

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Monday June 26, 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**

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

'Commissioner Reimbursement' was added to the Agenda.

**Board Reports**

**Commissioner Exner**

Commissioner Exner spoke with community member Craig Beener regarding Cottonwood Creek Road. Commissioner Exner spoke with community member John Bartley. Mr. Bartley needs a new culvert on his property, on Lone Ranch road, due to the washout.

**Commissioner Davis**

Commissioner Davis attended a Canvassing Board Meeting during lunch on Monday. Ferry County has to put out small voting boxes throughout the County at Fire Stations. The ballot boxes have to be handicapped accessible, and snow removed in the winter.

Commissioner Davis attended the Curlew Lake Summit at the Carousel Building. An expert looked at the data and Curlew Lake is middle of the road for state lake health.

Commissioner Davis attended a Homelessness Initiative Meeting. The exchange of the San Poil apartments is still going through. Commissioner Davis spoke with community member John Connor concerning Forest Service issues. Commissioner Davis worked in the Commissioners' Office on Tuesday.

Commissioner Davis spoke with John Friederichs regarding the BPA power lines. The New York Times is going to send someone to speak with Mr. Friederichs and Mr. Davis regarding the power lines.

**Commissioner Blankenship**

Commissioner Blankenship had nothing to report.

**Minutes**

*Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for June 19, 2017. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **Maintenance Update**

Lead Custodian Marty Padilla came before the Board to give an update.

Mr. Padilla extended the dates of his vacation returning time from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of July. Mr. Padilla would like Trenton Wellman to be able to work eight hour days when he is gone. Mr. Wellman is going through security to be able to get a card key to get into the courthouse. Mr. Padilla asked for permission to bring in his personal equipment to do some dirt work. The Board said that they need to check with Risk Management first to check for liability issues.

Mr. Padilla is going to use the Public Works' water truck to wash the courthouse parking lot. Mr. Padilla reported that there are lilacs encroaching over the prosecutor's fence line that are on the neighbor's property. The land owner gave Mr. Padilla permission to remove the lilacs. The Board approved the removal of the lilacs.

Discussion was held on window washing. The Board approved Mr. Wellman working eight hour days while Mr. Padilla is gone on vacation for two weeks. Mr. Padilla wants to come in on the weekend and water the lawn to keep the grass green. He will rearrange his time during the week so he won't be getting overtime.

### **Working Session; South Fork Boulder Road Scoping Project Letter**

The Board drafted a letter of support for the Forest Service Construction Plan Alternative B the proposed action for South Fork Sherman Creek Road. Alternative B will provide necessary access for administration uses such as livestock grazing and emergency response.

### **Commissioner Reimbursement**

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to allow a Board member to sign off on the Commissioners' reimbursements instead of a judge per new state information. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **Consent & Vouchers**

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Correction to Warrants Previously Approved In 2016-2017 and Reissue of Lost Warrants. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Correction to Warrants Previously Approved in 2016-2017 has been approved for the following:  
(Ex. #1)

Cancel Lost Warrant 317572, 324604,324998,318894,324444 in the amount of (\$863.95)

Reissue Lost Warrant 325900-325901 in the amount of \$237.15

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the Inchelium Highway HMA, Cement Treated Base, and Guardrail CRP No. 14-02. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Inchelium Highway HMA, Cement Treated Base, and Guardrail CRP No. 14-02 was signed by the Board. (Ex. #2)

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Transfer of Funds from Tourism in the amount of \$23,800.00 and CE in the amount of \$19,250.00 to Airport in the amount of \$43,050.00. Matching Funds for second half of the airport runway. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds **from** CE in the amount of \$23,800.00 and **from** Tourism in the amount of \$19,250.00 **to** Airport in the amount of \$43,050.00 has been approved. (Ex. #3)

### **Lunch**

The Board recessed for Lunch at 11:40 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

### **Brixner Park Maintenance Discussion**

Human Resource Director Jill Gates and Kettle River Advisory Board Secretary/Treasurer Jennifer Knowles came before the Board to discuss the Brixner Park Maintenance position.

Ms. Gates discourages the Board from hiring any underage workers since they are limited to the equipment they can operate, and since there is a lack of supervision on the jobsite. Discussion was held on a Parks District and a Parks Manager to take care of all of the parks issues.

The Board would like the Kettle River Advisory Board members to come to discuss what kind of schedule they need, job requirements, and how many days a year do they require service. Discussion was held on the park maintenance worker getting pay outs more often than at the end of the season. Discussion was held on possibly using a lawn service for Brixner Park.

### **Graves Road Bridge**

Community Member Carol Wheaton came before the Board to discuss the Graves Road Bridge. Community member John Connor was present.

Ms. Wheaton was informed that there are culverts going in on lower Cottonwood Creek. Ms. Wheaton put a culvert in years ago and the Department of Fish and Wildlife said that she had to put in a bridge. Mr. Beener was told that he can put in a culvert for now, and put in fish bearing culverts later on. Ms. Wheaton said that she wasn't given that option, she had to pull the culvert out and put in a bridge. Ms. Wheaton has talked to Sandy Dots about the culvert. The Board asked Ms. Wheaton to put this issue in writing and submit it to them. The Board said that they will get Ms. Wheaton a phone number to contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

### **Lake Roosevelt Recreation Area Update**

Lake Roosevelt Recreation Area Superintendent Dan Foster came before the Board to give an update. Community Member John Connor was present.

Mr. Foster said that they are seeing an increase in boat permit sales this year. There is a lot more day use now with the sturgeon fishing. The fish cleaning stations are made for trout and not for sturgeon. The scales can't go through the cleaning station and it is burning up the motor. Mr. Foster said that people are leaving the fish carcasses on the shoreline and in garbage bins. This is causing wildlife issues, and bee issues.

Discussion was held on the landslide in Porcupine Bay. Porcupine Bay is their third most popular campground. They are trying to fix the road, but it might take a year to fix. They had 288,000 visitors at that campsite/boat launch/day use last year; Mr. Foster is afraid that they will lose those campers to other campgrounds. Pike fishing was discussed.

Mr. Foster said that they were just notified that they can use BTI Larvacide. The mosquitos like to reside in the Black Locust Trees and lay larvae in the grass. They want to do a controlled burn next year of the grasses that contain the larvae. They are trying to control the larvae that carry West Nile Virus. Discussion was held on the Kettle Falls Marina. Discussion was held on the visitor use survey that was done. The survey will be made public on their website in July.

### **Forest Service Update**

Three Rivers District Ranger Josh White and Republic District Ranger Mike Herron came before the Board to give an update. Community member John Connor and community member Larry Beardslee were present.

Mr. White reported that the scoping is out for South Fork Boulder. Discussion was held on South Fork Boulder Creek Road. Mr. White said the Sherman Creek sale will probably take two sales because of the size. Mr. Herron said that the San Poil sale is scheduled as well. Mr. Herron said that they are looking into the possibility of raising their camping fees. The last time was in 1987. They need the fee increase to do maintenance on different sites. Discussion was held on possible future ATV use on Forest Service land.

The Forest Service has been discussing the future direction that they want the Forest Service to go in. Trail maintenance was discussed. Mr. Pena from the Department of Fish and Wildlife has offered to come up to discuss forest issues. Mr. White reported that it is supposed to be an average fire season this year.

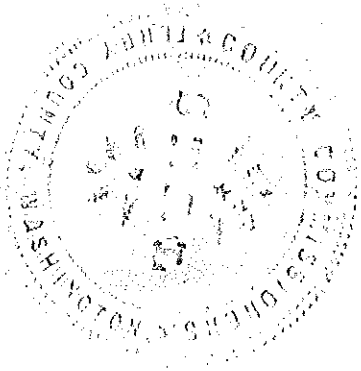
### **Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for Personnel**

Human Resource Director Jill Gates, EMS Task Director Phillip Starr, and Solid Waste Assistant Leanne Hill were present. The Board went in to Executive Session at 3:30 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 closed for the quarter at 4:05 p.m.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON



*Absent*

CHAIRMAN, Nathan Davis

*Mike Blankenship*

VICE CHAIRMAN, Mike Blankenship

*Johnna Exner*

MEMBER, Johnna Exner

ATTEST:

*Amanda Rowton*

Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton