

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Monday April 24, 2017**

The meeting was opened at 9:09 a.m. by Commissioner Davis with Commissioner Exner and Commissioner Blankenship present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Changes and Additions to the Agenda

'Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) for Potential Litigation' was added to the Agenda.

'Citizen Question; Curlew Sidewalk Grant' was added to the Agenda.

Board Reports

Commissioner Exner

Commissioner Exner went around the Courthouse on Tuesday with Clerk of the Board Amanda Rowton to meet all Courthouse employees. Commissioner Exner spoke with Falcon Price from Kinross to discuss water rights. Water rights were leased from several property owners in Okanogan and will return to the original owners with the Mine closure. On K2 the mine should have the water rights. Commissioner Exner went to Olympia on Wednesday and attended the Legislative Steering Committee Round Table Meeting. Wake issues on lakes were discussed. Baby fish get stranded on the banks of lakes from the boat wakes, it's becoming a real problem. Island County got an extension on their Voluntary Stewardship Plan.

Commissioner Exner attended a Legislative Steering Committee meeting on Thursday; there were eight representatives that spoke. Discussion was held on the Hirst Decision. Public Records requests were discussed. Marijuana money was discussed; money is going out of the County, but it's not coming back in to the County. The State budget still isn't finished, it will probably run until June. Commissioner Exner attended a Columbia River Treaty Meeting on Thursday. Commissioner Exner reviewed information regarding information of Establishment of Advisory Boards on Friday and Saturday. Commissioner Exner received a call dealing with North Empire Creek Road issues.

Commissioner Davis

Commissioner Davis attended several meetings with Public Works and the Sheriff's Department to try to smooth out communication and structure issues for emergency situations. Commissioner Davis met with Eric Cunningham concerning FEMA. Ferry County may not receive very many funds for flood damage. Commissioner Davis attended a Department Head Meeting on Thursday morning, and the Tri County Forest Group Meeting on Thursday afternoon.

On Friday Commissioner Davis worked on creating a comprehensive business list straight from the State to determine if businesses are current. There are 262 licensed businesses in Ferry County, 20-30 of which are non-profit. The entire list of current businesses will be on the website, as well as all of the local churches. Commissioner Davis dealt with phone calls concerning issues on North Empire Creek Road; Commissioner Davis spoke to the Sheriff in detail concerning the issue.

Commissioner Davis attended the Lincoln day dinner on Saturday. Commissioner Davis opened up the Voluntary Stewardship Plan (VSP) Meeting on Thursday. Commissioner Davis attended a Housing Authority Meeting on Thursday; Housing Authority Office Manager Jae Hightower is doing a good job. The Housing Authority should have a clean audit in 2016. Commissioner Davis spoke with Three Rivers District Ranger Josh White, and several other people, concerning road data to create a road layer map. Commissioner Davis worked on Business Recruitment on Tuesday and Friday.

Commissioner Blankenship

Commissioner Blankenship met with Gary Neilson to discuss maps on Wednesday. Commissioner Blankenship attended the Top of the Morning Breakfast for Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rogers and a Tri County Forest Group Roundtable Meeting with Cathy McMorris Rogers. Commissioner Blankenship attended the Tri County Forest Group Meeting on Thursday. Discussion was held on trails and trail funding.

Commissioner Blankenship attended a Leaders Council Meeting. WSU hasn't advanced anything yet, and Commissioner Blankenship felt that it was a waste of time until the WSU Extension get their act together. Commissioner Blankenship said that they elected a secretary last year, but WSU refused to seat her because she is a Tribal 4 H member and there hasn't been a written treasurer's report presented in months, and there is currently no elected secretary. Commissioner Blankenship attended the Ferry County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner on Saturday; Brian Dinsel was there and gave an update on activities in Washington DC under the new administration.

Curlew Lake Educational Workshop

Ferry Conservation District Water Quality Specialist Liz Carr came before the Board to discuss Curlew Lake. Ms. Carr reported that there will be a Curlew Lake Educational Workshop on Tuesday June 20th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Carousel Building. Discussion was held on the studies of the lake and lake health.

An aquatic plant specialist will be at the workshop to speak. There will also be a panel of speakers including: Keith Bell from the Rail Corridor Committee, a State Parks representative, Gordon McIntyre, and TriCounty Economic Development Specialist Jeff Koffel. Weed Board Coordinator Rochelle Osborne will also be present. Ms. Carr invited the Board to attend. Commissioner Blankenship said that Fish and Wildlife not dredging the lake is causing problems. It needs to be cleaned out to help with flow, just like the rivers. Discussion was held on burn areas and fish bearing streams.

Maintenance Update

Lead Custodian Marty Padilla came before the Board to give an update. Mr. Padilla reported that he and Custodian Trenton Wellman started doing the deep cleaning that the Board requested; they have done the third floor and Public Works so far. Discussion was held on having the parking lot swept by Todd Young Excavation. The Lead Custodian Job Description and Scope of Responsibility was discussed.

The Board asked Mr. Padilla to make an Excel spreadsheet of scheduled cleaning for daily, weekly, and monthly cleaning and projects. The Board would like to know when to expect window cleaning, deep cleaning/sterilization, and regular office cleaning. The Board suggested that having a checklist will help to verify completion of each task. Board approval for purchases of over \$300 was

discussed. The Board would like this schedule set up so that anyone hired on in the Maintenance Department in the future will know what to expect, and have an easier transition.

A copy of the Lead Custodian Job Description is in the file. (Ex. #1)

Consent & Vouchers

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the Ferry County Resolution No. 2017-17 Establishing an Emergency Slow-No-Wake Speed Limit on Curlew Lake. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ferry County Resolution No. 2017-17 Establishing an Emergency Slow-No-Wake Speed Limit on Curlew Lake is in the file. (Ex. #2)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds from Inmate Welfare to CE Jail in the amount of \$770.50. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds **From** Inmate Welfare **To** CE-Jail in the amount of \$770.50 was approved by the Board. (Ex. #3)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve payroll draws in the amount of \$53,502.14. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Funding in the amount of \$53,502.14 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 325095-325096 for the following: (Ex. #4)

Current Expense in the amount of \$20,259.77

County Road in the amount of \$26,527.15

Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$360.63

Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$753.55

Solid Waste in the amount of \$3,717.16

Management Information Systems \$968.85

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$915.03

The Board decided in the future to only make one motion each week to approve all consent Agenda items.

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the consent Agenda items for April 24th, 2017. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Letter to Mike Durkan was signed by the Board. (Ex. #5)

Minutes

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for April 17, 2017. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Lunch

The Board recessed for Lunch at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

Public Works Update

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds, Engineer Bob Breshears and Controller Sharon Sattler came before the Board to give an update. Sheriff Maycumber, Chief Civil Deputy Amy Rooker, Rail Trail Partners Member Bobby Whittaker, and Community Member Madeline Perry were present.

Mr. Reynolds reported that Ferry County, Stevens County, and Okanogan County are not on the state list of emergency counties for the last storm system. Mr. Reynolds reported that the Inchelium Highway will cost approximately \$1 million in repairs. The Gifford Ferry will keep running as of now, and not drop the last 10 feet as planned. Discussion was held on the mud slide on Deadman Creek, and the washout on Mattson Creek. Mr. Reynolds reported that there were five slides on Boulder this weekend. Sheriff Maycumber got the Boards approval to call the Forest Service to see if there is a possibility of opening up Albion Hill Road to allow another access road.

Mr. Reynolds reported on the grant for the sidewalk in Curlew. The sidewalk will connect to the Rail Trail on the North side of Curlew, connect to the sidewalk in front of the Post Office, go around the town on the East side down to the Ansorge, and around in front of the Ansorge. There will be 600' of sidewalk for the first phase; there will be three phases.

Discussion was held on North Empire Creek Road. There will be an All Staff Meeting on Wednesday. The first half of the day will be a First Aid class. Mr. Reynolds invited the Board to the meeting. Mr. Reynolds said that Inchelium highway is closed to logging and large equipment at present, including the detour. Mr. Reynolds will check the Bailey bridge down Highway 21 for a weight limit. The Bridge is only 9' across, so won't allow wide vehicles on the bridge. Commissioner Davis is going to go down Highway 21 and up Highway 395 to do some filming of the flood damaged areas.

Public Works Agenda is in the file. (Ex. #6)

Addressing Ordinance Hearing: Continued

GIS Specialist Kristen Winter, MIS Director Darrell Dirks, Community Member Madeline Perry, and Rail Trail Partners Bobby Whittaker was present. The Hearing opened at 1:30 p.m.

Ms. Winters agreed that the suggestion of the Board at the previous hearing to have all new private property road signs be blue. Ms. Sattler said that there are some inconsistencies in the Ordinance and a problem with one of the "Where As". Discussion was held on Enforcement of signs. The Board requested that Ms. Winter get a final copy of the addressing Ordinance to them prior to approval. Ms. Perry requested clarification on the different colored road signs.

The Hearing closed at 1:43 p.m. Discussion was held on GIS mapping of County and Forest Service roads. Clerk of the Board Amanda Rowton gave Ms. Winters the contact information for Three Rivers District Ranger Josh White. Mr. White will get Ms. Winter in contact with the Forest Service GIS person to coordinate mapping. Discussion was held on the possible Facebook page that the Board would like to start to keep the public informed of any issues going on in the County.

Citizen Question: Curlew Sidewalk Grant

Rail Trail Partner Bobby Whittaker asked the Board about the grant for sidewalks in Curlew that Public Works Director Troy Reynolds has applied for. Mr. Whittaker would like more communication with anything having to do with the Rail Trail. The Board informed Mr. Whittaker that the Rail Corridor Committee (RCC) advises the Board of Commissioners, not the other way around. The RCC needs to inform the Board when they are recommending changes to the Rail Trail, or applying for any grants applying to the Rail Trail. Clerk of the Board Amanda Rowton reminded Mr. Whittaker that if he would like to speak to the Board, he needs to call ahead and get on the Agenda.

TEDD Update

Economic Development Specialist April Drennan came before the Board to give an update. Mr. Davis reported that he created a comprehensive list of 262 businesses including non-profit. The list is current as of this year. Discussion was held on the Northeast Washington Insider App. Ms. Drennan reported that the Farmers Market Grant was successfully submitted. If Ferry County is awarded the Grant, we would receive the funds at the end of September. Ms. Drennan presented the Board with a flyer for the Community Revitalization Workshop. The Workshop will be held on May 3rd from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Republic Elementary School with a light snack provided. Discussion was held on the upcoming SAR Conference.

A copy of the Community Revitalization Flyer is in the file. (Ex. #7)

Motorized Trail and Recreation (MTR) Update

MTR Chair Stan Christie came before the Board to give an update. The Board read over the list of MTR Committee goals for 2017. Discussion was held on the WATV connector in Curlew. Discussion was held on the WATV signs on West Curlew Lake Road. Mr. Christie said that the signs are causing confusion and need to be changed. Mr. Christie reported that MTR joined another recreation group in Canada, and that group joined the MTR as a sister group. They will do some joint riding in Ferry County and in Canada. Mr. Whittaker made a comment on the WATV signs. Mr. Whittaker said that there is a state standard number of letters you can use on road signs.

A copy of the MTR Committee goals for 2017 is in the file. (Ex. #8)

Jail Camera Systems

Jail Superintendent Shawn Davis came before the Board to discuss the Jail camera system. Mr. Shawn Davis reported that the insurance company is not going to cover the new camera system. Mr. Shawn Davis said that the County is going to have to pay for it and it's approximately \$49,532.37. Mr. Shawn Davis said that they have a high count of inmates and without a functioning camera system, he can't be sure of his officers safety. If the new camera system doesn't get put in, he will have to reduce the number of inmates that the jail holds to keeps his officers safe. The new system will be IP, the old system is analog and cannot be replaced. They no longer make the analog system anymore.

Mr. Shawn Davis said that he wouldn't mind entertaining the idea of having a federal prison built in Ferry County, it would create a lot of jobs. Discussion was held on where the funding for the new camera system will come from. Mr. Shawn Davis said that he can save money by having the MIS Department put the new camera system in. The Jail has to be PRIA certified, and that will cost the County as well.

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

The Board went in to Executive Session at 3:30 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:45 p.m. No decisions were made.

Planning Update

Planning Director Leah VanderStoep came before the Board to give an update. Ms. VanderStoep presented the Board with a copy of the Hearing Examiner System. Discussion was held on the Hearing Examiner System. The Hearing Examiner can be used to review contracts, dangerous dog determinations, and other uses.

A copy of the Hearing Examiner System is in the file. (Ex. #9)

Unfinished Business

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.


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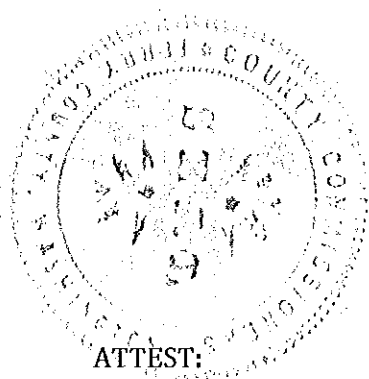
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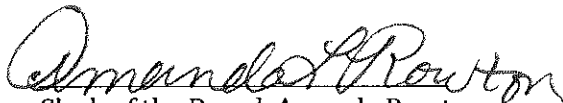
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