

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Monday October 14, 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

'Curlew Water & Sewer Concerns' was added to the Agenda.

Correspondence & Board Reports No action was taken.

Drug Court

Northeast Washington Alliance Counseling Services Executive Director David Nielson, District Court Coordinator Chris Burnside, Chemical Dependency Councilor Regina Jolly, and Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib were present. Mr. Nielson provided a copy of a portion of the Criminal Justice Treatment Act (ex. #1).

Discussion was held on Criminal Justice Treatment Act funds. Discussion was held on Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT). Drug court has declined all MAT. Discussion was held on the different medications for treating drug addiction and monitoring the treatments for drug use. Drug Court will sunset automatically unless the Board of Commissioners decide to keep it going.

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the Criminal Justice Treatment Act plan. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved Minutes

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the BOCC meeting minutes as corrected for October 7, 2019. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Curlew Water & Sewer District Concerns

Glen Miller was present. Mr. Miller has some concerns regarding the Curlew Water & Sewer District. Mr. Miller was originally hired for tech support and he was given the clerk duties as well other duties. Mr. Miller struggled to perform all duties given to him. The Board asked Mr. Miller to send the Clerk of the Board the information that he is concerned about. No action was taken.

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

The Board went in to Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. for 15 minutes. The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. No action was taken.

Consent Items

The Board discussed Homelessness Funding. *Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the updated 5 Year Homelessness Plan. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #2)*

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve Washington State Military Authorization Form Project 19EMPG Contract number E20-109. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #3)

Event fees were waived for use of the fair grounds for the Republic Youth Action Coalition harvest party, by consensus of the Board. (ex. #4)

Lunch

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:52 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Public Works Update

Director Ron Charlton and Controller Mary Kalinowski were present. Ms. Kalinowski presented the Board with a Public Works Agenda (ex. #5)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-30 to Transfer Public Property (Jeep Cherokee) from Public Works to the Maintenance Department. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #6)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-31 to enter into an Agreement with Stevens County for the Purpose of Employment Sharing a County Road Engineer. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #7)

Discussion was held on East Silver Creek Bridge. The pier cap is deteriorating. It is a concrete bridge on wooden piling. Fixing the pier cap will only last around 5 years, and will need fixed again. Discussion was held on Inchelium Highway and Deadman Creek Road. Public Works bought three more sanders to mount on plow trucks from the state. No further action was taken.

Clerk's Budget

Clerk Jean Booher and Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib were present. Ms. Booher is concerned about her budget due to changes in the Superior Court budget and District Court budget. The Board reassured her that they are only in the discussion stage at this point, nothing is concrete as of yet. No action was taken.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW); Wolf Update

WDFW Regional Director Steve Pozzanghera and WDFW Wolf Coordinator Julia Smith were present. Ms. Smith presented the Board with Wolf Post-Recovery Plan Scoping (ex. #8).

Julia was brought in to lead the post wolf recovery plan for WDFW. They are in very early stages of the plan. Ms. Smith said that they cancelled the 14 public open houses in the face of threats of violence. She wasn't informed of the types of threats or whom they came from. The meetings were supposed to be regarding the wolf management conservation plan. The wolves are considered 'recovered' when they are both state and federally delisted. The state has three different recovery zones. The zone that includes Ferry County has twelve breeding pair of wolves. Other areas do not

have as many pairs. Discussion was held on the requirements for recovery. The delisting of wolves may not occur for 5-7 years. The Board feels that Ferry County cannot wait 5-7 years, it will ruin ranchers. Discussion was held on wolf translocation. Discussion was held on scoping. The 90 day comment period ends November 1st. Ms. Smith has handouts for the public. The Board will find a way to distribute the handouts to the area businesses. Mr. Pozzanghera provided the Board with a comment letter for reference (ex. #9). Discussion was held on the cougar pilot project, Commissioner Blankenship would like to see the program reopened. No action was taken.

HUB International Update; Medical Quotes

Payroll Specialist Rosanna Champion and Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib were present. Senior Employee Benefits Consultant Melissa Koontz, Senior Employee Benefits Consultant Matt Gilroy, Ashley and Randy were present via conference call. Discussion was held on the marketing process. Aetna has declined the county's offer to stay with Aetna on a self-funded plan. If the county wants to stay with Aetna, they would have to pay the 18% increase. Premera offered a 6.8% increase. Discussion was held on the different plans. Discussion was held on level funding and bundled funding. HUB is waiting for the last quote to come in and will call in again with the information. Another discussion was scheduled for October 28th at 10:00 a.m. No action was taken.

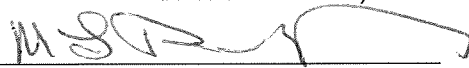
Drug Court 1/10th of 1% Tax


Prosecutor Kathryn Burke, District Court Administrator Chris Burnside, Jail Superintendent Shawn Davis, Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib and Drug Court Coordinator Julie O'Neal were present. Ms. Burke said that Judge Brown is requesting to renew the 1/10th of 1% sales tax for drug court. Discussion was held on the successes of drug court. Discussion was held on the Criminal Justice Treatment Act funding. Discussion was held on the withdrawal drugs available. Discussion was held on the difference between treatment with drugs and without drugs. No action was taken.

Adjourn

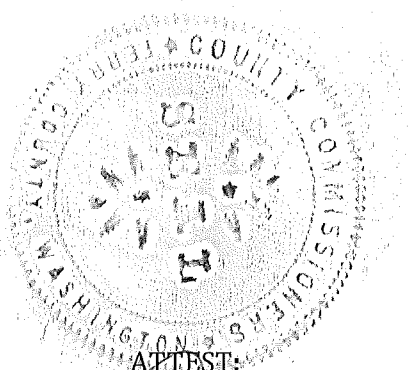
With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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