

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Monday March 16, 2020**

Commissioner Davis opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Present: Commissioner Johnna Exner, Commissioner Howard Hambleton, 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 per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for Personnel was added to the Agenda.

Correspondence & Board Reports No action was taken.

Approved Minutes

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the BOCC meeting minutes as presented for March 9, 2020. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance Update

Lead Custodian Trenton Wellman was present. Mr. Wellman got quotes for ladders and harnesses. *The Board approved the purchase of the ladders and the harnesses up to \$2,000, by consensus.* Mr. Wellman requested taking time off. *The Board denied the request at this time.* Discussion was held on cleaning safety measures for Covid-19 virus. No further action was taken.

Coronavirus/Covid-19

Emergency Manager Steve Bonner, Hospital CFO Brant Truman, Hospital CEO Aaron Edwards, Hospital Board Chair Nancy Giddings, WSU Extension Office Manger Tammy Folks, District Court Administrator Chris Burnside, Treasurer Rochelle Rodak, Planning Director Bill Folks, Public Works Director Ron Charlton, Lead Janitor Trenton Wellman, 911 Coordinator Terri Sebree, Jail Superintendent Shawn Davis, District Court Deputy Leslie Christiansen, Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib, Community Member Jim Burnside, Sheriff Ray Maycumber, School Superintendent Kevin Young, Housing Authority Clerk Jae Hightower, Auditor Dianna Galvan, and SAR President Sam Jenkins were present.

Ms. Giddings would like to get the truth out to the public to avoid misinformation. Mr. Edwards spoke regarding the virus. The clinic has been slammed, and face masks were stolen out of the clinic. Mr. Bonner said that Ferry County doesn't have an Emergency Worker Program, but we can start screening volunteers and get them in place to help out where needed. Sheriff Maycumber said that the county has a CERT program, but most of those team members are in the at-risk category. Mr. Edwards said that non-essential medical staff are being sent home to work remotely. Sheriff Maycumber said that they are putting procedures in place to limit exposure to the public. Ms. Rodak said that she would like to close her office to the public, and put up a drop box outside the courthouse for people to pay their land taxes. Ms. Rodak said that the Assessor agrees with the office closure.

Mr. Edwards said that closing offices to the public would help the hospital district by reducing exposure. If too many people get exposed, the hospital and clinic will be overrun with sick people. Discussion was held on emergency funding and emergency supplies. Discussion was held on testing for the virus.

Consent Items

The Board approved sending out a reminder email to all departments regarding the countywide \$300 spending limit, by consensus.

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the cancelled Warrant NO. 337231 in the amount of \$611.30. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #1)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Warrant No. 337365-337550 in the amount of \$610,426.55. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #2)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds from EMS District to EMS Equipment Reserve in the amount of \$853.00. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. (ex. #3)

Letter of Support for Restoration of the L. H. Mason Building and Grant Application as requested by the Ferry County Historical Society was signed by the Chairman (ex. #4)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Ferry County Pride Month Proclamation 2020. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #5)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Signature Authorization Form for Grant Funds for Emergency Management. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (ex. #6)

Lunch

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:57 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Public Works & Solid Waste Update

Public Works Director Ron Charlton, Solid Waste Coordinator Leanne Hawley, Sunshine Manager Rick Buffer, District Manager for Ferry and Stevens County Paul Dionne, and Planning Director Bill Folks were present. Ms. Hawley presented the Board with a packet (ex. #7). Ms. Hawley requested to raise tipping fees. She will have to give a seventy-five-day notice to all customers. The change would go into effect on June 1st. *Commissioner Exner made a motion to increase the 140-pound tipping fees from \$12.00 to \$15.00. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Discussion was held on Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). Discussion was held on the thefts at the Transfer Station. Ms. Hawley will be putting up additional signage out at the transfer station regarding taking anything off of the property. Discussion was held on how to handle the Covid-19 virus for the employees at the Transfer Station. Ms. Hawley is concerned with giving out change since Washington Federal is closed to the public. Mr. Charlton said he is willing to close his doors to the public since they can still get all their work done behind closed doors. No further action was taken.

Planning Update

Planning Director Bill Folks was present. Discussion was held on the Orient water grant. Mr. Folks gave a planning update. Mr. Folks said it would be hard for him to work from home, but they could close the doors to the public for safety. No action was taken.

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 1:41 p.m. for 15 minutes. The Board came out of Executive Session at 1:56 p.m. No action was taken.

Working Session

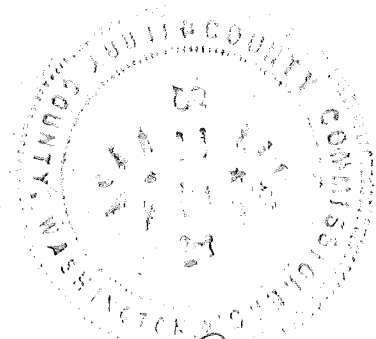
Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib was present. Discussion was held on the declaration of emergency due to the Covid-9/Coronavirus.

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the Resolution 2020-08 Declaration of Emergency Due to the Covid-19/Coronavirus. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (ex. #8). Discussion was held on how to keep the Auditor’s Office safe and still be able to help the public during the state of emergency. Further discussion will need to be done regarding sick leave. Commissioner Exner made a motion to request each department come up with a plan to minimize contact with the public to reduce risk due to the Covid-19/Coronavirus. Each department needs to submit their plan to the Commissioners’ Office to be approved. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Schertenleib said that the Insurance Fund is low on funds and will need a transfer. No further action was taken. The Board listened in on a Commerce video conference regarding Homeless/Coronavirus Funding. *The Board agreed to come in on Tuesday March 17th at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the Homeless/Coronavirus funding from Commerce.* No further action was taken.

Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.



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