

**Adjourned Special Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Thursday April 26, 2018**

The meeting was opened at 10:00 a.m. by Commissioner Exner with Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Blankenship present.

**Invocation**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**7<sup>th</sup> District Legislators; Unfunded/Underfunded Mandates, Budgeting and Funding Issues**

Representative Joel Kretz, Senator Shelly Short, Representative Jacquelin Maycumber came before the Board for a discussion. Jail Superintendent Shawn Davis, Sheriff Ray Maycumber, Public Works Director Ron Charlton, Auditor Diana Galvan were present.

Ferry County is in dire need for funding. Discussion was held on the 2005 Management Review. Commissioner Blankenship said that the land tax increase raised his taxes by 12%. Ferry County has diverted 56% of the road funds since 1988. The next step may be to plead our case to the governor. Commissioner Blankenship feels that next year the county cannot afford to divert even 1% of road dollars. In 2019 the county needs to increase wages due to the state minimum wage increase. Ferry County has had catastrophes in the last 3 years that are draining the reserves.

Discussion was held on the union. The union negotiator said that the 25% of the budget that was rolled over from last year is too much, and the county can afford to spend some of that to give raises. The state recommends rolling over 25% each year to be able to make payroll and pay bills in the first quarter of each year. It is there for emergencies, not raises. Discussion was held on the jail. Discussion was held on SRS funding. The county received \$1 million in Federal Shared Forest funding in 1988 compared to \$500,000 this year. Commissioner Blankenship asked the Legislators to give the Board direction on what meetings they should attend.

Discussion was held on grants for disasters, and disaster funding. Commissioner Exner said that there is a lot of funding out there for recreation, but not infrastructure. Commissioner Davis gave a slide show on unemployment rates, building permits, board feet, land, PILT & SRS, diverted road funds, union issues, personal property tax, local sales & use tax, Fish & Wildlife Washington State PILT, Indigent Defense, revenue vs expenses, and cash flow vs revenue in Ferry County.

Jail Superintendent Shawn Davis reported that Ferry County spent \$10,000 in medical expense on inmates last year and \$50,000 in medical expenses this year. Mr. Charlton said that Public Works spends the same amount on tribal roads as they do on county roads without any additional tribal funding. Public Works hasn't bought a new dump truck since 2006 and most of their pickup trucks were bought in the 1990's. Representative Joel Kretz said that pictures and graphs help to get funding. Senator Shelly Short said that Commissioner Davis' drone footage help get the emergency bridge built when highway 20 washed out last year. Representative Jacquelin Maycumber said to come and testify with Commissioner Davis' presentation and with pictures. Sheriff Maycumber discussed wolf funding.

Auditor Diana Galvan said that the state paid medical leave and the ballot drop boxes are unfunded mandates. Ms. Galvan said that she drove over 300 miles to pick up a total of 40 ballots. Discussion

was held on layoffs. Commissioner Blankenship said that if they have to start laying people off, it could shut down entire departments because they can't run on reduced staff. Some departments should have more staff members than they do. Senator Short asked Commissioner Davis to add the lost dollars from the sawmill closure and mine closures to his slide show.

**Lunch**

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

**Rail Trail Phase 4&5 Change of Scope and RCO Grant Submission**

Rail Trail Partner Keith Bell, Rail Corridor Committee Member Carol Anderson, and Public Works Director Ron Charlton were present.

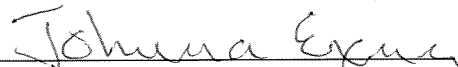
Discussion was held on the Lone Ranch Bridge. The road department helped to unplug a culvert on the rail trail, but after a discussion with County Road Administration Board (CRAB) Mr. Charlton said that Public Works cannot do any work off of county roads. Keith Bell told Mr. Charlton that the Rail Trail Partners will pay for the work that public works did on the trail culverts. It was an emergency if they hadn't cleared the culvert, the trail could have washed out. Discussion was held on the potential campsite on BLM land and the composting toilet. Mr. Bell read from a document that Charles Montagne wrote regarding federal rail banking. To avoid a law suit on certain sections of land the county may have to hold off on those sections of the trail and concentrate on other sections.

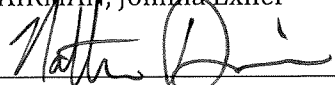
Discussion was held on match funding. Mr. Bell said that we can submit the change of scope on Monday, but it isn't final until the county signs the agreement. The Board asked Mr. Bell if the Rail Trail Partners are willing to put the match funding in writing to be submitted before 8:00 a.m. on Monday. Mr. Bell said that that shouldn't be an issue.

**Unfinished Business**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

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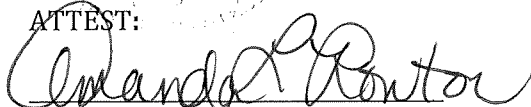
  
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