

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Monday June 19, 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**

'Sheriff Update' was added to the Agenda.

**Board Reports**

**Commissioner Exner**

Commissioner Exner attended a Homelessness Initiative Meeting to set up the by-laws and parameters on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Exner attended a Healthy Ferry County Meeting. They are looking for different ways to move Ferry County up in the top ten for healthiest counties. They took a tour of the Gay's house that EMS purchased, and a tour of the EMS building. They discussed possibly selling the house. Commissioner Exner attended an EMS Meeting. Rescue 23 is complete. EMS bought a vehicle for more local runs. The hospital would like to be notified when a patient refuses to be transported. As the hospital doesn't monitor the radio, they don't know when a transport has been cancelled. The EMS District is looking for upgraded medical equipment for both Curlew and Republic.

Commissioner Exner attended a Planning Commission Meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup>. There was a GMA update. Commerce gave a short course on planning, the course was more about city planning than rural planning. Michael Connolly from Spokane was a hearings Examiner and says Republic needs their own hearings examiner.

Commissioner Exner attended a Forest Plan Meeting. Department of Natural Resources put on a program called the Good Neighbor Program. A hydrologist gave a report on how the soils have turned to cement and the water rolls off of the burned areas and mulching the soil for water absorption was a recommendation.

Commissioner Exner had several conversations with Community Member Craig Beener regarding the Cottonwood Creek Road washout. Commissioner Exner spoke with Project Engineer Lou Miller regarding the Cottonwood Creek Road washout.

**Commissioner Davis**

Commissioner Davis attended a FEMA Meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>. FEMA is going to try to work with us on stringing all the events together since February.

Commissioner Davis attended a Job Corps Meeting. They have roughly 180 bed capacity and only have 130 beds filled. A lineman apprenticeship program was discussed, as well as a possible civics class. Job Corps is working with the Curlew School to have a bus run up to Job Corps giving the students the option of attending regular high school.

Commissioner Davis worked on Business Recruitment and the Housing Authority. Commissioner Davis attended the First Homelessness Initiative Meeting, but they didn't have a quorum.

### **Commissioner Blankenship**

Commissioner Blankenship attended a Leaders Council Meeting regarding the by-laws on Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Northern Inn.

Commissioner Blankenship met with the Northeast TriCounty Health District regarding hours of operation on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Blankenship attended the Tri County Forest Group Meeting in Colville on the afternoon of June 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Minutes**

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for June 5, 2017. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Wellness Program Follow Up**

Human Resource Director Jill Gates came before the Board to discuss the wellness program resolution. Ms. Gates would like to combine a wellness program with the employee appreciation program. Ms. Gates reported that the company picnic will be the 28<sup>th</sup> of June at 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. on the Courthouse lawn. Ms. Gates stated that the Employee of the Month in the Courthouse will be separate from the County shops. Each shop can nominate someone from their shop. The dollar amount for the program will be allocated each budget season for the following year.

*Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-21 Employee Wellness and Morale Building Program. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Ms. Gates said that five of the chairs that were ordered for the Courthouse meeting room were damaged. Ms. Gates reordered the chairs; the next set came damaged as well and were refused. Ms. Gates sent all of the damaged chairs back and she asked the Board for permission to purchase a different type of chairs that are more comfortable. The Board discussed where the funds for the chairs will come from. The Board stated that the chairs might be considered Courthouse improvement.

Ms. Gates is going to ask the judges to help with the purchase of the chairs. Ms. Gates asked where the funds for picnic supplies is going to come from. The Board asked Ms. Gates to work up how much she needs for all of the supplies and present them to the Board.

Ferry County Resolution No. 2017-21 Employee Wellness and Morale Building Program is in the file. (Ex. #1)

### **Weed Assessment Resolution Discussion**

Weed Coordinator Rochelle Osborne, Office Support Staff Eileen Sande, and Weed Board Chair Craig Lamberson came before the Board to discuss the Weed Assessment Resolution. Community Member Melissa Rose was present.

Ms. Osborne gave a power point presentation. Washington's noxious weed laws and goals of Noxious Weed Control Board were part of the presentation. Ms. Osborne is asking for an increase in

the Ferry County Weed Assessment to be able to hire another person to go out and spray weeds, not for an office worker. Ms. Osborne reported on Common Bugloss, Canadian Thistle, Leafy Spurge, Scotch Thistle, Purple Loosestrife, and Japanese Knotweed. There are 147 Noxious Weeds on the state list, 36 are Class A, 63 are Class B and 48 are Class C. Each year the Weed Board treats 1,000-2,500 miles of Ferry County.

Ms. Osborne said that the increase will bring in an additional almost \$67,000. The Board asked Ms. Osborne what she will be spending the money on besides a new staff member. Ms. Osborne said that she will use the money to buy chemicals. Ms. Osborne said that she spent \$75,000 on Chemicals last year. The Board said that they will have to think about it and continue the discussion. The Board would like to have a public hearing so that the public can be notified and have an opportunity for input.

### **Consent & Vouchers**

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve transfer from EMS District #1 to EMS District #1 Equipment Reserve in the amount of \$701.00. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Order to Treasurer to transfer funds from Ferry County EMS District #1 in the amount of \$701.00 to EMS District #1 Equipment Reserve in the amount of \$701.00 has been approved. (Ex. #2)

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Ferry County Warrant Register No. 325710-325711 in the amount of \$52,637.71. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Funding in the amount of \$52,637.71 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 325710-325711 for the following: (Ex. #3)

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 \$2,852.73

Management Information Systems in the amount of \$968.85

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$915.03

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve ACH Direct Deposit in the amount of \$966.11. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

ACH Direct Deposit in the amount of \$966.11 has been approved. (Ex. #4)

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Warrant Register 325712-325899 in the amount of \$608,581.92. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Funding in the amount of \$608,581.92 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 325712-325899 for the following: (Ex. #5)

Current Expense in the amount of \$65,177.67  
County Road in the amount of \$255,422.45  
County Fair in the amount of \$175.01  
Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$828.38  
Veteran's Relief in the amount of \$340.00  
Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$18,562.48  
MHCD in the amount of \$10,049.32  
Designated Medical Trust in the amount of \$420.00  
Inmate Welfare in the amount of \$2,700.83  
Recreation Fund in the amount of \$729.28  
Weed Control in the amount of \$10,690.94  
Fair Grounds Management in the amount of \$1,684.01  
Airport in the amount of \$1,211.11  
Solid Waste in the amount of \$24,277.91  
Landfill Post Closure in the amount of \$17.95  
Equipment Rental & Revolving in the amount of \$135,083.91  
Management Information Systems in the amount of \$817.11  
Insurance Fund in the amount of \$105.64  
Fire District #13 General in the amount of \$67,926.71  
Fire District #14 General in the amount of \$1,955.03  
Curlew Water-Sewer District #1 in the amount of \$1,909.44  
EMS District #1 in the amount of \$8,302.23  
Housing Authority in the amount of \$18.95  
Mosquito Control District #1 General in the amount of \$175.56  
Void Warrant #325810 Wrong Vendor

**Lunch**

The Board recessed for Lunch at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

## **Public Works Update**

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds and Controller Sharon Sattler came before the Board to give an update. Community Member Larry Beardslee and Community Member Bobbi Weller were present.

Ms. Sattler presented the Board with a copy of the Public Works Agenda. Discussion was held on Resolution 2017-22 and Resolution 2017-23.

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-22 County Road Project (CRP) No. 17-22 Lundimo Meadows Bridge Replacement. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

A copy of Resolution 2017-22 County Road Project (CRP) No. 17-22 Lundimo Meadows Bridge Replacement is in the file. (Ex. #6)

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-23 County Road Project (CRP) No. 17-03 Town of Curlew Sidewalks-Phase 1. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

A copy of Resolution 2017-23 County Road Project (CRP) No. 17-03 Town of Curlew Sidewalks-Phase 1 is in the file. (Ex. #7)

Discussion was held on purchasing a new grader. Mr. Reynolds gave a storm damage update. Discussion was held on FEMA funding. Discussion was held on the Inchelium Highway. Mr. Reynolds reported that funding may not be available this year and the detour may have to be maintained through the winter. Discussion was held on the rail bed washouts.

Commissioner Davis showed a drone video of the Cottonwood Creek Road washout.

A copy of the Public Works Agenda is in the file. (Ex. #8)

## **Golden Tiger Pathway Discussion**

Larry Beardslee came before the Board to discuss the Golden Tiger Pathway. Community Member Bobbi Weller and Community Member Keith Bell were present.

Mr. Beardslee reported that over the weekend a motorized vehicle hit a fence on the Golden Tiger Pathway and did some damage. Mr. Beardslee made the repairs on the fence and stated that it's almost as good as new. Mr. Beardslee presented the Board with a list of priorities for abandoned rail corridors in Western Ferry County. Mr. Beardslee presented the Board with a copy of Cost Estimate Golden Tiger to the Board. Discussion was held on the condition of the Golden Tiger's paved pathway. Mr. Beardslee stated that he doesn't want to ask for more funding for the Trail even though it needs it. Discussion was held on the budget.

A copy of 'Priorities for Abandoned Rail Corridors in Western Ferry County' is in the file. (Ex. #9)

A copy of 'Cost Estimate Golden Tiger' is in the file. (Ex. #10)

## **Rail Corridor Committee (RCC) Grant Update**

RCC Chair Bobbi Weller, RCC Member Madilane Perry, and RCC Grant Administrator Keith Bell came before the Board for a RCC Grant update. Mr. Bell presented the Board with a copy of Scope

Amendment Proposal. The Vaulted toilet total cost is just under \$16,000 and Black's Beach parking area will cost around \$3,000. The match requirement going forward would be 10% instead of 50%. Discussion was held on the property by Curlew Lake that the RCC would like to purchase and turn into a park.

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve an Amendment to Phase 3 to extend the amount of work to be done for a Vault Toilet at Kiwanis in the amount of \$16,000. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Blankenship abstained.*

Ms. Weller requested the use of the docks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks show.

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the use of the docks for the fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2017. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Ms. Weller reported that June 20<sup>th</sup> is the Curlew Lake Association Meeting at the Fair Grounds. Ms. Weller asked when the No-Wake speed limit will be lifted. Ms. Weller said that the speed limit is not being enforced and she hasn't seen any signage. Commissioner Davis said that the Sheriff's Department ordered signs a few weeks ago.

### **Planning Update**

Planning Director Leah VanderStoep came before the Board to give an update. Ms. VanderStoep presented the Board with a copy of Steven's County Fee Schedule. Ms. VanderStoep said that the Ferry County Planning fees haven't gone up since the 1980's. Ms. VanderStoep said that the Planning Commission is very busy and she thinks that a Hearings Examiner could really help out. Discussion was held on the Curlew Water Sewer District findings. Discussion was held on GMA. Ms. VanderStoep reported that GMA Attorney Peter Scott objected to Future Wise's Motion.

A copy of the Steven's County Fee Schedule is in the file. (Ex. #11)

### **Deadman Creek Road Discussion**

Community Member Charles Chun, Community Member Matt Chun, Public Works Director Troy Reynolds, Sheriff Ray Maycumber, and Chief Civil Deputy Amy Rooker came before the Board to discuss Deadman Creek Road.

Mr. Charles Chun said that the Public Works Department is doing a good job of trying to fix the road. Mr. Charles Chun said that the problem is that the slide is right at his doorstep. Mr. Matt Chun reported that more material came down yesterday and today. They are worried that a bigger chunk will slide down if we get more rain. Mr. Charles Chun would like to know what he can do, together with the County, to help fix the problem before they lose their house. Mr. Matt Chun said that there is 8' of material on top of their garden and it is even deeper in other places.

Ms. Rooker said that if a fire line up there is compromised she can call DNR to reinforce that area. Ms. Rooker said that the Chun's should evacuate if they feel unsafe, until things get under control. The Board told Mr. Charles Chun to contact his insurance company to see if they will help cover the damage to Mr. Chun's property. The Board told the Chun's to contact Senator Shelly Short, State Representative Jacqueline Maycumber, State Representative Joel Kretz, and Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rogers regarding the issue.

**Sheriff Update**

Sheriff Maycumber came before the Board to give an update. Sheriff Maycumber reported that he needs to have surgery on his knee and he needs an undersheriff to run things while he is gone. Sheriff Maycumber reported that Deputy Rainer got a job in Kent and will be leaving soon. Deputy Hershaw is leaving for another job as well and the Sheriff's Department will be short staffed. Sheriff Maycumber said that he could possibly lose 5 deputies. Sheriff Maycumber would like to switch money around to make it possible to pay for the position of undersheriff. Ms. Schertenleib said that she will have to look into it to see if it can be done.

*Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to transfer funds from the detective line item to the undersheriff line item and use external funding to cover any overtime pending the legality of the transfer. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Wolf Discussion with Steven's County Commissioners**

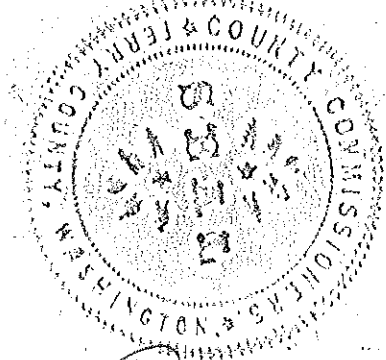
Stevens County Commissioner Steve Parker, Stevens County Commissioner Wes McCart, and Stevens County Commissioner Don Dashiell came before the Board (via conference call) to discuss recent wolf depredation.

Discussion was held on the recent calf killed by the Sherman Pack wolves. Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife say that since the Sherman Pack is a new pack this is considered a first kill, but both Boards of Commissioners believe the Sherman Pack is the Profanity Peak Pack since they moved out of the area and are running over the same territory with other wolves.

Any pack north of Highway 20 is considered the Smackout Pack. The Smackout pack has had two kills in the last 10 months. Commissioner Davis asked if the wolf plan says anything about what happens when two packs merge. There were calf bones found in the same area that WDFW said was an unknown kill. The Stevens County Board said that if the Ferry County Commissioners choose to take action, they will support them.

**Unfinished Business**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.



ATTEST:

*Amanda Rowton*  
Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton

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