

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Monday May 15, 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

'Planning Update' was added to the Agenda.

Board Reports

Commissioner Exner

Commissioner Exner attended the Washington State Association of Counties Annual Board of Directors Meeting on Tuesday at the Sun Mountain Lodge. Discussed was held on health systems in different counties. Shelly O'Quinn is stepping down in June, they have two possible candidates. Commissioner Exner was unable to attend the Planning Commission Meeting on Wednesday. Commissioner Exner attended the Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday. Local government feels that they are not getting the respect they deserve when they go to the legislation with their needs. Discussion was held on changing 'unfunded mandate' to 'underfunded mandate'.

Commissioner Exner attended the Tribal Recreation Meeting via conference call on Thursday. Commissioner Exner studied the information the Rail Corridor Committee gave her, which she requested, on Saturday. Commissioner Exner had a short conversation with Border Patrol, she would like to sit down with them to see how the County and the Border Patrol can work together.

Commissioner Davis

Commissioner Davis attended a Healthy Coalition Meeting on Tuesday. Commissioner Davis went and looked at the culvert on Trout Creek that is causing flooding on Keith Jordan's property. He is looking for solutions to the problem. Commissioner Davis worked on Business Recruitment on Friday; they will have the videos available on the website soon. Commissioner Davis had conversations with USD and Rural Resources concerning the San Poil apartments transfer to Rural Resources. Commissioner Davis attended a Housing Authority Meeting on Thursday. Financials are up and the Housing Authority is functioning in the black.

Commissioner Blankenship

Commissioner Blankenship attended a Motorized Trail and Recreation Meeting and a Golden Tiger Pathway Meeting on Tuesday. Commissioner Blankenship received a call from Jason Churchill on Matson Creek concerning the shared community well. Commissioner Blankenship spoke with Senator Shelly Short concerning the shared well. Mr. Churchill spoke with Sandy Dotts from Fish and Wildlife, Ms. Dotts told Mr. Churchill to go ahead and clean out the debris from the well. Commissioner Blankenship attended a Tri County Motorized Trail Association Meeting on Wednesday. Commissioner Blankenship attended a Tribal Recreation Meeting on Thursday with Connie Davidson. Commissioner Blankenship attended an Aging and Long Term Care Meeting on Friday.

Public Works Update

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds and Controller Sharon Sattler came before the Board to give an update. Mr. Reynolds presented the Board with a Public Works Agenda. Discussion was held on storm damaged roads.

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve a transfer of \$417.91 from Trails and Paths to County Roads. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds **from** Trails and Paths in the amount of \$417.91 **to** County Roads in the amount of \$417.91 was signed by the Board. (Ex. #1)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-19 County Road Project (CRP) No. 17-02. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2017-19 County Road Project (CRP) No. 17-02 was signed by the Board. (Ex. #2)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Rural Arterial Program Project Agreement for Construction Proposal-Customs Road. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Rural Arterial Program Project Agreement for Construction Proposal-Customs Road was signed by the Board. (Ex. #3)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Rural Arterial Program Project Agreement for Construction Proposal-Amendment No. 2. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Rural Arterial Program Project Agreement for Construction Proposal-Amendment No. 2 was signed by the Board. (Ex. #4)

The Public Works Agenda is in the file. (Ex. #5)

Courthouse Meeting Room Chair Request

Assessor Rachel Siracuse and Human Resource Director Jill Gates came before the Board to make a request.

Ms. Gates presented the Board with print-outs of chair options. They would like to purchase new chairs for the old commissioner's room, which is used as an alternative courtroom and a meeting room, in the Courthouse. The current chairs are very uncomfortable and need to be replaced. Ms. Gates said that they are asking for approximately 16 chairs to start with; they can purchase more at a later date if needed. The Board recommended that they purchase stackable chairs. Discussion was held on what to do with the current chairs in the old commissioner's room. Ms. Gates will use her County credit card on her personal Amazon account to purchase the chairs. The Board stated that the current chairs need to be declared surplus.

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the purchase of 12 chairs from Amazon in the amount of \$568.89 plus shipping. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the chair print-out that the Board approved is in the file. (Ex. #6)

Cottonwood Creek Washout

Property owner Craig Beener, property owner Gary Olsen and property owner Marjean Mathews came before the Board to discuss Cottonwood Creek. Public Works Director Troy Reynolds was present.

Mr. Beener said that the culvert on his property chronically plugs up and it's been an issue for 41 years. The hillside has washed out and dropped 16 feet. The road was abandoned in 1948 by the County. There is no turnaround, so County workers have to use Mr. Beener's driveway as a turnaround. Mr. Beener feels that the County has grandfathered themselves in by maintaining the road turnaround for 69 years. Mr. Reynolds said that the County does use his driveway as a turnaround since it is the only place, or they couldn't be able to plow the road.

Mr. Reynolds doesn't know why the road was vacated in 1948. Mr. Reynolds said that since it's not a County road, he can't use County Road Funds to fix it, he would have to pursue other funds. The Board informed Mr. Beener that they will have to take some time to discuss the issue before making a decision. Mr. Reynolds will look into the issue with Department of Natural Resources. Commissioner Davis asked Mr. Beener for permission to use his drone to take some pictures of the problem area, Mr. Beener gave consent.

Consent & Vouchers

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds from EMS District #1 to EMS District #1 Equipment Reserve. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds from EMS District #1 to EMS District #1 Equipment Reserve in the amount of \$1,038.00 was signed by the Board. (Ex. #7)

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the one year pay increase for Custodian Trenton Wellman in the amount of \$500. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Pay increase for Custodian Trenton Wellman was signed by the Chairman. (Ex. #8)

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-02 Amendment to Planning Ordinance signed on August 21st, 1961. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ferry County Ordinance No. 2017-02 Amendment to Planning Ordinance Signed on August 21st, 1961 was signed by the Board. (Ex. #9)

Funding in the amount of \$520,860.79 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 325343-325492 for the following: (Ex. #10)

Current Expense in the amount of \$72,458.84

County Road in the amount of \$239,450.45

County Fair in the amount of \$98.78
Veteran's Relief in the amount of \$340.00
Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$4,997.15
MHCD in the amount of \$5,978.99
Court Facilitator in the amount of \$150.00
Inmate Welfare in the amount of \$286.68
Recreation Fund in the amount of \$258.48
Crime Victims in the amount of \$301.70
Weed Control in the amount of \$3,136.96
Tourism in the amount of \$300.00
Fair Grounds Management in the amount of \$3,199.08
Sheriff's Uniform/Clothing in the amount of \$237.81
Airport in the amount of \$729.68
Distressed Area Cap in the amount of \$6,109.53
Solid Waste in the amount of \$20,176.71
Landfill Post Closure in the amount of \$1,608.75
Equipment Rental & Revolving in the amount of \$145,979.79
Management Information Systems in the amount of \$608.59
Insurance Fund in the amount of \$82.41
Fire District #14 General in the amount of \$51.24
Parks & Recreation District #2 in the amount of \$251.97
EMS District #1 in the amount of \$8,980.73
Housing Authority in the amount of \$5,086.47

Lunch

The Board recessed for Lunch at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Weed Assessments

Weed Board Coordinator Rochelle Osborne, Weed Board Member George Young, Weed Board Member Luanne Finley, Weed Board Member Fred Putnam, and Weed Board Member Craig Lamberson came before the Board to discuss Weed Assessments.

Ms. Osborne presented the Board with a packet on priority weeds. Ms. Osborne presented the Board with a Cost Assistance form and two letters of support. Mr. Lamberson said that they work on a very limited budget, they shouldn't be spending their time worry about unimportant things. They need to get back to treating their priority weeds. Discussion was held on the problem weeds in Ferry County. Ms. Osborne is asking the Board for a budget to add another staff member to spray weeds. Ms. Osborne is asking for an additional \$8 per parcel. Commissioner Blankenship said that it is the State's obligation to pay for this, not the landowner, but he will support it.

Ms. Finley said that the priority weeds will cause an economic burden to the County if they get out of hand. Ms. Osborne said that once these weeds take over, you can't get rid of them. The Board asked Ms. Osborne to make the necessary adjustments to the resolution, for the cost increase, before presenting it to the Board. There are roughly 8,400 taxable parcels in Ferry County. Ms. Osborne said that the State pays the weed assessments on their parcels, but Fish and Wildlife does not. Ms. Osborne receives PILT Funds from the State. Ms. Osborne said that the cost increase will take effect next year. The hearing for the amended resolution was scheduled for June 19th at 11:00 a.m.

The Packet of Ferry County Priority Weeds is in the file. (Ex. #11)

A copy of Cost Assistance is in the file. (Ex. #12)

The Letter of Support from Melissa & Tom Rose is in the file. (Ex. #13)

The Letter of Support from James L. Putnam is in the file. (Ex. #14)

Addressing Ordinance Approval

GIS Specialist Kristen Winter came before the Board for the Addressing Ordinance Approval. Ms. Winter presented the Board with a draft copy of Addressing and Road Naming Ordinance 2017-01 Amending Ordinance 95-05. Discussion was held on enforcement of the Ordinance. The Board asked Ms. Winter to make a few changes in the wording to make things clearer.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Addressing and Road Naming Ordinance 2017-01 Amending Ordinance 95-05. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion.

The motion was withdrawn.

The Board requested that Ms. Winter make the requested changes and bring them back to the Board to be reviewed.

A copy of the Draft Addressing and Road Naming Ordinance 2017-01 Amending Ordinance 95-05 is in the file. (Ex. #15)

Public Hearing; Planning Ordinance 2017-02

Planning Director Leah VanderStoep came before the Board for the Planning Ordinance Hearing. The Hearing opened at 2:00 p.m. There were no public comments made. The Hearing closed at 2:05 p.m.

Planning Update

Planning Director Leah VanderStoep came before the Board for an update. Discussion was held on the Mattson Creek shared community well. There are ten families sharing the well. Ms. VanderStoep reported that Fish and Wildlife said that the homeowners don't need a permit to dig out the well by hand, only if they need to use heavy equipment. Commissioner Blankenship said that they will need to use heavy equipment. Discussion was held on recreational planning. Ms. VanderStoep asked the Board if they would like her to add Okanogan County to the recreation group. The Board asked Ms. VanderStoep to add Okanogan County to the proposed recreation group.

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

Planning Director Leah VanderStoep was present. The Executive Session opened at 2:30 p.m. The Board Extended for 5 minutes. The Executive Session closed at 2:45 p.m. No decisions were made.

Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to Discuss Personnel

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds was present. The Executive Session opened at 3:00 p.m. The Executive Session closed at 3:28 p.m. No decisions were made.

Rail Corridor Committee Update

RCC Chair Bobbi Weller, RCC Grant Coordinator Keith Bell, RCC Member Ron Krause, RCC Member Madilane Perry, RCC Member Jennine Groth, and RCC Member Judy Jeffries came before the Board to give an update.

Mr. Bell presented the Board with a photograph of the Rail Trail washout at Lone Ranch. Discussion was held on FEMA funds for storm damage. Commissioner Davis said that FEMA has narrowed down their criteria. They are only offering funding for severe five day Events, Ferry County's damages happened over a period of months. Commissioner Blankenship said that it doesn't mean that Ferry County won't get any funding, it just might be harder to get. Snow melt is not considered an Event because it happens over a period of time.

FEMA will look at the impact for the area based on publicity, so it's not just meeting the 9 million dollar threshold. Mr. Bell is going to call Sandy Dotts about possible funding that isn't County or FEMA funding. Mr. Bell presented the Board with a letter of reply based on the information that they Board requested via email. Discussion was held on the information in Mr. Bell's letter.

A copy of the Rail Trail-Lone Ranch Washout Photo is in the file. (Ex. #16)

A copy of the Letter from Keith Bell is in the file. (Ex. #17)

Minutes

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for May 8, 2017. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

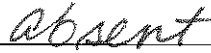
Unfinished Business

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.


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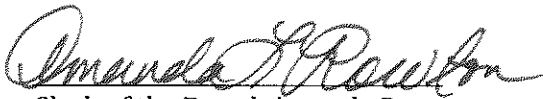
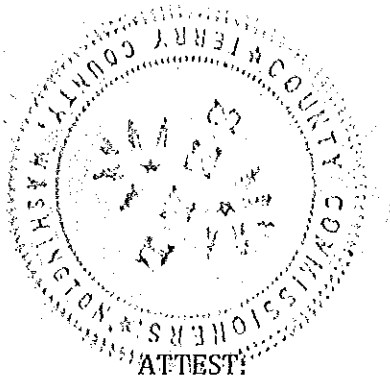
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