

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Monday May 1, 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 'Safe Routes to School' was cancelled.

'Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) for Personnel' was added to the Agenda.

'GMA Opt Out Discussion' was added to the Agenda.

Agenda item 'Legislative Report' was cancelled.

'Working Session; Recreational Trail Committee and By-Laws' was added to the Agenda.

'Human Resource Update' was added to the Agenda.

Public Works Road Update

Director Troy Reynolds, and Controller Sharon Sattler came before the Board to give an update. Discussion was held on road damages. The Board directed Mr. Reynolds to use County employees or Ferry County residents for the repair work, rather than hire outside of the County. The Board would like to have an emergency plan in place for alternative access roads in case of emergency road closures, and they need to assess problem roads to know which ones may be an issue in the future. Budget cuts were discussed.

Mr. Reynolds reported that they are working on the problem roads that are dry enough to get to. Mr. Reynolds requested a letter from the Board in support of SRS funds. Mr. Reynolds is going to meet with Boise Cascade and the Tribal Logging; they want to get the Inchelium Highway opened up to logging trucks or they will have to start laying people off. Public Works is applying to get the other half of the airport runway resurfaced this year. Commissioner Davis reported that Hadley Road is now open to two lanes; he has been doing some work on it himself.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-18 Airport Grant Match Assurances. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Airport Aid Application. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A copy of Resolution 2017-18 Airport Grant March Arrogances is in the file. (Ex. #1)

A copy of Airport Aid Application is in the file. (Ex. #2)

A copy of the Public Works Agenda is in the file. (Ex. #3)

Board Reports

Commissioner Exner

Commissioner Exner took a walk with Bobby Whittaker on the Rail Trail. Mr. Whittaker has a concern that there aren't enough safe crossing areas from the trail to the Curlew School. Commissioner Exner attended the Public Works All Staff Meeting, and was reassured that there is enough gravel for all of the road repairs that will need to be done this year. Commissioner Exner found out that Public Works only has one excavator and three backhoes for all of the shops. Commissioner Exner then spoke to State Representative Jacqueline Maycumber about surplus equipment for the County. Maintenance Coordinator Ron Charlton is working with Republic Shop Foreman Tyler Knowles for the 811 Call Before You Dig issues on certain roads. They are compiling a list of Priority Roads, they will then meet with Frontier to be able to get those phone lines to the depths that they need to be.

Commissioner Exner attended a Curlew School Board meeting on Thursday. Discussion was held on the Safe Routes to School. They discussed using orange flags to cross the road. The Governor's Office called the school to discuss the trail/connection. Discussion was held on the trail maintenance if it became a safe route to school. The School Board voted 'no' on the new Safe Route to School Grant, they already have a Safe Route and don't need another one.

Commissioner Exner attended a special meeting of the Board of Health in Medical Lake. When inmates are transitioned out of jail become civil patients instead of criminal, and the County has zero control or opportunity to serve them in their communities. The total capacity is 100 beds, if they lose those beds, they will be fined. They are asking for the bed fines to be waived for two years to come up with a better idea on how to fill beds. Commissioner Exner attended a HIPPA Training on Sunday; she has to attend the training to be able to be on the Board of EMS.

Commissioner Davis

Commissioner Davis traveled the County and did some filming of the road damages on Tuesday. Commissioner Davis filmed damages on Gold Creek Bridge, Alice Flats (house in water), Inchelium Highway, Highway 395 (Matson Creek) washout, and Deadman Creek. It needs to be edited before it is made available to the public. Commissioner Davis created a YouTube channel that contains all of the videos he is making. Commissioner Davis would like to create a Commissioners Facebook page to be made available to the public to keep them informed about important issues going on in the County.

Commissioner Davis attended a Canvassing Board Meeting with the Prosecutor on Tuesday. Commissioner Davis spoke with Stevens County Commissioner Wes McCart on Tuesday concerning SRS Funds. Commissioner Davis worked on Business Recruitment on Wednesday. They are getting ready for their Business night. Commissioner Davis received calls concerning roads, and spoke with the Sheriff concerning the ongoing rock slide in Inchelium. Commissioner Davis worked on the possibility of recording aggressive or problem phone calls for future reference. The County phones have a record function on them for that purpose. A renter at the Pine Bluff Apartments was commenting on Facebook concerning perceived unfair treatment. This renter came into the Courthouse and was cussing at employees. Commissioner Davis let the person know that there is a proper process to go through to make complaints.

Commissioner Blankenship

Commissioner Blankenship attended a TriCounty Economic Development District (TEDD) Meeting. Commissioner Blankenship discussed the Transportation Alternative Grants with TEDD Staff prior to the meeting. Commissioner Blankenship reported that the fire main feeding the TEDD building broke again. They plan to completely remove the main and replace it with a new one.

Minutes

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for April 24, 2017. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent & Vouchers

The Board approved the purchase of 1,000 copies of a Tiger Pathway pamphlet. A copy of the pamphlet is in the file. (Ex. #4)

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the Mileage request for Kelly Burbank. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for mileage for Treasurer Staff Kelly Burbank is in the file. (Ex. #5)

Performing Arts, Tourism, and Recreation Fund Contract Between Ferry County and Republic Chamber of Commerce 2017 was signed by the Board. (Ex. #6)

Funding in the amount of \$253,536.87 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of the following: (Ex. #7)

Current Expense in the amount of \$208,084.64

County Fair in the amount of \$1,814.20

Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$67.84

Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$30,425.70

MHCD in the amount of \$6,320.00

Inmate Welfare in the amount of \$2,178.97

Weed Control in the amount of \$166.60

Tourism in the amount of \$608.66

Fair Grounds Management in the amount of \$2,292.98

Management Information Systems in the amount of \$1,103.80

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$473.48

ACH Direct Deposit has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund in the amount of \$14,083.33 (Ex. #8)

Lunch

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

Working Session: Recreational Trail Committee and By-Laws

The Board worked on creating a new Recreational Trail Committee.

Housing Authority Update

Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib, Housing Authority Board Member Jim Burnside, Housing Authority Board Member Marty Rugo, Housing Authority Board Member Kim Charles, and Housing Authority Office Manager Jae Hightower came before the Board to give an update. Department of Commerce Asset and Compliance Manager Jason Davidson and Tina Hochwender came before the Board (via conference call) to give an update. Community Member Gary Olsen, Community Member Jim Schumacher and Community Member Brad Miller were present.

Mr. Davidson reported that they have received guidance back from their attorney on homeowner's assistance revolving loans. They can take over the 14 open loans, but they were advised against taking on the Non-collectible, or default loans. Mr. Davidson asked the Housing Authority to do a determination on whether the loans are collectible or not. Commerce cannot take on those notes if they are not collectible, those loans will have to stay with the Housing Authority.

Discussion was held on the Shelter house. Rural Resources is moving forward with the San Poil property. The WCRA payoff note is around \$51,000. If they paid that off, they wouldn't have enough to pay off what is owed to Commerce. Ms. Charles will be assisting Ms. Hightower with the requested uncollectible contracts. The Housing Authority Board asked for 6 weeks to work on the contracts before meeting with Commerce again.

Planning Update

Planning Director Leah VanderStoep came before the Board to give an update. Deputy Prosecutor Sandra Richartz was present. Ms. VanderStoep reported that there is a man from the Department of Transportation that is asking to get a permit to take water out of some ponds up Deadman Creek to do some dust abatement. The Board said that they need to find out where the ponds are located before agreeing to a permit. Ms. VanderStoep said that Betty Buckley called and asked about FEMA. Ms. Buckley wanted to know why it's so hard to get FEMA funding. Commissioner Davis said that it is becoming harder and harder to get any FEMA funding due to the narrowing of event time periods.

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

Planning Director Leah VanderStoep and Deputy Prosecutor Sandra Richartz were present. The Board went in to Executive Session at 2:15 p.m. The Board came out of Executive session at 2:45. No decisions were made.

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

The Board went in to Executive Session at 2:45 p.m. The Board came out of Executive session at 3:00 p.m. No decisions were made.

Jail Camera System: Continued

Jail Superintendent Shawn Davis came before the Board to discuss the Jail Camera System. Discussion was held on the Jail Transition Program. Mr. Shawn Davis said that there are grants to apply for to get some funding for the program. Ferry County may be able to get some non-profit organizations to build some transitional housing. Mr. Shawn Davis said that he has waited long enough to replace the camera system, and can't keep putting it off. Safety is getting to the point where they can't house anyone else; they have 42 beds filled. Mr. Shawn Davis said that there is only about \$6,000 in the Inmate Welfare budget, and he needs to buy new washers and dryers with it. Inmate welfare comes from the sale of commissary items, especially e-cigarettes.

The PRIA certification has been pushed back until 2019. Mr. Shawn Davis said that he might be able to save enough in Inmate Welfare to pay for it. The Jail needs new transport vans, but he won't be able to save enough in Inmate Welfare to pay for those. Mr. Shawn Davis said that if the Jail is not PRIA certified, the County will lose all of the jail contracts. The Board discussed funding for the camera system.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to allow the Jail to put in the new camera system. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion fail 0-3.

The Board is going to be looking into where the funding is going to come from. The Board asked Mr. Shawn Davis to give them 60 days to find a solution. Commissioner Davis asked Mr. Shawn Davis to give the Board a tour of the Jail to see where the problems are.

New Hire Request

Auditor Dianna Galvan, Payroll Specialist Dana Kincaid, and Human Resource Director Jill Gates came before the Board to make a request. Ms. Kincaid said that she will be leaving, but doesn't have a definite date yet. Ms. Kincaid needs to have someone trained before she leaves. She said that it takes time to get someone trained for payroll, so they need to start now. Ms. Galvan said that she would like the person to train with Ms. Kincaid for a few months if possible. Commissioner Davis agreed with Ms. Galvan and advised her to start advertising as soon as possible. Ms. Kincaid is trying to show Recording Specialist Shannon Jensen some of the work she does, and give Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib a refresher on payroll just in case. Discussion will held on the wage for the position.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to allow the Auditor to advertise for a replacement for the Payroll Specialist position at the starting Chief Deputy wage. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Human Resource Update

Ms. Gates came before the Board to give an update. Ms. Gates reported that Public Works is going to do an internship with a college student to allow her to get the rest of her college credits. They are going to see if they can get the college to pay for the L&I, but if not it will only cost Public Works the L&I hours to have the intern.

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

The Board went in to Executive Session at 3:55 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 4:00 p.m. No decisions were made.

Unfinished Business

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

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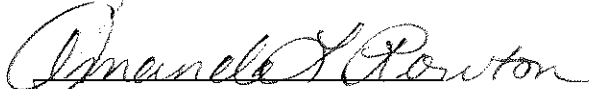
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