

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Monday September 25, 2017**

The meeting was opened at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Davis with Commissioner Exner and Commissioner Blankenship present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation**

**Changes and Additions to the Agenda**

'Funds Transfers' was added to the Agenda.

'Personnel Discussion' was added to the Agenda.

**Board Organization for the Following Week**

**Correspondence**

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

A copy of the letter of interest for the Homelessness Initiative Board from Douglas Rowell is in the file. (Ex. #1)

**Juvenile Position**

Human Resource Director Jill Gates, Juvenile Probation Councilor Cleve Ives, and Juvenile Court Administrator Paula Holter-Mehren came before the Board to discuss the Juvenile Probation Position.

Ms. Mehren presented the Board with a copy of the Juvenile Probation Councilor Job Description. Mr. Ives' last day will be January 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2018. Ms. Mehren said they would like to slowly phase Mr. Ives out and to have time to train his replacement. Ms. Mehren said that the new hire will be required to do mandatory training. The trainings are held in April and October, but October is already full.

Discussion was held on sharing a Juvenile Probation Counselor with Steven's County. Ms. Mehren stated that they have a new driver for the Juvenile Department. The Board requested that they hold off on the advertisement for the position until the Board knows whether or not the position will be shared with Steven's County.

A copy of the Juvenile Department Job Description is in the file. (Ex. #2)

The Letter of Retirement from Cleve Ives is in the file. (Ex. #3)

## **Board Reports**

### **Commissioner Exner**

Commissioner Exner attended a Tri County Health Budget meeting on 20<sup>th</sup>. They are still going over the budget. Decisions will be made after the County knows more about their budget. Steve Kiss is going to replace Mike Manus on the Board of Health. Doctor Barry Bacon gave a presentation. He has been working with Suboxone recovery for new alliance. He would like tri County health to hire him to continue the program. If the program closes, the hospital will be able to pick up some of the patients, but not all. Tri County Health does not have a budget for it. A report was given of the vaping law. Discussion was held on vaping in the Ferry County jail. Ferry County is the only jail that allows vaping. The TriCounty Health Department used to provide loans for failing septic systems. Department of Ecology is trying to set it up so they can provide loans. They have a final draft on Public Records Requests Policy. Discussion was held on Group B Water Systems.

Commissioner Exner Thursday attended a meeting with Conservation Commissioner Policy Director Ron Shultz, Ferry Conservation Director Lloyd Odell, and Evan Sheffel from Farm Bureau regarding the VSP on Thursday. Commissioner Exner met with Glen Miller to discuss concern failures that have occurred within the first year at the Curlew Sewer Department.

### **Commissioner Davis**

Commissioner Davis attended a Mid-Adopter Meeting in Stevens County. Commissioner Davis put on a video presentation for the State Conservation Group and attended a dinner at Freckles. Commissioner Davis attended a Canvassing Meeting on Thursday morning. Commissioner Davis attended a meeting with Conservation Commissioner Policy Director Ron Shultz, Ferry Conservation Director Lloyd Odell, and Evan Sheffel from Farm Bureau regarding the VSP on Thursday. Commissioner Davis had an interview for the Kinross video with Tyler Bowe on Friday.

### **Commissioner Blankenship**

Commissioner Blankenship attended the Northeast TriCounty Health bi-monthly meeting on septic systems. Commissioner Blankenship met with Conservation Commission Policy Director Ron Shultz, Ferry Conservation Director Lloyd Odell, and Evan Sheffel from Farm Bureau regarding the VSP on Thursday.

### **Minutes**

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for September 18, 2017. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

### **Consent & Vouchers**

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Commissioners' Order 17-04 Award 2017 Supply of Maintenance Sand for Winter Plowing Annual Maintenance. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Ferry County Commissioners' Order 17-04 Award 2017 Supply of Maintenance Sand for Winter Plowing Annual Maintenance is in the file. (Ex. #4)

### **Lunch**

The Board recessed for Lunch at 11:02 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

### **Public Hearing for Rail Trail Ordinance 2017-03**

The Hearing was opened at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Davis addressed the assembly and stated that the hearing is for feedback on the draft Ordinance only, and only questions having to do it will be allowed.

Keith Bell stated that the draft Ordinance isn't complete and he would like to have the hearing extended until the public has a chance to review a finished draft. Michael Sternberg commented on the 65" width of ADA motorized vehicles which is more than half of the width of the trail which can cause problems. Discussion was held on Land Use Agreement portion of the draft Ordinance. John Magoteaux had a question on the Land Use Agreement portion of the Ordinance. Laurel Scott is also concerned with the 65" rule. Al Eveland stated that he doesn't see an issue of the rail bed statement.

Madeline Perry said that the 5<sup>th</sup> line down is an issue, it used to be called the Recreational Trail Committee, and she is also concerned about the 65" limit. Nathan Miller said that he also has an issue with the 65" rule. Angel Glenewinkel mentioned daylight hours only, it would be different summer and winter. Emily Burt, mentioned the 65" rule, federal is 48", so why increase that? Michael Sternberg asked why the Board would be making the advertisements instead of the RCC. Jennine Groth has a question on prohibited use and how it would affect the RCC, Rail Trail Partners, and the public.

Laurel Scott asked if the Board could clarify the difference between the original Ordinance and the new changes. Steve Pearson is with Back Country Horsemen and said that trail signs state that horses have to stay off the improved surface, but the sides are unsafe. Cynthia Bonneau-Green wants to know if the final draft will be available for preview with another hearing before being approved. Linelle Miller Harvey said that there are certain statements on the Ordinance that are already the law, so they don't need to be on there. Mary Ciais said that she thinks the laws should remain, and the management concept plan will come in front of the Board, and she hopes that includes public permits.

Nathan Miller asked how the Board came up with the 65" rule. Stan Christie explained that most side-by-sides are 65" and people with mobility issues that can't climb on a 4 wheeler can get into a side-by-side. Stan Christie mentioned that he has copies of the ADA laws if anyone needs it. Brenda Starkey wondered how a 65" vehicle and another vehicle will pass each other. Janine Koffel the talked about all advertisement from around the community will have to go through the Board, did they intend that? Sarah Spark spoke about the incompleteness of the ordinance, and the prohibited section, which includes no jumping, climbing, or throwing from the trestle.

Michael Sternberg asked if the final plan supersedes all previous ordinances and Management Plans and will list all of the previous ordinances. Angel Glenewinkel asked if anyone with a handicapped placard use a side-by-side on the trail and how would we enforce that? Sheriff Maycumber said that there is a process for people to get a handicapped placard and there are violations of the unlawful use of one.

Discussion was held on land use permits. People with adjoining land to the rail bed right-of-way can get a permit for certain uses. The Malo fire station is on the right-of-way. Nathan Miller wants to know if there will be a noise ordinance. Glen Miller said that he doesn't want to get too restrictive with the noise ordinance. Melissa Rose read a letter from the owners of Fisherman's Cove. Ms. Rose read a letter of comments from a post she made. Emily Burt stated that the public feels very personal about the trail, and maybe the Board can hold a public hearing at night at the school so more people can attend.

The Board would like input on all signs as they are responsible for the trail. Janine Koffel said to separate signage from advertisement in the ordinance. Discussion was held on the trestle and the tunnel. Stan Christie invited people to come to MTR meetings and Golden Tiger meetings. Rob Slagle had a question about advertisement, he said that the Board can delegate to the RCC which advertisements to allow. Commissioner Exner said that the Board is ultimately liable. Carol Anderson that people could put together promotions and advertisements, and the RCC members could bring them in front of the Board for approval.

The Hearing was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

The sign in sheet is in the file. (Ex. #5)

A Letter from Bobbi Weller is in the file. (Ex. #6)

### **SAR Cargo Container Discussion**

SAR President Sam Jenkins, SAR Member Jim Milner, SAR Member Karrie Stevens, SAR Member Steve Anthes, SAR Member Tammy Folks, Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib, SAR Member Kathy Debus, SAR Member Bobbie May and Chief Civil Deputy Amy Rooker came before the Board to discuss a purchase request.

Mr. Jenkins said that they came in front of the Board two years ago and got approval for a brand new cargo storage container for \$4,000, but it never happened. They are requesting to purchase a container that the hospital is currently using but they no longer need it. Mr. Jenkins said that they can get it for \$2,600 plus \$200 tax, which does not include having it moved from the hospital to the airport. The hospital is willing to pay half of the moving costs. They have a bid from Giddings' Construction and they are waiting on a bid from Stott's Construction. The Bid from Giddings is for \$900. The Board asked Mr. Jenkins to contact the container company about getting them to move it for free. If they can't get it moved for free, the Board said to use their discretion and pay to have it moved, but no more \$500.

### **Funds Transfers**

Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib came before the Board to discuss the transfer of funds.

Discussion was held on closing costs for the San Poil property.

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Warrant No. 327026-327027 in the amount of \$46.32. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Funding in the amount of \$46.32 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant/Voucher No.327026-327027 for the following: (Ex. #7)

Ferry Okanogan FPD 14 in the amount of \$26.32

Current Expense in the amount of \$20.00

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

Public Works Director Troy Reynolds was present. The Board went in to Executive Session at 2:30 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:00 p.m. No decisions were made.

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

Human Resource Director Jill Gates was present. The Board went in to Executive Session at 3:00 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:20 p.m. No decisions were made.

**Personnel Discussion**

Prosecutor Kathryn Burke came before the Board for a personnel discussion.

*Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to terminate Human Resource Director Jill Gates due to lack of confidence in the ability to perform her duties effective September 29<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

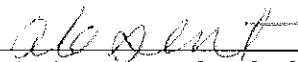
**Unfinished Business**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

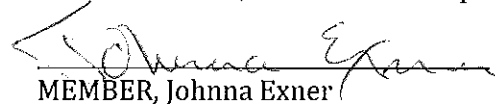
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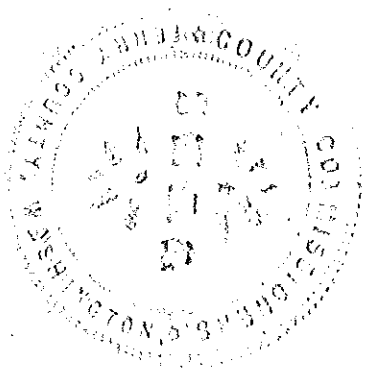
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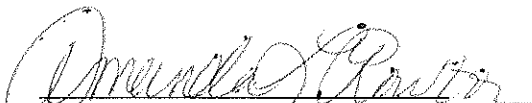
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Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton