

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Monday October 7, 2019**

Commissioner Davis opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Present: Commissioner Nathan Davis, Commissioner Johnna Exner, Clerk of the Board Amanda Rowton, Deputy Clerk of the Board Jennifer Knowles and interested members of the public. Commissioner Mike Blankenship arrived at 9:03 a.m.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Changes and Additions to the Agenda

A Deputy Prosecutor Position Discussion was added to the Agenda.

Curlew Lake Cleanup was added to the Agenda.

Deputy Prosecutor Position Discussion

Prosecutor Kathryn Burke was present. The Board asked about the Deputy Prosecutor's salary increase. The pay is more than with the previous Deputy Prosecutor due to the fact that the new Deputy Prosecutor applicant has 18 years of experience. The previous Deputy Prosecutor had no experience. Ms. Burke does have it in her budget and would like to make the applicant an offer by the end of the day. The Board may have more questions but will get back to Ms. Burke by the end of the day. No action was taken.

Correspondence & Board Reports

No action was taken.

Curlew Lake Cleanup

David Gravrock was present. Mr. Gravrock is part of the Curlew Lake Homeowners Association. A large number of volunteers have a cleanup day on Curlew Lake each year. They are looking for a way to pay for the trash that accumulates on and around the lake. In the past there have been grants that would pay for the trash to be taken to the transfer station. The grant is no longer available so the lake association is looking for a way to pay to have the trash dumped out at the transfer station. *The Board will reimburse Mr. Gravrock for the trash that he paid to have dumped for this year only. The Board encouraged the Curlew Lake Homeowners Association to apply for tourism funds each year from now on, as was suggested last year.* No further action was taken.

Minutes

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the Tri County Forest Group Meeting Notes as corrected for September 20, 2019. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the BOCC meeting minutes as corrected for September 23, 2019. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance Update

Lead Custodian Trenton Wellman was present. Mr. Wellman needs to purchase Ice Melt for the winter. The cost is \$742.77, but he will be splitting the ice melt with the jail/Sheriff's Dept. His portion would be approximately \$365.49. The log house needs siding. The Weed Board would like an estimate on each phase of the build before it is done, for approval. *The Board approved the purchase of the ice melt by consensus.* The Board would like an estimate for the whole building, before Mr. Wellman goes any further. Discussion was held on all the work that needs done on the building. No further action was taken.

Fair Update

Fair Managers Marcus and Vera Johnston were present. Ms. Johnston presented the Board with Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Application for Capital Improvement Grant Funds (ex. #1). The fairgrounds are eligible for an agriculture grant. Discussion was held on the various projects that need done out at the fairgrounds. Discussion was held on the grant. The grant has a 50% match. The county fair went well; attendance was down slightly from last year. Attendance was 3,200 this year and 3,500 last year. Commissioner Exner would like information of whether the border hour reduction affected fair attendance at all. Ms. Johnston said they have a lot of events booked for next year. The R.V. storage is already booked up, even with the increase in prices. No action was taken.

WSU Update

WSU Extension Director Trevor Lane was present via conference call. Mr. Lane reported on a potential purchase of more than \$300 for Ag. For food systems and green houses. The funds are in the current budget. Republic and Curlew Schools both currently have greenhouses; they need to figure out something for Keller and Orient. Discussion was held on fair. The 4-H Coordinator position is open and will hopefully be filled soon. Discussion was held on 4-H. Discussion was held on Broadband Action Team (BAT). Mr. Lane and Jeremiah Loftus went to Pateros and Brewster to talk to businesses. Discussion was held on the Mobile Broadband Unit. No action was taken.

Consent Items

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the voucher for Scott Simmons for Agriculture Education and Consulting in the amount of \$2,500. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #2)

The Board approved hiring a deputy prosecutor at the yearly wage of \$60,000, by consensus.

Commissioner Exner made a motion to accept the letter from Northeast Washington Counties to Chief Forester Vicki Christiansen regarding the Colville Nation Forest Expansion. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #3)

The Board approved David Klingensmith as a fill-in transportation officer, by consensus. (ex. #4)

The Board directed the deputy clerk to pay the 2020 TEDD Membership Dues & Support.

The Board directed the clerk of the Board to pay the Evergreen Forest County Group lobbyist Robert Weidner for 2020 services.

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve ACH Direct Deposit in the amount of \$13,550. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #5)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Warrant No. 335554-335665 in the amount of \$128,836.11. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #6)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the cancellation of Warrant No. 335359 in the amount of \$1,000, duplicate payment. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #7)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve transfer in the amount of \$522,393.55. Commissioner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #8)

By consensus, the Board approved the Deputy Clerk signing the snow-grooming grant for the 2019/2020 winter season.

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the appointment of Deborah Moor to the Board of Trustees of the North Central Regional to represent Douglas County. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #9)

A Southern Computer Warehouse purchase, for Rachel Siracuse, was approved by the Chairman. (ex. #10)

Lunch

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

2019 Budget Amendment Hearing

The hearing opened at 1:00 p.m. Discussion was held on the different budgets that need amending. There were no public comments. The hearing closed at 1:17 p.m.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-29 Amending Various 2019 Budgets. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #11)

2020 Preliminary Budget Hearing

The hearing opened at 1:30 p.m. There were no public comments. The hearing closed at 1:35 p.m.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the 2020 Preliminary Budget. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. Commissioner Blankenship was opposed. The motion carried 2-1.

Public Works Update & Solid Waste Update

Director Ron Charlton, Controller Mary Kalinowski, Solid Waste Coordinator Leanne Hawley, and Sunshine Disposal Manager Rick Buffer were present. Ms. Kalinowski presented a Public Works agenda (ex. #12) Discussion was held on the Inchelium highway, the Bridge on the Fuller property, the county shop fuel systems, and on road grading. The Cache Creek washouts are ready to go out to bid. They need to hire an archaeologist for the Curlew Lake culvert replacement project.

The Board approved the hiring of the archaeologist, by consensus.

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the Resolution 2019-28 Memorandum of Understanding between Ferry County Public Works Department and Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #13)

Memorandum of Understanding Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Ferry County Department of Public Works was signed by the Chairman. (ex. #14)

Ms. Hawley gave a report on Solid Waste. Post closure is completely done now. Ms. Hawley is looking at a new scale and computer system; hers is outdated. The new service has 24-hour tech service if anything happens. The current program is \$1,000 a year; the new system is \$2,400 a year. Ms. Hawley needs approval for the new system; the funds are in her budget for 2019. The metal recycler will be out within the month to pick up metal. The transfer station won't be accepting tires until spring. The week after next Ms. Hawley will be utilizing inmates to pick up trash around the transfer station. Ms. Hawley has been working with ecology to be able to accept household batteries for recycling.

The Board approved the new scale computer system for the transfer station, by consensus.

Health District Update

Administrator Matt Schanz was present. Discussion was held on possible Department of Health requirements for mandatory inspections on water and septic at the time of property transfer. The health department cannot do the inspections themselves, it would have to go out to private contractors. It is an unfunded mandate. Discussion was held on vaping. The Health Department is going to be revisiting the vaping issue. If the county would like to ban vaping, he recommends the county putting it in their policy including buildings and vehicles. The Spokane board of health added vaping to their definition for smoking in public places. Discussion was held on the water system out at the fairgrounds. Well number one is a solid well; it just needs a complete round of testing. Well number two is shallower with potential surface contaminants. The number two well could serve the campgrounds and well number three is non-potable. Discussion was held on possibly using the old Pine grove well, but it is not desirable. No action was taken.

Cattle Grazing Issue

Citizen Bob Kirkham was present. The Clerk of the Board made copies of the Stock Restricted Area Ordinance No. 1-70 (ex. #15). Mr. Kirkham said that cattle keep knocking down his gate and getting onto his property. Commissioner Blankenship told Mr. Kirkham to send a letter to the BOCC and the BOCC will send a letter to the owners of the livestock asking them to take more care with their livestock.

Commissioner Exner left at 3:00 p.m. to attend a Grizzly Bear reintroduction meeting.

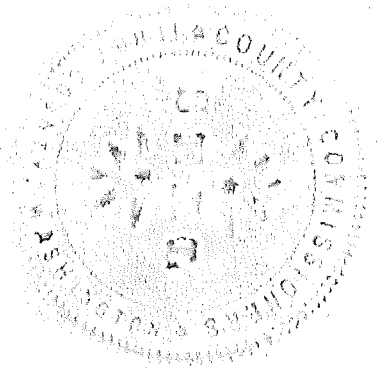
Tabulation System


Auditor Dianna Galvan was present. Ms. Galvan presented a quote from Clear Ballot (ex. #16). The total amount would be \$101,190. She could set up a payment plan with 3% interest. Ferry County is the last county on the old tabulation system; it is completely outdated. Discussion was held on costs. Ms. Galvan will see about getting a loan from the state treasury and will get back to the Board with the answer. No action was taken.

Adjourn


With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

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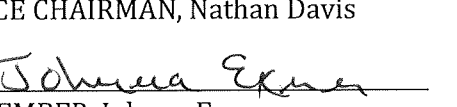




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