

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Tuesday December 18, 2018**

The meeting was opened at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Exner. Present: Commissioner Nathan Davis, Commissioner Mike Blankenship, Commissioner Johnna Exner, Clerk of the Board Amanda Rowton, Deputy Clerk of the Board Jennifer Knowles and interested members of the public.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Changes and Additions to the Agenda

'2019 Budget Discussion' was added to the Agenda.

'Fair Contracts' was added to the Agenda.

'Curlew School Trail Easement' was added to the Agenda.

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Conference Call

Lindsey Babcock, Mark Foley, and Joel Herdberg were present (via conference call). Public Works Maintenance Coordinator Will Rowton and Larry Beardslee were also present.

Ms. Babcock asked the Board if they would be willing to go on a field trip to look at different areas of BLM land and discuss other issues. Discussion was held on the racetrack, campground area, and the gun range. There were no easements drawn up for the Eagle Track ORV Road and Pendry Road. Discussion was held on East Lilly Creek Road. Ms. Babcock will call in April to schedule a time to meet up to look at different areas throughout the county. The call ended at 9:15 a.m. Discussion was held on rail lines, and surveying. Discussion was held on the Kettle River Advisory Board. No action was taken.

Public Works Budget

Controller Tiffany Russell, Solid Waste Coordinator Leanne Hawley, Engineer Bob Breshears, Senior Controller Sharon Sattler, Maintenance Coordinator Will Rowton, and Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib were present. The Board chose to divert 38% of road funds.

2019 Budget Discussion

Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib was present. Discussion was held on the Paid Family Leave Act. Discussion was held on raises. Discussion was held on public records requests. Discussion was held on possibly funding a half time position to take care of the Public Records Requests; the Board would like to readdress the issue in June 2019. Discussion was held on the Emergency Management position. The Board agreed to a half time position at \$20 an hour. The Emergency Management will be a stand-alone department under current expense.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion for the county to pay for the state mandated Paid Family Leave Act. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

State Audit Representation Letter was signed by the chairman. (ex. #1)

State Audit Letter was signed by the chairman. (ex. #2)

Lunch

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

2019 Budget Hearing Finalization

Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib was present. The hearing continued at 1:00 p.m. There were no public comments. Discussion was held on raises. The hearing closed at 1:26 p.m.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve a \$1,000 raise for all full time employees, except for the Prosecutor and the District Court judge, and prorated for part time employees. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Items

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the request from Public Works for reimbursable work to use the Public Works truck for snow plowing at \$30 a use, not to exceed \$5,000. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #3)

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the expenses for Keith Montgomery as part of broadband travel, which is over the 60-day limit. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #4)

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to designate 38% of the County Road Funds collected for 2019 to the Diverted Road Fund. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #5)

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-60 2019 Property Tax Levy. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #6)

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-63 Creating the Emergency Management Department within Current Expense. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #7)

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the Resolution No. 2018-64 2019 Final Budget Revenues & Expenditures. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #8)

Commissioner Davis made a motion to advertise for bids for the Eagle Track property for 2019. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #9)

Fair Contracts

Risk Manager Robert Young, Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib, and Senior Controller Sharon Sattler were present. Discussion was held on event size.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Ferry County Fair Management Contract and the Ferry County Fairgrounds Management Contract. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #10 & #11)

A public hearing for bids to lease the Eagle Track property will be advertised in the newspaper for two weeks.

Commissioners Working Session

Discussion was held on the TriCounty Economic District Republic position. The Board discussed possibly having two part time positions, instead of one full time position.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to hire a county economic development specialist position, or positions within the county. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. Commissioner Blankenship was opposed. The motion carried 2-1.

Veteran's Fund

Legion Member Dennis Wuerth and Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib were present. Discussion was held on using funds to buy grave markers for deceased veterans. The Board approved the purchase of the markers using funds that are in the Veterans budget.

Curlew School Trail Easement

Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib was present. Discussion was held on the Curlew School Trail Easement.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the changes made to the Curlew School Trail Easement. The agreement will be returned to the superintendent to be signed and notarized. Commissioner Davis seconded the agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was closed for the quarter at 3:30 p.m.

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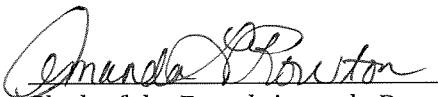
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