

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Monday January 29, 2018**

The meeting was opened at 9:07 a.m. by Commissioner Exner with Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Blankenship present.

**Invocation**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Changes and Additions to the Agenda**

'Rail Corridor Committee Document Approval' was added to the Agenda.

'Emergency Discussion for District Court' was added to the Agenda.

'WATV Tourism Support Letter Discussion' was added to the Agenda.

**Board Organizations**

**Board Reports:**

**Commissioner Exner**

Commissioner Exner attended a Better Health Together Meeting via conference call. Commissioner Exner spoke with Stevens County Commissioner Wes McCart regarding Better Health Together. Commissioner Exner attended the Tri County Forest Group Meeting on Thursday in Colville. Commissioner Exner attended a meeting with the Rail Corridor Committee (RCC) subcommittee group, they worked on the concept plan. Commissioner Exner met with Ron Krausse and Keith Bell regarding the Rail Trail Partners and the RCC.

**Commissioner Davis**

Commissioner Davis called the Lincoln County Commissioners, and spoke with Stevens County Commissioner Steve Parker regarding union issues. Commissioner Davis spoke with Spokane Housing Ventures. The new finance person, Dave Roberts, will be coming up to take a tour. Commissioner Davis worked on the wage project (remapping all county positions regarding wages and where they should be). Commissioner Davis attended the Tri County Forest Group Meeting on Thursday in Colville. Commissioner Davis spoke with Jeff Koffel regarding where the direction of the Republic TEDD office is going. Commissioner Davis worked on Business Recruitment. Commissioner Davis met with the Planning Department.

**Commissioner Blankenship**

Commissioner Blankenship attended a TriCounty Economic Development District Board Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Blankenship attended the Tri County Forest Group Meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> in Colville. Commissioner Blankenship met with Merrill Ott on Saturday and Sunday regarding possible WATV trails on Forest Service land.

## Minutes

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for January 22, 2018. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for January 23, 2018. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Doug Rowell, Bob Sump, Gregg Perkins, Timothy Fay, Curtis Silrus, Colin Pritchett, Summer Ermey, Glenda Gartin, David Breeden, Kim and John-Paul Charles, and Syd and Gary Howden came before the Board for a discussion.

The Board was presented with over 160 signed statements against the land acquisition. Mr. Perkins feels that they don't want the government to take away any more property than they already own. Mr. Sump said that the government is taking away our tax base. Mr. Fay spoke with the surrounding counties via telephone and email regarding their issue. Ms. Ermey has a small business, and she feels that the state buying small portions leads to buying another, and then another. Mr. Rowell mentioned a past land purchase on the Kettle River. Mr. Rowell said that the state bought up a large portion. Ms. Charles asked to have an ordinance that states that any state or federal land purchases has to be put to a vote of the people. Commissioner Exner said that the property is privately owned and it is the right of the owner regarding whom they sell to.

Discussion was held on the map of the area in question. Mr. Rowell feels that the state should have to pay into the county like everyone else. Mr. Silrus asked if there is ever an opportunity to buy back land that has been purchased by the state. Commissioner Blankenship said that the state usually holds on to the land that they purchase. Discussion was held on the Capital Budget. Commissioner Blankenship said that the purchase of this land will come out of the Capital Budget.

Mr. Perkins said that Commissioner Dansel helped them to voice their opinion regarding the last land acquisition. Commissioner Exner suggested the concern citizens get on mailing lists to be notified of any future land acquisitions. Discussion was held on making comments to WDFW; they are accepting comments until February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Board recommended making individual comments instead of one mass comment, it will make more of an impact. The Board said that they can write a letter to WDFW using the information they were given today, and recommended that the community members write their own letter. The Board recommended sending them directly to WDFW, and carbon copy their letters to their legislators.

Commissioner Blankenship said that he will be having a discussion on this subject when he attends LSC this week. Ms. Ermey said she has pictures of a pile of 16 white tail buck remains due to predators that the state is introducing to the county. The Board asked her to get a copy of the pictures to them. The Board will have the land acquisition information posted on the county website.

The sign in sheet is in the file. (ex. #1)

The signed statements are in the file. (ex. #2)

A packet of information on the WDFW land acquisition is in the file. (ex. #3)

### **Weed Board Appointment**

Weed Coordinator Rochelle Osborne and Office Assistant Eileen Sande came before the Board for a discussion.

Ms. Osborne said that Kimberly Charles has decided to rescind her letter of interest.

*Commissioner Davis made a motion to appoint George Young and Craig Lamberson to the Weed Board. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **Consent & Vouchers**

*Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the request to have a fun run fundraiser for leukemia and lymphoma. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

The request is in the file. (ex. #4)

*Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to buy tires for the juvenile vehicle from Central Services. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

The request for tires is in the file. (ex. #5)

*Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to reappoint Margo Lock to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

The letter of interest from Margo Lock to the Planning Commission is in the file. (ex. #6)

Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement Washington State Department of Transportation and Ferry County was signed by the Chairman. (ex. #7)

### **WATV Tourism Letter of Support Discussion**

Commissioner Blankenship would like to write a letter of support for WATV routes regarding tourism. He will take it with him to LSC. House Bill 2756, he would like it to include Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Oreille counties.

*Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the letter of support for House Bill 2756. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Exner was excused.*

A copy of the Letter of Support for House Bill 2756 was approved. (ex. #8)

### **Lunch**

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:43 a.m. The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Davis opened the meeting in Commissioner Exner's absence.

### **Avista Resolution Approval**

*Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-09 Granting a Franchise for Avista Corporation. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

'Resolution 2018-09 Granting Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities, A Washington Corporation, its successors and Assigns, the nonexclusive right, privilege, authority and franchise to locate, construct, install, own, operate, maintain, repair, and replace poles, elevated and underground wires, cables and appurtenances for the transmission, control and distribution of electricity within the County' was signed by the Board. (ex. #9)

### **Rail Corridor Committee (RCC) Document Discussion and Approval**

RCC Chair Bobbi Weller, RCC Subcommittee Member Bobby Whittaker, RCC Member Jennine Groth, RCC Member Ron Krausse, RCC Member Carol Anderson, RCC Member Judy Jeffries, and RCC Member Madilane Perry came before the Board for a discussion and document approval.

Ms. Weller said that the Development Plan is the next step up from the Concept Plan. Ms. Weller presented the Board with a copy of the draft Development Plan. Ms. Weller said that there will be corrections to the draft and she will be getting copies to the Board as they make the changes. Mr. Whittaker said that they should be getting more survey information from the Planning Department on Thursday, and they will be making changes to the draft to present to the Board by Monday. The Clerk of the Board will be putting a notice in the paper letting people know of the deadline for the recreation survey. The deadline will be February 8<sup>th</sup>.

A copy of the 'Ferry County Rail-Trail Development Plan-2018' is in the file. (ex. #10)

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

Auditor Dianna Galvan was present. The Board went in to Executive Session at 1:30 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 1:53 p.m. No decisions were made.

### **Supporting the Ferry County Board of Commissioners**

Doug Rowell, Bob Platt, Ann Agent, Syd Howden, Gary Howden, Curtis Silrus, Doug Lux, and Marlene Lux, Kimberly Charles, Colin Pritchett, and Rick Sanders came before the Board for a discussion. Attorney Dennis Morgan was present. Stan Christy arrived at 2:50 p.m.

Ms. Howden said that what she hears and reads shows a lack of respect for the Commissioners, as well as the bullying tactics and lies of others in the community. Ms. Howden asked to come before the Board to show respect and support of the Commissioners, and all that they do. Mr. Howden said that he knows that the Commissioners work hard at all of their meetings around the county. Commissioner Davis has worked very hard on the Housing Authority and showed real leadership. Discussion was held on the Housing Authority. Mr. Howden said he appreciates all three of the commissioners and all of their hard work. Mr. Platt expressed his appreciation for the members of the Board. Ms. Charles said she admires the Boards integrity, determination, and the sacrifices that the Board makes. Discussion was held on the county budget. Discussion was held on tourism. Mr. Howden said that when Commissioner Davis got appointed, he used his own money to buy a drone to help support the county.

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

Judge Tom Brown, Attorney Dennis Morgan, Prosecutor Kathryn Burk, and District Court Administrator Chris Burnside were present.

The Board went in to Executive Session at 3:00 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:30 p.m. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Exner returned at 3:20 p.m.

**Land Acquisition response letter to WDFW**

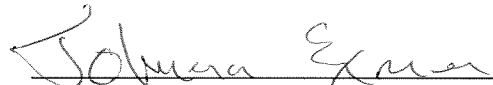
*Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve a letter to WDFW opposing the land acquisition of the Sherman Creek and inholding. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Letter to Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Opposing the Land Acquisition Sherman Creek inholdings 53.43 was signed by the Chairman. (ex. #11)

**Unfinished Business**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON



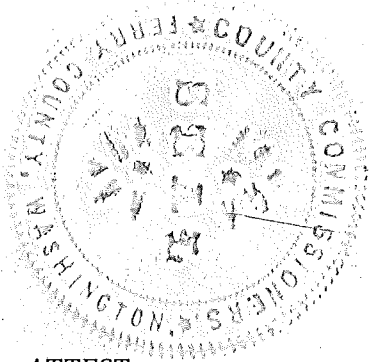
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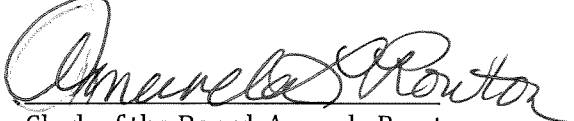
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