade. Commissioner Exner attended a Planning Commission Meeting. Discussion was held on the letter from the BOCC designating that the Planning Commission serves as an advisory board for the Planning Director and the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Exner attended a North East Washington Coalition (NEWC) Meeting on Friday. They are not asking that the Federal Forest Land be turned over to the State, but letting the State Manage the Federal Forest Land. Jacqueline Maycumber passed a House Bill concerning wild fires to open up funding immediately. There are DNR surplus items that could be available. Discussion was held on landslides.

Commissioner Davis

Commissioner Davis met the new owner of Midway Lumber to welcome him to the community on Tuesday. Commissioner Davis worked with TriCounty Economic Development Specialist April Drennan on Wednesday to work out some issues with software. Commissioner Davis filmed the washout down the San Poil and the Gold Creek Bridge washout. Commissioner Davis worked with the PUD to remove trees that were blocking the stream causing the washout on the San Poil. The State dug a trench and put in a new culvert across the Highway to help divert some of the water.

Commissioner Davis attended a NEWC Meeting on Friday. There is a big question on PILT and the SRS funding. Commissioner Davis was in contact with the Sheriff's office and the PUD all weekend. Commissioner Davis feels that during times of emergency there needs to be someone on call in Public Works and the Sheriff's Office to assess emergencies when they come up.

Commissioner Blankenship

Commissioner Blankenship attended a Golden Tiger and Motorizes Trail and Recreation (MTR) Committee Meetings. The Rail Trail/ATV connector in Curlew was discussed. Commissioner Blankenship attended a North East Washington Tri County Task Force Meeting on Wednesday. Commissioner Blankenship spoke with Matt Schanz before the meeting concerning septic system permitting and the complaint process.

Blankenship attended the North East Washington Coalition (NEWC) Meeting in Omak on Friday. The next meeting they will discuss Articles of Association and By-Laws. Commissioner Blankenship is the Chairman, Commissioner West McCart is the Vice Chairman, Commissioner Davis is the Treasurer and Commissioner Exner is the Secretary. The next meeting will be in Pend Oreille County.

Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) for Potential Litigation

Planning Director Leah VanderStoep was present. The Board went in to Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. No decisions were made.

Consent & Vouchers

Tourism Contract Between Ferry County and Eagle Track Raceway 2017 was signed by the Board. (Ex. #1)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to increase longevity for Jill Gates from \$750 to \$1,250 a year. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Longevity Increase for Jill Gates is in the file. (Ex. #2)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approved Resolution 2017-16 creating a Homelessness Initiative Advisory Board. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2017-16 Creating a Homelessness Initiative Advisory Board is in the file. (Ex. #3)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to accept the letters of interest from Carol Devlin, Robert Platt and Dixie Moore for the Homelessness Initiative Advisory Board. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the letters of interest from Carol Devlin, Robert Platt, and Dixie Moore for the Homelessness Initiative Advisory Board are in the file. (Ex. #4)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approved Special Occurrence Pay for Mike Nee for the Week of April 10th-13th. And make an offer to pay for Mr. Nee's mileage for the week of April 17th-20th above what he would normally drive in a week. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Exner made a motion to make May Older American's Month 2017. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Older American's Month 2017 Proclamation is in the file. (Ex. #5)

Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds **From** Ferry County EMS District #1 in the amount of \$1,314.00 **To** EMS District #1 Equipment Reserve in the amount of \$1,314.00 has been approved. (Ex. #6)

Funding in the amount of \$185,813.14 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 324920-325070 for the following: (Ex. #7)

Current Expense in the amount of \$61,613.67

County Road in the amount of \$32,268.32

County Fair in the amount of \$642.40

Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$246.86

Veteran's Relief in the amount of \$600.00

Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$638.52

MHCD in the amount of \$5,350.00

Recreation Fund in the amount of \$351.80

Weed Control in the amount of \$3,156.26

Fair Grounds Management in the amount of \$1,149.64

Airport in the amount of \$1,039.90

Solid Waste in the amount of \$21,591.48

Landfill Post Closure in the amount of \$395.00

Equipment Rental & Revolving in the amount of \$48,413.48

Management Info Systems in the amount of \$972.01

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$251.86

Fire District #14 General in the amount of \$2,706.56

Parks & Recreation District #2 in the amount of \$133.50

EMS District #1 in the amount of \$4,253.98

Lunch

The Board recessed for Lunch at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Public Works Update

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds and Controller Sharon Sattler came before the Board to give an update. Ms. Sattler presented the Board with a copy of the Public Works Agenda. Mr. Reynolds reported that the Gifford Ferry is out of commission until Wednesday, they will try to have it running after that. There is a Bailey bridge being assembled on Gold Creek this week.

Discussion was held on road and culvert issues. Washington Fish and Wildlife is issuing a one-time permit for \$150. This will allow Public Works to take care of culverts under the emergency situation, instead of calling for a permit every single time they need to clean out a culvert on a creek. The Board asked Mr. Reynolds for an estimate on how much the road repairs will cost. Mr. Reynolds told the Board that he will try to have an estimate by next week. Mr. Reynolds reported that the Bureau of Indian Affairs will help with Silver Creek repairs.

Discussion was held on the Safe Routes to School trail in Curlew. Discussion was held on the ATV connector in Curlew. Ms. Sattler said that there are some funds available to develop the trail connector.

The Public Works Agenda is in the file. (Ex. #8)

Public Hearing for Open Space Farm Conservation

Assessor Rachel Siracuse was present. The Hearing opened at 1:30 p.m. Ms. Siracuse reported that Steven and Janet Judd's property meets the requirements for Open Farm Conservation. Ms. Siracuse was representing Steven and Janet Judd and recommended the Judd's for Open Space Farm Conservation.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the Open Space Farm Conservation for Steven and Janet Judd. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Hearing closed at 1:40 p.m.

Public Hearing for Open Space and Farm Conservation

Assessor Rachel Siracuse was present. The Hearing opened at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Siracuse was representing Audrey Judd and recommended Ms. Judd for Open Space Farm Conservation.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approved Open Space Farm Conservation for property owner Audrey Judd. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Hearing closed at 2:03 p.m.

Minutes

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for April 10, 2017. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing for Open Space and Farm Conservation

Assessor Rachel Siracuse was present. The Hearing opened at 2:30 p.m. Ms. Siracuse was representing the Trudell's. Ms. Siracuse said that this property no longer met the Farm and Ag program, but it did pass Open Space Farm Conservation. The Trudell's have 105 acres. Ms. Siracuse said that there is no time restraints or property size restrictions. Commissioner Blankenship stated that he does not want any time restraints put on land owners in Open Space Farm Conservation. Ms. Siracuse recommended the Trudell's for Open Space Farm Conservation.

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Open Space Farm Conservation for property owners William and Shaun Trudell. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Hearing closed at 2:40 p.m.

Search and Rescue Conference Update

SAR President Sam Jenkins, SAR Member Diane Sims, and SAR Member Paul Sims came before the Board to give an update. Sarah Wilson arrived at 3:08 p.m. Mr. Jenkins reported that he was presented with the Governors Proclamation Certificate of Appreciation. The SAR pre-conference starts May 14th, the actual conference starts on Friday May 19th. Mr. Jenkins reported that they already have 200 people signed up, and their target is 300. Mr. Jenkins invited the Board to come to the conference especially for the Saturday evening dinner. Mr. Jenkins invited the Board to speak if they wish.

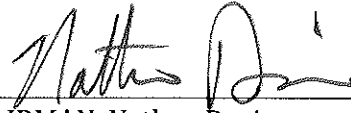
Discussion was held on the missing woman down in Inchelium. Mr. Jenkins said that they have three possible scenarios as to what happened to the missing woman. Mr. Jenkins said that they have people and dogs actively looking. Five sets of dogs have all gone to the same place, but the water has hindered the efforts. The Tribe has asked Mr. Jenkins to speak to the family. The Spokane dive team has accessed the area. They are actively working with the Tribe on the issue. Mr. Jenkins said that they have invited the Tribe to come to the SAR conference.

Discussion was held on the all of the vendors that will be providing food for the conference. Mr. Jenkins presented the Board with 2017 Washington State Search and Rescue tote bags. Commissioner Davis will be filming during the event with Tyler Bowe and Jonathan Bennett. The key speaker is Chuck Lamica from Kettle Falls, he was a SAR trainer in Alaska. Mr. Lamica wrote a book and will have it available for sale and signing. Discussion was held on the scope and range of Commissioner Davis' drone.

Unfinished Business

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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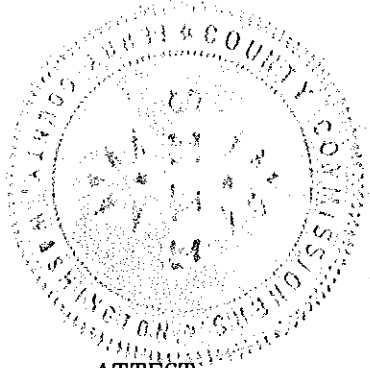
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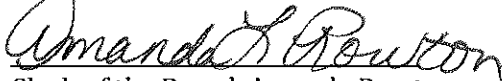
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