

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Tuesday January 23, 2018**

The meeting was opened at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Davis with Commissioner Blankenship present. Commissioner Exner arrived at 9:15 a.m.

**Invocation**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Changes and Additions to the Agenda**

'Open Government' was added to the Agenda at 11:00 a.m.

**Budget Discussion**

Assessor Rachel Siracuse, Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib, Treasurer Rochelle Rodak, Interim Maintenance Coordinator Will Rowton, WSU Extension Office Manager Tammy Folks, Planning Director Mary Kalinowski, Custodian Marty Padilla, Solid Waste Coordinator Leanne Hill, Public Works Office Manager Kristy Cromwell, Superior Court Clerk Jean Booher, Sheriff Ray Maycumber, MIS Director Darrell Dirks, Weed Coordinator Rochelle Osborne, CASA Program Manager Val McIntyre, District Court Administrator Chris Burnside, and Jail Superintendent Shawn Davis came before the Board for a budget discussion. Community Member John Hageman, and Community Member Jane Jorgensen were present.

Ms. Siracuse said that Ms. Rodak had the idea to start a budget review panel. They would like to get started on the 2019 budget. Discussion was held on the 2018 budget, SRS funding, and FEMA funding. Commissioner Davis said that Ferry County is starting out 2018 with a \$250,000 deficit. Discussion was held on the Juvenile position, and the possibility of hiring one person to be both a juvenile officer, and a probation officer. Discussion was held on road repairs. Discussion was held on Diverted Road Funds. For Ferry County there is no limit on the amount of funds that can be diverted from road funds. Three years the county diverted 100% of road funds, and one year they diverted 0%. The current average is 35% of roads funds being diverted. Discussion was held on PILT. Discussion was held on marijuana funds. Discussion was held on Indigent Defense. Discussion was held on unfunded and underfunded mandates.

Mr. Rowton asked if the potential layoffs will only affect Public Works. Commissioner Davis said that they don't know at this point. Discussion was held on the government bail out that Ferry County received in 2003. Commissioner Blankenship asked each Department Head to take a look at what they could trim to cut back on spending. If the county doesn't receive SRS funding next year, we won't have any funds to divert. Commissioner Blankenship said that he is not in favor of laying off the road crews. The Board will have to see what services Ferry County can do without. Sheriff Maycumber said that he would like to see all the departments work together. Ms. Cromwell asked if there may be any spending freezes coming up. Commissioner Blankenship asked that no department spend any more money out of their budget than they have to. Mr. Dirks asked if each department should have a contingency plan, they Board said that they haven't even had that discussion yet. Commissioner Exner recommended having another discussion in 6 months to see where we are at.

Discussion was held on layoffs. Ms. Rodak said that she feels there is a miscommunication between departments. Each department knows how to run their office, and what they need to run it. There are a lot of rumors and speculation without knowing the details of what is actually happening in another office. Ms. Rodak said that she thinks that there should be a committee so everyone can understand each department's budgets. Ms. Rodak said that she would like the department heads to vote on a committee and she is willing to spearhead the committee. Ms. Schertenleib said that if the committee does get put together, MRSC has budget webinars coming up that the committee can watch. Ms. Siracuse asked if everyone would like to meet once a month for budget discussions. Sheriff Maycumber said that there needs to be direction to the meetings. Ms. Rodak said that the next meeting can be about the Sheriff's budget. Ms. Rodak will send around a survey to see if there is any interest in having a committee. Commissioner Exner recommended sending out an Agenda for each budget committee meeting to keep them on track, and to not waste time.

Discussion was held on Public Records Requests. Public Records Requests are a huge burden on the county. Another budget discussion was scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

### **Open Government**

Community Member John Hageman came before the Board for a discussion. Community Member Jane Jorgensen was present.

Mr. Hageman said that the Ferry County Citizens for Open Government would like all the open session Commissioners' meetings to be recorded by the Commissioners' office, and made available to the public online. Mr. Hageman said that it will make for more transparency and accountability in government. Mr. Hageman said that some of the Commissioners' Meetings are not being recorded as they should be. Mr. Hageman presented the Board with a copy of Proposal for Ferry County Board of Commissioners to make recordings of all open sessions available to the public. Mr. Hageman feels the county government isn't as transparent as it could be. Discussion was held on Archiving. Mr. Hageman would like to discuss the issue with his group before calling in to schedule another appointment with the Board.

'Proposal for Ferry County Board of Commissioners to make recordings of all open sessions available to the public' is in the file. (Ex. #1)

### **Working Session**

Discussion was held on the budget. Discussion was held on recording commissioners' meetings. Discussion was held on the Indigent Defense contract.

### **Consent and Vouchers**

*Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the Ferry County District Court Agreement for Legal Services Indigent Representation 2018-2020. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

'Ferry County District Court Agreement for Legal Services Indigent Representation 2018-2020' is in the file. (Ex. #2)


*Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-08 Rail Corridor Committee (RCC) By-Laws. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*


'Ferry County Resolution No. 2018-08 RCC Bylaws Resolution' is in the file. (Ex. #3)


**Unfinished Business**

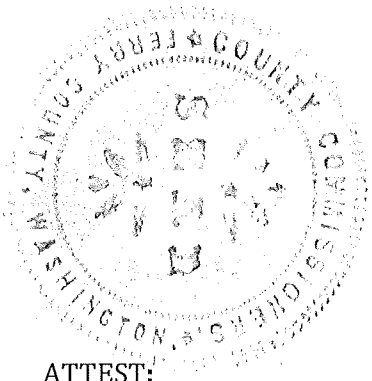
With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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