

**Adjourned Special Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Wednesday May 31, 2017**

The meeting was opened at 9:05 a.m. by Commissioner Davis with Commissioner Exner present. Commissioner Blankenship was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Reports

Commissioner Exner

Commissioner Exner attended a Conservation District Meeting with Lloyd Odell, Patrice Beckwith, and Dave Konz on the 24th. The Secretary of Ag put on a hiring freeze. NRCS and FFA will take a 21% cut in staffing. Mr. Odell is trying to get emergency watershed funding. The Conservation District is going to do a water quality monitoring.

Commissioner Exner attended a Fair Board Meeting on the 25th. The Tribe said that the Commissioners' should be meeting with the BIA and the Tribe regarding fixing roads on the Reservation. Commissioner Exner reported that the County insures the Fair Grounds. The Fair Grounds need a new computer and security system. The Fair Managers would like the Border Patrol to come in to help with security at the fair this year. They are discussing bringing wagons up from the Reservation for the fair. Ben Marchand is blocking access to a road that is used to drive the wagons through.

Commissioner Exner attended a Memorial Day ceremony at the Republic Veterans Center on the 27th; Senator Shelly Short and State Representative Jacqueline Maycumber were there. Commissioner Exner attended a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Curlew Bridge on the 29th.

Commissioner Exner attended an Emergency FEMA Meeting in Spokane with Cathy McMorris Rogers on May 30th.

Commissioner Davis

Commissioner Davis attended an Emergency FEMA Meeting in Spokane with Cathy McMorris Rogers on May 30th. Commissioner Davis learned that Ferry County does not qualify for any funding related to the funding. Ferry County was included in the event from January to February, but we didn't have enough damages to qualify. Some of roads may qualify for special funding. Commissioner Davis rode down to Spokane with Sheriff Maycumber and Chief Civil Deputy Amy Rooker. They picked up one of the new Sheriff's Tahoes, Ms. Rooker drove it back to Republic.

Commissioner Blankenship

Commissioner Blankenship was absent.

County Picnic Discussion & Update

Human Resource Director Jill Gates came before the Board to discuss the County picnic. Ms. Gates presented the Board with a copy of the job description for Public Works Office Manager. Some changes were made to the job description and Ms. Gates needs them signed off before she can proceed with the job advertisement.

Ms. Gates said that County employees would like to have a picnic. Discussion was held on starting an employee recognition policy. Employee of the quarter would get a parking spot and gift certificate. She would like some money from the County for the employee incentives. The Board approved funding for the picnic.

Discussion was held on employee wellness programs. Ms. Gates said that a tentative date for the picnic is June 28th on the Courthouse lawn. Ms. Gates is looking for volunteers to help plan the picnic. Ms. Gates is asking for \$2,000 for incentives for the Wellness Program and Employee Appreciation. The Board would like to wait until all three Commissioners are present before agreeing to the Wellness Program. The Board approved funding for the picnic. Ms. Gates reported that the Shell case was settled.

A copy of the Public Works Office Manager Job Description is in the file. (Ex. #1)

Phase 4 Rail Corridor Grant Match Certification Discussion

Rail Corridor Committee Grant Administrator Keith Bell, Rail Corridor Committee Chair Bobbi Weller, and Ferry County Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib came before the Board to discuss the Phase 4 Grant Match Certification. Commissioner Davis stated that the Board has already signed off on the Resolution to start the grant process, this meeting is to sign the grant match portion for Phase 4. Commissioner Davis explained the auditing issues that the Board is having with the Grant.

Commissioner Davis discussed the Grant that the RCC wanted to apply for in Curlew for a Safe Routes to School, and why it was denied. Commissioner Davis read the letter to the Public by the Curlew School Superintendent about the school meeting that denied the Safe Routes to School Grant.

Commissioner Exner agreed with Commissioner Davis. She would like people to call a Commissioner or the Commissioners' Office if they have any questions about County issues from now on. Commissioner Exner said that she didn't get all the information that she needed before the meeting to have time to read it all and make a decision today. Commissioner Davis said that the Auditor's will be looking at all of the information, and should have a contract/agreement with Keith Bell from now on before signing.

Commissioner Davis said that he doesn't agree with the comment that Commissioner Blankenship made on Facebook. Mr. Bell discussed having a County grant tracking program so that all County entities will know what grants are available and what departments are applying for them so there isn't any confusion or conflicts in the future concerning grants. Commissioner Davis stated that the WSU Extension and the County are working on a grant tracking system and is currently gathering information to make it consistent for all departments.

Commissioner Exner made a motion to sign the grant match. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Grant match is in the file. (Ex. #2)

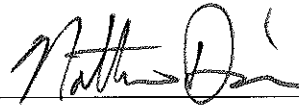
Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for Potential Litigation

Prosecutor Kathryn Burke was present. The Board went in to Executive Session at 11:10 a.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:33 a.m. No decisions were made.

Unfinished Business

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

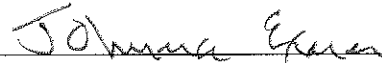
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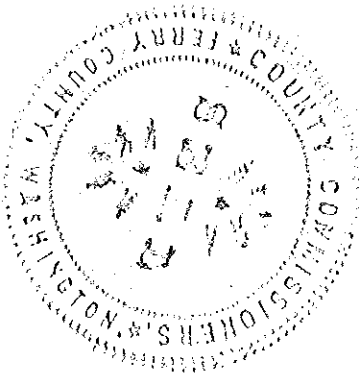
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VICE CHAIRMAN, Mike Blankenship



MEMBER, Johnna Exner



ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton