

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Monday August 28, 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**

'Economic Impacts of OHV Recreation' was added to the Agenda.

'Sheriff's Office Ramp and Staircase Discussion' was added to the Agenda.

**Board Reports**

**Commissioner Exner**

Commissioner Exner attended a BOCC meeting on Tuesday. Commissioner Exner attended a Rail Trail tunnel inspection on Wednesday in Curlew. The Insurance Company suggested that the jersey barriers be replaced; Public Works replaced the jersey barriers. The insurance company and Risk Manager Jill Gates also inspected the trestle; Commissioner Exner was unable to attend that inspection.

Commissioner Exner attended a Leaders Council meeting. They are all prepared for Fair and have raised some funds for Kids Day. There are a certain amount of camp sites set aside for the 4-H kids. If the kids don't request them by a certain time they will be given to other people. The Border Patrol will be at the Fair part of Saturday and Sunday. They discussed deputizing tribal police to help patrol the Fair. The Leaders Council and WSU have decided to charge the kids \$25 a year to be a part of 4-H. They would like to put in a new camera system to be able to watch the animals in the barn. Side-by-sides in the campground was discussed. They have a no motorized vehicle policy in the campground area for safety.

Commissioner Exner attended a conference call with Planning Director Leah VanderStoep. Also present was Lisa Grueter from BERK, Neil Alland. Discussion was held on Ms. Grueter helping with the Voluntary Stewardship Plan (VSP) and Mr. Alland possibly being the facilitator. Lloyd Odell sent an email stating that Bill Eller are willing to extend the deadline on the VSP contract to give the Board time to discuss the plan. Mr. Eller and Mr. Schultz are gathering the information that Commissioner Exner requested, and will try to get back to her by September 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner Davis**

Commissioner Davis attended a BOCC meeting on Tuesday. Commissioner Davis attended a conference call with Spokane Housing Ventures and Commerce on Tuesday. Spokane Housing Ventures is interested in acquiring the Housing Authority.

Commissioner Davis took one of the members of Spokane Housing Ventures on a tour of the Housing Authority properties on Thursday. They went over the financials and are wanting to take it over by the time snow flies. The USDA is getting ready to sign the papers to take over the San Poil

property. Commissioner Davis attended a security meeting at the Courthouse on Friday. Another security meeting was set up for the end of September.

### **Commissioner Blankenship**

Commissioner Blankenship attended a meeting at the Curlew School on Friday to discuss the ATV connector. Commissioner Blankenship felt that everyone there was positive about the connector. ATV drivers must have a driver's license to operate an ATV on the ATV trail and the connector. Public Works presented the agenda and took notes.

Commissioner Blankenship attended a Rail Trail tunnel inspection on Wednesday morning in Curlew, the County's insurance company and Risk Manager Jill Gates were there. The Ordinance says the tunnel is closed for safety, but when they got to the tunnel the ecology blocks had been removed and two saw horses had been temporarily set up that day. Commissioner Blankenship saw footprints and tire tracks inside the tunnel. Commissioner Blankenship attended the TEDD Meeting on Wednesday afternoon in Colville.

### **Minutes**

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for August 14, 2017. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for August 21, 2017. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for August 22, 2017. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Maintenance Update**

Custodian Marty Padilla came before the Board to give an update. The boiler was inspected, there is some pitting on the inside where the heated gas goes out. The inspector would like Atlas Boiler and David from Certified Labs to come out to assess whether the pipes need replaced or if they can wait another year.

The Board gave Mr. Padilla permission to have Atlas Heating and David from Certified Labs come for an assessment. Mr. Padilla said that otherwise the boiler was good, but the HR office needs to have some of the hot water pipes replaced. The Board asked if the Sheriff's Office ramp will go out to bid. Mr. Padilla said that the Sheriff's Office would like a lot of work done, and if that is the case, it will need to go out to bid.

There are two platforms and two ramps, the Sheriff's Office only needs one platform and one ramp. The Sheriff's Office would like a roof to cover the whole length of the ramp. The roof will help to cover the A/C unit as well. The A/C unit was damaged from snow coming off of the roof last winter, so having a cover will help. Commissioner Exner said that the other ramp and platform could be utilized elsewhere in the county. Mr. Padilla reported that he ordered boiler fuel, but doesn't know when it will be delivered.

### **Human Resource Update**

Human Resource Director Jill Gates came before the Board to give an update. Ms. Gates reported that the meeting room chairs for the courthouse came in. The company only let her order ten chairs

at a time per customer. Assessor Rachel Siracuse used her credit card to order the remaining eight chairs that were needed.

Ms. Gates is waiting on the assessment from the insurance company regarding the Rail Trail tunnel and the trestle. The advisory committee opened up the County for possible lawsuits by disregarding the Ordinance that has the tunnel and trestle closed. Mr. Blankenship said that the condition of the path was not as good as it should have been. Debris, sand, and rocks slid on to the trail. It was scraped off but still needs cleaned up. Discussion was held on horses on the trail. The Rail Trail signs state that horses have to be on the rail bed off of the improved surface, but the ordinance states that the rail bed is off limits. Commissioner Blankenship said that he was happy to see the trail being used by walkers, joggers, and bicyclists. Commissioner Blankenship said that some areas of the trail are very narrow. Ms. Gates said that she is concerned with the RCC Committee driving a car onto the trail without getting a permit from the BOCC first. Ms. Gates said that the Rail Trail is County property and it is on the County's insurance policy.

A company is going to be doing some work up on the rail trail north of the tunnel. The BOCC will be advertising to inform the public that there will be an ATV pulling a trailer on the trail. Ms. Gates said that the insurance company said to close the trestle until the Ordinance gets changed. Commissioner Blankenship asked Ms. Gates to put that in writing. Ms. Gates said that the insurance company report will state that fact, the Board said that would be good enough.

Commissioner Blankenship offered to ride out with Ms. Gates to look at the ATV connector sight. Commissioner Blankenship said that the school would accept jersey barriers put down instead of the chain link fence. The jersey barriers would be easier for a snow plow to go through without damaging the fencing, the jersey barriers could be bumped without causing serious damage.

### **Consent & Vouchers**

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to appoint Karrie Stevens to the Golden Tiger Pathway Committee. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

The letter of interest from Keri Stevens for the Golden Tiger Pathway Committee is in the file. (Ex. #1)

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

The letter of interest from Jim Burnside for the Homelessness Initiative is in file. (Ex. #2)

*Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to appoint Carol Anderson to the RCC Advisory Board. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

The letter of interest from Carol Anderson to the RCC Advisory Board is in the file. (Ex. #3)

The letter of interest from Stan Christie for the Rail Corridor Committee is in the file. (Ex. #4)

The letter of interest from Bob Whittaker and reference letter from Bobbi Weller for the Rail Corridor Committee is in the file. (Ex. #5)

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the transfer from EMS District to Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$263.74. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds from EMS District to Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$263.74 has been approved. (Ex. #6)

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the cancel of Warrant #316376 in the amount of \$1,395.00 and reissued with Warrant #326639 and the cancel of Warrant #325720 in the amount of \$33,846.63 and reissued with Warrant #326638. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Warrant #316376 in the amount of \$1,395.00 was cancelled and reissued with Warrant #326639 and Warrant #325720 in the amount of \$33,846.63 was cancelled and reissued with Warrant #326638. (Ex. #7)

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the cancel of Warrant #325126 in the amount of \$20.00 and Warrant #326445 in the amount of \$59.50. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Warrant #325126 in the amount of \$20.00 was cancelled and Warrant #326445 in the amount of \$59.50 was cancelled, not to be reissued. (Ex. #8)

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to accept the bid from Preferred Electric to replace the lights in the Commissioners' Office in the amount of \$2,406.00. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

The Bid from Preferred Electric is in the file. (Ex. #9)

### **Lunch**

The Board recessed for Lunch at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

### **Public Works Update**

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds and Engineer Bob Breshears came before the Board to give an update.

Mr. Reynolds presented the Board with a copy of the Public Works Agenda. Discussion was held on Bridge Creek. Discussion was held on the airport runway. Mr. Reynolds reported that he pushed back the completion of the runway until 2018 due to the cold weather coming. Discussion was held on Deadman Road. Mr. Reynolds said that they completed the work to make Deadman Road passable. Commissioner Blankenship said he would like to see Matsen Creek Road headed towards restoration. If Deadman Road fails again, the residents will have a way out through Matsen Creek Road.

Discussion was held on the Curlew Sewer District. Mr. Reynolds reported that the floats are filled with water. They are going to pump the water out and see if they fill back up. Commissioner Blankenship asked if the County received any funding for the guard rails on Boulder. Mr. Reynolds said that the County received no funding for the guard rails on Boulder. Discussion was held on the culvert that needs replaced on Cottonwood Creek. Mr. Reynolds reported that he doesn't expect any funding from FEMA. If the County does receive any funding for it, it won't be until fall.

The Public Works Agenda is in the file. (Ex. #10)

Rural Arterial Program Project Agreement For Construction Proposal Bridge Creek Section 13 was signed by the Board. (Ex. #11)

### **Weed Update**

Weed Coordinator Rochelle Osborne, Office Support Staff Eileen Sande, Weed Board Member Craig Lamberson, Weed Board Member Luanne Finley, Weed Board Member George Young came before the Board to give a Weed update.

Ms. Osborne presented the Board with 'Assessment Increase 2017 Weed Office Salary'. Ms. Osborne's office staff hours fluctuate each year, so the figures are just an estimate of an average year. Ms. Osborne said that if it came down to enforcement for a property, she would hire the applicator out of Tonasket since it looks bad to enforce, and then do the spraying herself. Ms. Osborne has sprayed the Rail Trail, the Airport, and the City of Republic (they contracted with her). Ms. Osborne has billed BIA for \$46,000 so far for spraying. Ms. Osborne has sprayed some forest service roads. Ms. Osborne is being contracted to spray some fee lands.

Discussion was held on the DNR Grant for the lake mats. Twenty five land owners have rented out chemical spraying equipment. The RAC contract should be done by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Blankenship said that Ms. Osborne has no support from the public regarding the enforcement. Discussion was held on enforcement.

A copy of Assessment Increase 2017 Weed Office Salary is in the file. (Ex. #12)

### **Travel Policy Discussion**

Human Resource Director Jill Gates came before the Board to discuss the Travel Policy.

Discussion was held on variances in mileage for employees, such as leaving their home on a weekend for a training, instead of leaving the office. Each individual case will have to be approved by the appointed authority.

*Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the Travel Policy amended as discussed. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

A copy of the Travel Policy is in the file. (Ex. #13)

### **VSP Contract Decision**

Ferry Conservation District Manager Lloyd Odell and Planning Director Leah VanderStoep came before the Board to discuss the VSP Contract.

The Conservation Commission has extended the deadline until September 21<sup>st</sup> for signing the VSP contract. The Board would like to meet with Ron Schultz from the Conservation Commission while he is here on September 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the contract before making a decision.

### **Economic Impacts of OHV Recreation**

Larry Beardslee came before the Board to discuss the economic impacts of OHV recreation.

Mr. Beardslee presented the Board with a copy of Economic Impacts of OHV Recreation. Discussion was held on the variable speed limit. Commissioner Blankenship said that Steven's County runs ATV's on 50 mile per hour roads with no speed restrictions.

A copy of 'Economic Impacts of OHV Recreation' is in the file. (Ex. #14)

**Commissioner Working Session**

The Board discussed the Budget.

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

Risk Manager Jill Gates, Chief Civil Deputy Amy Rooker, and Custodian Marty Padilla were present. The Board went in to Executive Session at 3:30 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:45 p.m. No decisions were made.

**Sheriff's Office Ramp and Staircase Discussion**

Chief Civil Deputy Amy Rooker, Risk Manager Jill Gates, and Custodian Marty Padilla were present. The Sheriff's Department would like a 5' long roof over the porch and ramp. Ms. Rooker will get some bids for the porch roof.

**Unfinished Business**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

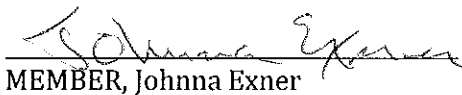
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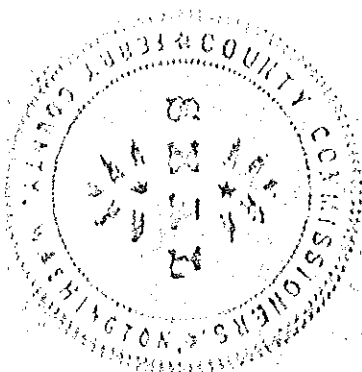
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