

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Tuesday November 28, 2017**

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

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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Consent & Vouchers

There were no consent and vouchers.

Lunch

The Board recessed for Lunch at 11:49 p.m. and reconvened at 1:04 p.m.

Rail Corridor Committee (RCC) Survey Discussion

RCC Chair Bobbi Weller, RCC Member Judy Jeffries, RCC Member Jennine Groth, RCC Member Lloyd Odell, RCC Member Carol Anderson, and Rail Trail Grant Coordinator Keith Bell were present.

The Board looked over the survey. The Board would like more communication between the RCC and the Board of Commissioners in regular updates, possibly in a form that would be presented to the Board detailing what they are working on. Discussion was held on the trail counters, some of them broke down so the counts were inaccurate. Ms. Weller said that their deadline is in March, so their public meetings will have to be in February. Discussion was held on combining the RCC survey with the Planning Commission survey. The Board asked them to please work together to find a way to combine the two surveys.

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Auditor Dianna Galvan and Payroll Clerk Rosanna Champion were present. The Board went in to Executive Session at 1:40 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 2:00 p.m. No decisions were made.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Proposed Land Acquisition

WDFW Regional Director Steve Pozzanghera came before the Board for a discussion.

Mr. Pozzanghera reported that there is a possible land acquisition by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife in Ferry County. There are two separate parcels that combined would be 54 acres on Highway 20 just off of Inchelium/Kettle Falls Road. There is no legal access on the two parcels. The Board will be given the opportunity to comment about the proposed acquisition. The public can also comment on it as well. The Board is concerned with the low tax base in Ferry County. Ferry County will not receive any taxes off the land that the WDFW purchases.

Discussion was held on forest health. Discussion was held on payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) on open space rate. Discussion was held on wolves. Mr. Pozzanghera will look into why the collared wolf in the Profanity Peak Pack is no longer registering on the computer. Discussion was held on the decline in deer, elk, and moose populations in Ferry County. Discussion was held on using hounds for pursuit hunts on cougars.

Trout Creek Road Issue

Interim Public Works Director Ron Charlton was present. (The phones were down so property owner Keith Jordan was unable to call in.)

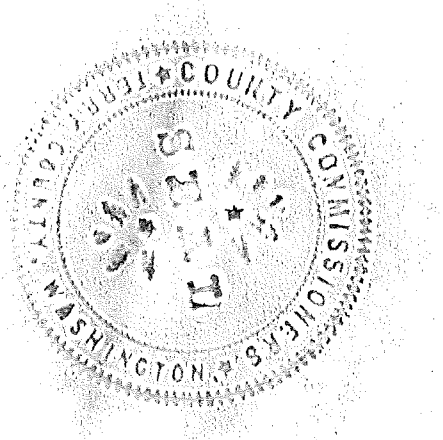
Engineer Tech 5 Jay Rupp got a packet of information together for Mr. Charlton on the section of road in question. Mr. Charlton presented the packet to the Board. The culvert has been in that section of the road since the 1960's. Previous land owners reported that they always had water running through the culvert onto the property in question. It usually runs in the spring, and then dries up in the summer. Mr. Charlton said that there was some grass and dirt over the culvert that was blocking it. The road crew cleaned out the culvert letting the water flow. If they hadn't cleaned out the culvert, the water would have flowed over the road causing more problems. The Board asked Mr. Charlton to send a letter to the property owner letting him know the findings. Mr. Charlton said that it was unfortunate that the land owner's property flooded due to the excessive rain and snow melt this spring.

A copy of the packet is in the file. (Ex. #1)

Unfinished Business

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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