

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Monday September 16, 2019**

Commissioner Blankenship opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. 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**

An Executive Session for Personnel was added to the Agenda at 1:30 p.m.

A Conference Call with Aetna was added to the Agenda at 3:30 p.m.

The Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for Litigation at 3:00 p.m. was cancelled.

**Correspondence & Board Reports** No action was taken.

**BOCC Approved Minutes**

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the Tri County Forest Group meeting notes as corrected for August 16, 2019. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the BOCC meeting minutes as presented for September 3, 2019. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Procurement Policy**

Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib was present. The county procurement policy did not get done, and the county received a finding from the State. Ms. Schertenleib will type up an intention letter to the state, and the Clerk of the Board can put it on BOCC letterhead. Public Works controller will be attending classes on procurement in October. Once staff has the proper training, the policy can be enacted. *The Board approved the letter and trainings by consensus.*

**Kettle River Advisory Board (KRAB) By-laws**

KRAB Chair Lorna Johnson was present. Previous KRAB member Ed Watt was present. Mr. Watt presented the Board with a letter and photos (Ex. #1). Discussion was held on the KRAB bylaws. Changes were recommended by the Board. The by-laws will need to go in front of the Stevens County Commissioners for approval since it is a joint board. Ms. Johnson will make the changes to the by-laws. No action was taken.

**Consent Items**

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Payroll in the amount \$489,541.31. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. (Ex. #2)*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Warrant No. 335329-335464 in the amount of \$924,846.98. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. (Ex. #3)*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds from EMS District to EMS Equipment Reserve Fund in the amount of \$1,137.00. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. (Ex. #4)*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-25 Lifting the Use of Open Flame. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. (Ex. #5)*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve a reimbursement for Lee Hall past the 60-day limit. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. (Ex. #6)*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to appoint Larry Allen to the Veterans Advisory Board. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. (Ex. #7)*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve veteran's assistance for Kenneth Wescott. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.*

*By consensus of the Board, Rachel Siracuse may add links to aging and senior care resources, to the county website. (Ex. #8)*

*Marissa Hulse received permission, via consensus, to put out pamphlets in the Prosecutors Office regarding public records requests.*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the Curlew lake cleanup trash, free of charge at the transfer station, subject to available funding. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (Ex. #9)*

### **Lunch**

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m. Commissioner Davis arrived at 1:26 p.m.

### **Airport Lights**

Airport Manager Terry Thiele was present. The airport has a photocell that turns the lights on at night automatically. It also allows pilots to turn on the lights when they need to land. On September 10<sup>th</sup> a medical plane was coming in and the photocell failed, they had to divert to Omak. The ambulance crew will be doing some training to learn how to override the system when needed. The Fly-In went well this year. They sold 450 steak dinners. There were 105 planes out at the airport for the Fly-in this year. They also added an additional parking area. No action was taken.

### **Working Session**

Discussion was held on the Phase 5 RCO Agreement. *Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve Rail Trail Phase 5 RCO Project Agreement 18-1959D. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (Ex. #10)*

*Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-26 Establishing Process for Ferry County Rail Trail Surfacing Project Phase 5. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (Ex. #11)*

Discussion was held on the Housing Authority properties. The Housing Authority Board would like to put the Housing Authority Properties up for sale. *The Board approved putting the Housing Authority up for sale, by consensus. (Ex. #12)*

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

The Board went in to Executive Session at 1:40 p.m. for 20 minutes. The Board came out of Executive Session at 2:00 p.m. No action was taken.

**Advertisement Request**

Sheriff Ray Maycumber was present. The county needs to advertise for a town hall meeting for the 3/10<sup>ths</sup> of 1% sales tax increase for Public Safety. *The Board approved the advertising for the sales tax increase, by consensus.* The Clerk of the Board will send out the public notice. No further action was taken.

**County Medical Conference Call**

Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib was present. Payroll Specialist Rosanna Champion, HUB Senior Benefits Consultant Melissa Koontz, HUB Senior Benefits Consultant Matt Gilroy, and Aetna Account Executive Ashley Douglas were present via conference call.

County medical cost increases for 2020 will be 14% (\$120,000 increase) if the county doesn't go to market looking for other insurance, and an 18% (\$160,000) increase if the county does go to market looking, but chooses to stay with Aetna. Discussion was held on self-funded medical.

The Board directed the Clerk of the Board to contact HUB and direct them to not accept the 14% renewal and to go out to market for all of it, including self-funded medical insurance.

**Adjourn**

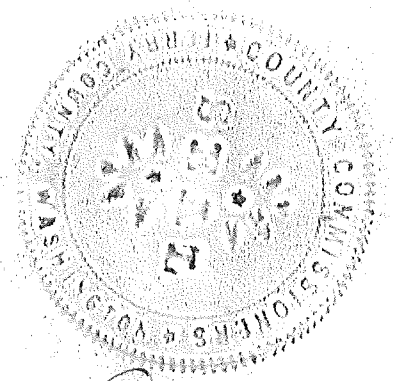
With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON

absent  
CHAIRMAN, Mike Blankenship

Nathan Davis  
VICE CHAIRMAN, Nathan Davis

Johnna Exner  
MEMBER, Johnna Exner



ATTEST:

Amanda Rowton  
Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton