

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Monday July 17, 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 'Jail Camera System' was rescheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

**Board Reports**

**Commissioner Exner**

Commissioner Exner attended the Lucy Covington Building Dedication in Nespelem on July 6<sup>th</sup>. The building was done under budget and on time. 65%-70% of the workers were tribal members employed by the construction company. The facility has been planned for 20 years.

Commissioner Exner attended the North East Washington Counties (NEWC) Meeting in Pend Oreille County on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Discussion was held on the 1908 fund, Health Care Integration, and timber sales vs. stewardship sales. Stewardship sales go back to the forest, timber sales boosts the economy. Discussion was held on a new commission to discuss board of health issues.

**Commissioner Davis**

Commissioner Davis had a nice vacation and spent two days at the cabin up on Sherman. Commissioner Davis met with Economic Development Specialist April Drennan. Commissioner Davis discussed grants with WSU Extension Director Trevor Lane, the PUD, and Economic Development Specialist April Drennan. The PUD has a grant/loan for businesses.

Commissioner Davis attended a Housing Authority Board Meeting. The discussed the possibility of having long quarterly meetings, and short monthly meetings since it is hard for all the Board Members to attend. The Housing Authority is still close to 100% occupancy.

Commissioner Davis attended the North East Washington Counties (NEWC) Meeting in Pend Oreille County on July 14<sup>th</sup>. They discussed the difference between timber sales vs. stewardship sales. This is the last year for Title II funds. Discussion was held on the court case occurring in Okanogan County. The Okanogan County judges and one staff member are suing Okanogan County and the individual commissioners for more control over their own budget. They have spent half a million dollars fighting the lawsuit.

Commissioner Davis reported that the BPA had its final power outage picnic out at the Fair Grounds, it went well. The BPA won't need to have any planned outages for a long time.

**Commissioner Blankenship**

Commissioner Blankenship attended the North East Washington Counties (NEWC) Meeting in Pend Oreille County. All 12 commissioners were there. Discussion was held on SRS funding. Discussion

was held on the Okanogan County judges suing the county. Commissioner Blankenship spoke with Mr. Chun regarding the Deadman Creek Road closure.

### **Public Works Update**

Director Troy Reynolds and Controller Sharon Sattler came before the Board to give an update. Ms. Sattler presented the Board with a Public Works agenda.

Discussion was held on the Inchelium Highway prospectus and agreement. Mr. Reynolds reported that the match amount is 13.5%. They will have to use road funds for the match.

*Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the Local Agency Agreement for Lower Cache Creek Slide. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the Local Agency Agreement Inchelium Highway Prospectus Lower Cache Creek Slide. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus Inchelium Highway Repairs and the Local Agency Agreement for Inchelium Highway repairs. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

They grinding on the Inchelium highway should be done with by next week. The whole project should be done by September. They are putting in two more hangers at the airport. They are renewing the leases for the property where the current hangers are sitting. Recorded flights are averaging 13 flights a month; some are unrecorded. Discussion was held on the variable speed limit on West Curlew Lake Road. The Board would like it clarified.

Discussion was held on Lone Ranch. The culverts are plugged, they need to be removed, cleaned, and put back. The creek is going around the culverts currently. Discussion was held on funding. Lundimo Meadows connector and a fence in between the two. Deadman Creek will hear back from FEMA, it will remain closed at their recommendation until we hear back. Waiting to hear back from FEMA on Mattson Creek as well.

The Public Works Agenda is in the file. (Ex. #1)

Washington State Department of Transportation Local Agency Agreement for Lower Cache Creek Slide Mile Post 0.9 to mile post 1.028 was signed by the Chairman. (Ex. #2)

Washington State Department of Transportation Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus Lower Cache Creek Slide was signed by the Chairman. (Ex. #3)

Washington State Department of Transportation Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus Inchelium Highway Repairs was signed by the Chairman. (Ex. #4)

Washington State Department of Transportation Local Agency Agreement Inchelium Highway Repairs Mile Post 19.9 to Mile Post 20.1 was signed by the Chairman. (Ex. #5)

### **Insurance and Human Resource Update**

Human Resource Director Jill Gates came before the Board to give an update. Sheriff Maycumber was present.

Ms. Gates informed the Board that the use of the Public Works' water truck use is covered. Ms. Gates told the Board that the lilac bushes bordering the Prosecutor's office are on private property. Mr. Padilla requested to remove the bushes, but can only take them out on his own time, not on county time. The Board directed Ms. Rowton to send an email to Mr. Padilla stating that no county employee can work on private property using public funds.

Discussion was held on the retaining wall that Mr. Padilla would like to remove to add more parking. The County's insurance company said that Jersey barriers need to be added for safety. Public works has discussed previously removing the bank for extra parking.

Discussion was held on Mr. Padilla using his own equipment on county property. Ms. Gates said that it's a liability issue. IF the Board chooses to let him use his equipment, he will have to sign a form saying he won't hold the county liable for any damage to his equipment.

Sheriff Maycumber discussed leveling the bank by the prosecutor's office to add more parking for the Sheriff's Department. The recommendation of the Board is that all parties involved in any project get together to discuss it on a case by case basis.

Discussion was held on the Union contracts. Ms. Gates wanted to know if she needs to be present for the negotiations. Contract negotiations will be held in the Commissioners' office. Ms. Gates paid the bills for the county picnic out of her wellness program, and would like to have the money transferred back into her account. Commissioner Blankenship said for her to plan to have everyone pay into the wellness program every year since every department benefits from the program. Ms. Gates spent \$153.75 was what she spent for the Employee Appreciation Picnic. The Board instructed Ms. Gates to make a budget adjustment (within her budget) to pay for the picnic foods.

Discussion was held on the changes to the policy for the under-sheriff position. Sheriff Maycumber will need to change the existing position from exempt to non-exempt. Discussion was held on managing grants. Discussion was held briefly on wolves. Sheriff Maycumber reported that a wolf tried to attack a horse in Wauconda. The horse stomped on the wolf and the wolf ran off.

### **Property on Erdman Street**

EMS Task Director Phillip Starr came before the Board to discuss a property on Erdman Street. Mr. Starr said that they would like to split up the property. The idea is to sell the section with the house on it, and keep the other portion of property. Mr. Starr said that they are just sharing ideas currently, they haven't done all of the work yet for it. Commissioner Exner asked how big the property is, Mr. Starr will have to find out and let the Board know.

### **Consent & Vouchers**

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to appoint Sandra Richartz to the Homelessness Initiative Board. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

The letter of interest from Sandra Richartz for the Homelessness Initiative Board is in the file. .  
(Ex. #6)

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Correction to Payroll Warrant Register. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Warrant/Voucher No. 326077 was voided in the amount of \$1,348.92 and Warrant/Voucher No. 326089 was reissued in the amount of \$1,094.73. (Ex. #7)

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to allow Gail Downs to clear brush on a section of county right-of-way on Curlew Lake at Miyoko Point. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to allow WSU to purchase a new laminator out of their budget in the amount of \$829.99. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

A copy of the request from WSU to Purchase a new Laminator in the amount of \$829.99 is in the file. (Ex. #8)

The Board signed a letter to Bank of America to allow Rochelle Rodak to make changes to the county credit cards. (Ex. #9)

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Voucher No. 326109-326271 in the amount of \$482,873.81. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Funding in the amount of \$482,873.81 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 326109-326271 for the following: (Ex.#10)

Current Expense in the amount of \$75,293.37

County Road in the amount of \$207,506.54

County Fair in the amount of \$64.65

Treasurer's O&M in the amount of \$308.76

Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$3,534.01

Veteran's Relief in the amount of \$70.00

Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$22,112.31

MHCD in the amount of \$5,419.30

Boating Safety in the amount of \$199.70

Designated Medical Trust in the amount of \$580.00

Inmate Welfare in the amount of \$98.00

Clerk's Collections Fund in the amount of \$98.00

Recreation Fund in the amount of \$208.30

Weed Control in the amount of \$21,554.34

Fair Grounds Management in the amount of \$2,104.05

Airport in the amount of \$1,508.89

Distressed Area Cap in the amount of \$30.00

Solid Waste in the amount of \$24,579.21

Landfill Post Closure in the amount of \$33.37

Equipment Rental & Revolving in the amount of \$72,121.81

Management Information Systems in the amount of \$980.24

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$18,496.34

Fire District #14 General in the amount of \$6,849.31

Curlew Water-Sewer District #1 in the amount of \$7,283.74

Inchelium Water District General in the amount of \$1,384.30

Parks & Recreation District #2 in the amount of \$70.75

EMS District #1 in the amount of \$4,379.79

Housing Authority in the amount of \$6,004.73

Funding in the amount of \$889.54 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No. 326087 for the following: (Ex. #11)

Current Expense in the amount of \$889.54

### **Lunch**

The Board recessed for Lunch at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

### **Weed Assessment Hearing**

The Hearing opened at 1:00 p.m.

Weed Board Coordinator Rochelle Osborne, community member Fred Putnam, community member Bobbi Weller, community member Gene Weller, Assessor Rachel Siracuse, Weed Board Office Assistant Eileen Sande, community member Melissa Rose, Larry Hudson from the Okanogan Weed Enforcement Office, and Weed Board Member Craig Lamberson were present.

Ms. Osborne gave a video presentation. Ms. Siracuse said that \$16.00 a parcel is very high, a small amount of land owners would be footing the bill. Mr. Hudson said that it is expensive to enforce \$25 in postage fees for each enforcement, plus filing fees and treatment, plus staff time. Ms. Rose read her letter of support for the tax assessment to the Board. Commissioner Davis stated that there are a lot of things to consider when deciding to raise taxes, but at least the tax money will go back into the county, not to the state.

Commissioner Blankenship said that the state dropped the ball and the County has to pick up the tab. Commissioner Blankenship said that \$500 could break a land owner. Commissioner Exner said that the community members don't want their taxes raised. Commissioner Exner worries that state and federal land is not being treated, and it's a losing battle if we are treating and they are not. Mr. Hudson said it could cost a lot more than \$500 if the weeds are not treated. If they are raising cattle, it could ruin the grazing land. Discussion was held on weed education.

Mr. Putnam read a letter of support of the weed assessment increase from his brother, James Putnam. Mr. Fred Putnam is also in support of the increase. Ms. Siracuse said that all land owners pay for weed control, even if their personal property isn't treated, they are helping to pay for the whole. Ms. Osborne asked the Board where they see her going if they don't want her to increase

taxes. They said that they will have to discuss the issue amongst themselves before coming to a decision. They Board asked Ms. Osborne how long she thinks the increase will last before she has to raise taxes again. Ms. Osborne said that it should be a few years, until cost of living increases as well as minimum wage increases.

The Hearing closed at 2:05 p.m.

The Letter of Support from Melissa Rose is in the file. (Ex. #12)

The Letter of Support from James Putnam is in the file. (Ex. #13)

### **Minutes**

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for July 3, 2017. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Planning Update**

Planning Director Leah VanderStoep came before the Board to give an update. Ms. VanderStoep presented the Board with 2017 Land Use Update. Discussion was held on shoreline violations. Discussion was held on Hearings Examiners. Deputy Prosecutor Saundra Richartz has taken a job with the Senate Republican Caucus in Olympia, and will no longer be the Deputy Prosecutor in Ferry County.

A copy of the 2017 Land Use Update is in the file. (Ex. #14)

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

Planning Director Leah VanderStoep, Prosecutor Kathryn Burke, and Deputy Prosecutor Saundra Richartz were present. The Board went in to Executive Session at 2:35 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 2:55 p.m. No decisions were made.

### **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 3:09 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:14 p.m. No decisions were made.

### **Prosecutor Update**

Prosecutor Kathryn Burke and Deputy Prosecutor Saundra Richartz came before the Board to give an update. Ms. Burke asked the Board for permission to advertise for a Deputy Prosecutor since Deputy Prosecutor Saundra Richartz is leaving her position in September. The Board approved the request.

### **Rail Trail RCO Scope Amendment**

Rail Corridor Committee Chair Bobbi Weller, RCC Grant Coordinator Keith Bell, community member Gene Weller, and community member Madilane Perry came before the Board to discuss the Rail Trail RCO Amendment.

Amendment to Project Agreement Ferry County Rail Trail Phase 3 was signed by the Chairman. (Ex. #15)

**Unfinished Business**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON



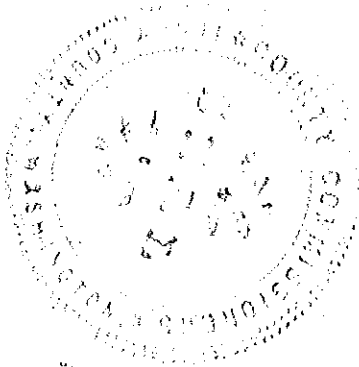
CHAIRMAN, Nathan Davis

Absent

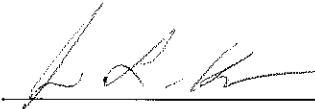
VICE CHAIRMAN, Mike Blankenship



MEMBER, Johnna Exner



ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton