

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Monday April 2, 2018**

The meeting was opened at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Exner and Commissioner Blankenship present. Commissioner Davis arrived at 1:00 p.m.

**Invocation**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Changes and Additions to the Agenda**

**Board Organizations**

**Correspondence**

**Board Reports**

**Commissioner Exner**

Commissioner Exner attended the Conservation District Meeting on Wednesday, the Conservation Fair is April 21<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Exner attended a Multi County Government Coalition (MCGC) Meeting on Thursday via conference call. Commissioner Exner worked on BOCC business on Friday.

**Commissioner Davis**

Commissioner Davis attended Union Negotiations on Tuesday. Commissioner Davis handled fairgrounds issues on Wednesday. Commissioner Davis met with Jeff Koffel regarding budgets for several positions. Commissioner Davis attended a Rural Resource Meeting on Wednesday. Commissioner Davis spoke with Cathy McMorris Rodgers at the meeting, as well as Commissioners Steve Kiss and Don Dashiell. Commissioner Davis attended a meeting on the Pump Track, and worked with the county grant writer on some things on Thursday. Commissioner Davis worked on county business and, and took his young daughter on a tour of the courthouse.

**Commissioner Blankenship**

Commissioner Blankenship attended the Kathy McMorris Rodgers "Top of the Morning" meeting on Wednesday. Commissioner Blankenship met with Shelly Short and Jacqueline Maycumber at the meeting. Commissioner Blankenship attended an Easter Washington Council of Governments (EWCOG) Meeting on Friday.

**Minutes**

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for March 26, 2018. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Sheriff Ray Maycumber was present. The Board went in to Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. The Board came out of executive Session at 11:00 a.m. No decisions were made.

**Louie Creek**

Community Member Dennis Glover, Public Works Director Ron Charlton, and Interim Maintenance Coordinator Will Rowton came before the Board for a discussion.

Mr. Glover owns 40 acres on Louie Creek. Mr. Glover is having a hard time reaching his field and haying equipment due to the Louie Creek/Bridge Creek washout. Mr. Charlton met with environmental Trust. The road could be built back up, but it will take thousands of yards of material to fill it in. There are no houses on that road, so the county doesn't maintain the road. Mr. Glover can't get to the hay to feed his cattle. Mr. Charlton said the fix will be at least \$100,000. Due to the budget and all of the other road issues, that section of the road is not a high priority. It's a fish bearing stream and they would have to put in a bottomless arched culvert and work with Department of Fish and Wildlife to put it in.

Mr. Rowton called CRAB and they said if the road is brought up to standard, it will have to be maintained at standard after that. The land owners could pay for the repairs, but the road would still have to be maintained by the county. The section of road is roughly 15 miles. Mr. Charlton said that a bridge would probably cost twice as much money as a culvert. Mr. Charlton said that the land owners should contact the Tribe. Mr. Glover said that they already have and they were told that it is the county's problem. Mr. Charlton said that he has already looked for alternative funding for the road and hasn't found any yet. The Board told Mr. Glover to see if the Tribe is interested in taking over that section of the road. Mr. Charlton said that he will talk to the Tribe again. Mr. Rowton said that he will keep doing research.

Mr. Glover said that he is out \$50,000-\$60,000 and will probably have to sell half of his herd due to not having access to his own hay. Mr. Charlton recommended Mr. Glover getting on the Agenda for the next tribal council meeting.

### **Consent & Vouchers**

*Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Warrant No. 329074-329134 in the amount of \$78,199.17. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion, the motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Davis was excused.*

Funding in the amount of \$78,199.17 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for Warrant No. 329074-329124 for the following: (ex. #1)

Current Expense in the amount of \$42,428.93

County Fair in the amount of \$2,207.77

Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$269.14

Veteran's Relief in the amount of \$750.00

Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$2,781.51

MHCD in the amount of \$6,189.21

Designated Medical Trust in the amount of \$648.57

Inmate Welfare in the amount of \$2,902.65

Home Security Fund in the amount of \$15,000.00

Recreation Fund in the amount of \$83.79

Weed Control in the amount of \$25.00

Fair Grounds Management in the amount of \$2,485.31

Management Information Systems in the amount of \$657.41

Insurance Fund in the amount of \$1,000.00

Inchelium Water District General in the amount of \$949.88

*Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Warrant No. ACH Direct Deposit \$12,183.58. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion, the motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Davis was excused.*

ACH Direct Deposit has been approved in the amount of \$12,183.58 (ex. #2)

### **Lunch**

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:52 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Nathan Davis arrived at 1:00 p.m. as he was excused from jury duty.

### **Public Works Update**

Director Ron Charlton, and Interim Controller Sharon Sattler came before the Board for an update. Community Member Bob Evenson was present.

*Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to appoint William Rowton as the Ferry County Public Works Maintenance Coordinator as of April 2, 2018. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.*

They now need to open up the curlew shop Foreman position. Ms. Sattler will run the internal posting in house until next Friday, and then if it doesn't get filled, it will be put out to Ad.

Discussion was held on the Curlew Kai guard rail request. Mr. Charlton said that he will look into how many accidents have happened on the road. Discussion was held on the Racetrack property. They will be talking to Clear Risk concerning the contract. There is a chunk of BLM land that they need to clear up. The Board recently discussed it with BLM. Ms. Sattler asked for a contact number for BLM, Commissioner Exner gave them the contact information. Ms. Sattler asked to postpone the request for proposals until they can do more research on the issue. The races usually start the middle of April so there is a time crunch. Ms. Sattler asked to postpone the Ad for one week then put the Ad in the paper again. The Request for Proposals will be reviewed on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Charlton said the two interested parties will be notified of the extension.

Discussion was held on the Project Engineer position. They have had one interested party so far. Ms. Sattler said that they have received four applications for the Controller position. They have some experience, but not all of what they need. Mr. Charlton said that he would like to keep Ms. Sattler on retainer for a while. Ms. Sattler said that they are still working with FEMA on Deadman Creek, and possibly Silver Creek. Mr. Evenson said that a cement facing would stop the water from going around the culverts on Silver Creek/Bridge Creek.

Public Works Agenda is in the file. (ex. #3)

Hiring letter for Will Rowton is in the file. (ex. #4)

Digital Submittal Certification for County Road Administration Board.(ex. #5)

### **Summer Reading Program**

Republic Librarian Gailene Hooper came before the Board to discuss the Summer Reading Program.

The library is working on a program called Choose Kindness. Book It Theater is putting on a play called Whoosh! at 10:00 am. April 3<sup>rd</sup> in Republic and 2:00 p.m. in Curlew. Ms. Hooper presented the Board with a handout for Whoosh! There will be a book reading on the 24<sup>th</sup> by Ray Bilderback. 150 kids registered last year, the numbers have slowly been declining in the last few years, but that could be due to the opening of the Curlew Library. 28 programs were provided last year. Ms. Hooper asked if they could use the Carousel building again this year on Wednesday August 22<sup>nd</sup> for the End of the Year Program, from 10:00-12:00. The Board approved the request.

Discussion was held on all of the programs that the libraries are providing. Ms. Hooper said that all of the programs are being well attended. The Burke Museum will be doing a display this year for the kids. Poet Ken Nesbit will be putting on a workshop this year. 150 kids attended the End of the Year Program last year from both libraries combined. This year they will be rock painting and spin art, as well as a recycled concert made with recycled object turned into musical instruments for the end of the year program. Discussion was held on tracking reading for the kids.

The Whoosh! hand out is in the file. (ex. #6)

### **Wolf Data Sharing/Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)**

WDFW Regional Director Steve Pozzanghera and Sheriff Ray Maycumber came before the Board for an update. Community Member Bob Evenson was present.

Sheriff Maycumber said that Special Deputy Jeff Flood is starting today with Stevens County. He is working with local ranchers to get a map drawn up to show where their property is, and where all of their cows are located. Mr. Pozzanghera asked if Mr. Flood is working only on private land or public land. Sheriff Maycumber said a little of both, wherever the cows are. Mr. Pozzanghera said that the annual report is out and it is open to the public. Commissioner Exner asked about collared packs. Mr. Pozzanghera said that the only collared wolf packs are located on the Reservation.

Due to the input of the Board and the objections of the public, they are not pursuing the Sherman Creek inholding properties. One of the properties has already been purchased by neighbors. WDFW will be paying Ferry County \$6,700 per year in taxes, the legislature raised the payments. They have not been receiving invoiced for the PILT payments and they will require them from now on.

Discussion was held on the Data Sharing Agreement. We may need to update the agreement, this is for wolf information. Mr. Pozzanghera said that the wolf location website presents some challenges, and it's not very user friendly. Discussion was held on who should see data. The Board said that they notify when there is wolf activity near people homes/property, but no exact locations. Mr. Pozzanghera said that is perfectly appropriate. Discussion was held on wolf mortalities. Four wolves died of human causes and they are currently being investigated. Three of those wolves were wearing radio collars. They are worried that the data was getting out about where to find the collared wolves. Discussion was held on penalties for breaking the agreement. They would like to list all parties responsible for the information rather than the county as a whole.

Discussion was held on the wolf data. 5:00 p.m. and again at 5:00 a.m. are the download times. Mr. Pozzanghera would like to move away from point data+. Mr. Pozzanghera presented some data

options to the Board. Mr. Evenson asked if the monitoring includes wolves on the reservation, Mr. Pozzanghera said yes. Discussion was held on den sights. Discussion was held on blackout periods. Mr. Pozzanghera said that there won't be any blackouts this spring because they missed the deadline.

The data options are in the file. (ex. #7)

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


Risk Manager Robert Young, Hazel Borders, Trevor Lane, Travis Fletcher, Sherri Johnson, Robert Young, and Julian and Wendy Braun were present. The Board went in to Executive Session at 3:10 p.m. for 30 minutes. The Board extended for 10 minutes. The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:50 p.m. No decisions were made.

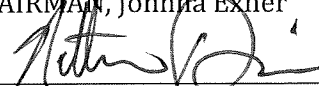
The Board will work on the Fair Management contract and meet again to discuss it on Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.


**Unfinished Business**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

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