

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Monday April 23, 2018**

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

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Changes and Additions to the Agenda

'Public Works Update' was added to the Agenda.

'Veterans Services' was cancelled.

'Juvenile Officer Position' was added to the Agenda.

'Court Administrator' was added to the Agenda.

Board Organizations

Correspondence

Board Reports

Commissioner Exner

Commissioner Exner attended a Voluntary Stewardship Program Meeting on Monday. Commissioner Exner met with Ron Charlton, Will Rowton, Bob Breshears, Kelly Snodgrass, Sandy Dotts, Sandy's boss from Fish and Wildlife, and Rail Corridor Committee members to discuss the Lone Ranch washout. Commissioner Exner attended a Hazard Mitigation Meeting on Tuesday. Commissioner Exner attended a BHT webinar on Wednesday. Commissioner Exner attended a 911 Committee conference call on Thursday morning. Commissioner Exner had a phone conversation with David King, he requested information on the Rail Trail.

Commissioner Davis

Commissioner Davis attended a City Council Meeting on Monday. Commissioner Davis attended a phone conference for the Austin Texas convention he will be attending with Trevor Lane. Commissioner Davis worked on Business Recruitment and Hesse Park on Wednesday. Commissioner Davis worked on Union issues with Ron Charlton and Will Rowton on Wednesday. Commissioner Davis attended a Chamber of Commerce Meeting on Thursday. Commissioner Davis worked on Business Recruitment and attended a Department Head meeting on Thursday.

Commissioner Davis worked on different issues on Friday. Commissioner Davis gave a presentation at the school on his park idea. Commissioner Davis had a phone meeting with the Rural Broadband Appointee for the Governor on Friday. Commissioner Davis gave a pump track park presentation at the Conservation Fair on Saturday. Commissioner Davis received confirmation from Jeff Koffel that the county qualified for all three opportunity zones. Commissioner Davis got the rough draft back for the capital needs assessment for the housing authority transfer.

Commissioner Blankenship

Commissioner Blankenship received several calls regarding Deadman Creek Road.

Public Works Update

Director Ron Charlton and Maintenance Coordinator Will Rowton came before the Board to give an update.

Mr. Charlton presented the Board with Resolution No. 2018-22 Final Order of Vacation of County Road No. 681. Discussion was held on Deadman Creek Road. The meeting for Deadman Creek Road on April 30th was cancelled due to no quorum. Discussion was held on having an attorney for union negotiations. Discussion was held on FEMA funding, Mr. Charlton is almost done with all of the paperwork. Mr. Rowton is still waiting on the estimate for a roller. They will be putting in barbs to divert water away from Silver Creek Road. The plan is to divert the creek back into its original bed. Discussion was held on the washout on Nancy Creek Road.

Ferry County Resolution No. 2018-22 Final Order of Vacation of County Road No. 681 (ex. #1)

Juvenile Officer Position

Discussion was held on the Juvenile Officer position. The county needs to go advertise for a part time person. The deal with Steven's County was too expensive as it is a Union position in Steven's County.

Proposal

Community Member Doug Rowell came before the Board for a discussion. Community Members Bob Platt, Carol Devlin, Kim and John Paul Charles, and Michael Sternberg were present.

Mr. Rowell would like a reduction in speed in front of the Cedar Mill on State Highway on 395. There are two signs, one showing pedestrians and one that shows trucks. People are walking across the highway to and from the parking lot and it is not safe. He would like signs put up stating reduced speed. Bob Platt said he can confirm that it is a safety issue. Carol Devlin said that the 45 M.P.H. signs are suggested and not required. Michael Sternberg said that there are 45 M.P.H. required speed reduction signs in Malo and it does slow them down. Commissioner Blankenship said that a crosswalk would slow track down, but he is not sure what the State Laws are for crosswalks on Highways.

Mr. Rowell proposes that they put the Ten Commandments in the upper chamber of the courthouse. There are two clear walls that would be perfect to display them. He would like to raise the money to pay for it. Mr. Platt said that this is still a mostly Christian nation and our laws are governed by the Ten Commandments. Ms. Charles said that she and her husband support Mr. Rowell's proposal. The Board said that they would have to do some research and discussion on the issue. The Board asked if Mr. Rowell has a picture of what he is proposing. He gave a verbal description of his idea. Mr. Rowell said he would like them painted on the walls, Commissioner Blankenship said he would like them in stone. Commissioner Blankenship said that he would be willing to contribute to the cause.

The next discussion on the Ten Commandment art was scheduled for May 14th. The Board would like to have DOT come for a discussion regarding the speed issue on Highway 395.

Kettle River Advisory Board (KRAB) Grass Mowing/Curlew Water-Sewer

Glen Miller came before the Board for a discussion.

Mr. Miller has been talking to Lorna Johnson about possibly having the Curlew Water and Sewer District paying him to take care of the Brixner Park, but the pay only comes out to \$5 an hour. He would like to see 'Pack It In, Pack It Out' signs, and 'No Glass' signs in the park. He had broken glass puncture all of the tires on his mower last summer. He feels that it will cost about \$800 a season for care of the park, the current amount of pay for the position is \$400. Mr. Miller said that Curlew lost the motel, one residence, they are having to do some liens, and the store and the restaurants may close. If they lose any more than that, things could get ugly for the budget. Discussion was held on all the things Mr. Miller does for the Curlew Water-Sewer District.

Consent & Vouchers

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the request for Stevens County to use the Ferry County Sheriff's logo for Special Deputy Jeff Flood's business cards. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Request from Stevens County is in the file. (ex. #2)

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to raise the pay for Mary Kalinowski to the full rate of pay in the amount of \$1,000. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Payroll change notice for Mary Kalinowski is in the file. (ex. #3)

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-21 to repeal Resolution No. 2017-43 Commissioners Reimbursement. They will no longer receive a \$500 per month per diem for in county travel. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2018-21 to repeal Resolution No. 2017-43 Commissioners Reimbursement (ex. #4)

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve Warrant No. 329359-329360 in the amount of \$50,904.54. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Funding in the amount of \$50,904.54 has been approved for transfer to the clearing fund for payment of Warrant No. 329359-329360 for the following: (ex. #5)

Current Expense in the amount of \$19,129.44

County Road in the amount of \$25,978.14

Auditor's O&M in the amount of \$360.63

Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$1,614.75

Solid Waste in the amount of \$2,852.73

Management Information Systems in the amount of \$968.85

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to accept Thunder Valley Promotions' proposal for the lease of the Eagle Track Raceway. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to sign a letter to WSU for Critical Resources and Infrastructure. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

The Critical Resources and Infrastructure letter is in the file. (ex. #6)

Commissioner Davis made a motion to allow Steven's County to administer the CJTA dollars for Ferry County. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Republic and Ferry County for jail services. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

'Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Republic and Ferry County for District Court, Defense Services, Prosecutor Services, Evidence Maintenance, Records Maintenance, Radio Communications, and Correctional Services' was approved. (ex. #7)

Commissioner Davis made a motion to amend Resolution No. 2018-23 amending Resolution 2017-30 establishing Times and Days for Regular Ferry County Commissioner Meetings. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Ferry County Resolution No. 2018-23 Amending Resolution 2017-30 was approved. (ex. #8)

Commissioner Davis made a motion to accept the Interlocal Agreement between Ferry County and Stevens County for Juvenile Services. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Interlocal Agreement between Stevens County and Ferry County for shared juvenile services was approved. (ex. 9)

Payroll change notice for Amanda Rowton was signed by the Board (ex. #10)

Payroll change notice for Jennifer Knowles was signed by the Board (ex. #11)

Lunch

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Union Meeting

Union Negotiator Tom Cash, Corrections Officer Dave Ruiz, Dispatcher Terri Sebree, and Jail Superintendent Shawn Davis came before the Board for a discussion.

Mr. Cash said they are asking the county to look at the budget to try to pay competitive wages to be able to retain deputies. They are asking 5% for one year to be renegotiated again next year. He feels that the employees still here are here out of loyalty, but if they don't make a competitive wage they will go elsewhere to make more money. Mr. Cash said that they did a deputy cost comparison with other counties to compare to Ferry County. Commissioner Blankenship asked if they did a comparison of the other counties Sheriff's department employees against all other employee wages. Mr. Cash said that they did not do those comparisons.

Commissioner Blankenship said that he feels that they are balancing the budget off the backs of the employees, especially if they are diverting funds away from other departments to give to the Sheriff's department. Commissioner Blankenship said that with the budget as it is, they felt unable

to give anyone raises which will cause issues with the 2019 minimum wage pay raise. Mr. Cash said he is not prepared to negotiate at this time to give the Board time to discuss things. Discussion was held on the budget. Mr. Cash said that they are willing to take nothing for the first three months of this year. The 5% they are asking for includes a 2% cost of living adjustment with a 3% cost adjustment.

Court Administrator

Judge Jessica Reeves said they hired an interim person, but he quit. They have hired Evelyn Bell as the temporary Court Administrator. Her salary was increased and she will start May 1st. They need an improved job description for the Juvenile Probation Officer position and the Board's permission to advertise. The Board approved the request to advertise.

Minutes

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for April 9, 2018. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for April 10, 2018. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for April 16, 2018. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CBDG Grant Discussion

Planning Director Mary Kalinowski came before the Board for a discussion.

Ms. Kalinowski recommended holding off on the CBDG Grant until after the Curlew Water-Sewer Grant is completed, and to get more information. Ms. Kalinowski recommended having a meeting with all interested parties in Orient before applying for the grant. Ms. Kalinowski will be going to Moses Lake for the Critical Ordinance Update Workshop. There will be a FEMA training for flood plains, and a training on how to measure a high water mark in May.

Commissioner Blankenship left at 2:45 p.m. and returned at 3:13 p.m.

Rail Trail Benches and Phase 5 of the Grant Application

Rail Corridor Committee President Ron Krausse and Community Member Keith Bell came before the Board for a discussion. Community Member Michael Sternberg was present.

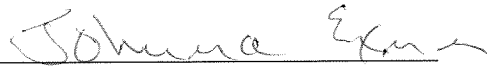
Mr. Bell read a letter from Job Corps Center Director Erik Bracken regarding the gifting of the benches for use on the Rail Trail. Mr. Bell presented the Board with two letters from Erik Bracken. Discussion was held on L&I coverage for the Rail Trail. The Phase 5 Grant Application is due May 1st. Mr. Bell said he removed the Kiwanis Park from the application. Discussion was held on land owned by the Somdays. Mr. Bell recommended the Board look at Charles Montagne's letter. The Board will have a special meeting on Thursday to discuss the grant application from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The Board accepted the donation of the benches and they are waiting for recommendations of where they will be placed. Mr. Bell said that he will send the letter from Charles Montagne to the Board right away.

The letters from Eric Bracken are in the file. (ex. #12)

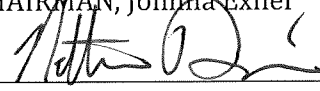
Unfinished Business

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

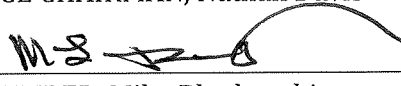
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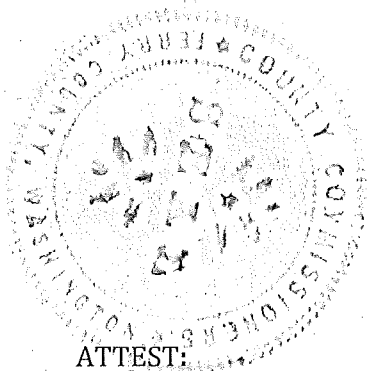
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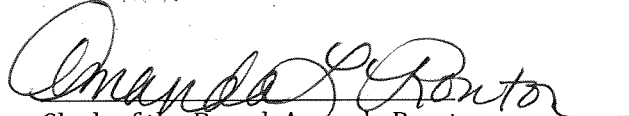
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MEMBER, Mike Blankenship



ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton