

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Tuesday March 24, 2020**

Commissioner Johnna Exner opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Also present: Commissioner Howard Hambleton, Clerk of the Board Amanda Rowton, Deputy Clerk of the Board Jennifer Knowles and interested members of the public. Commissioner Nathan Davis arrived at 9:08 a.m.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Changes and Additions to the Agenda

Conference call with Cathy McMorris Rodgers was added to the Agenda.

Department Head Discussion: Coronavirus/Covid-19 Leave

Public Works Director Ron Charlton, Risk Manager Robert Young, Clerk Jean Booher, Sheriff Ray Maycumber, Treasurer Rochelle Rodak, Auditor Dianna Galvan, Assessor Rachel Siracuse, Payroll Specialist Rosanna Champion, District Court Coordinator Chris Burnside, and Jail Superintendent Shawn Davis were present.

Discussion was held on types of leave available for employees during the Covid-19 crisis. Discussion was held on what each department needs to function. Ms. Champion recommended staggering employees until April 2nd using special occurrence pay on the days that they don't work.

Commissioner Exner made a motion to give the Department Heads the flexibility to put their employees on Special Occurrence pay until April 1st, and for each Department Head to submit a plan to the HR Department. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Working Session

Discussion was held on Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). Discussion was held on Homeless Housing/Quarantine Housing. Discussion was held on courthouse cleaning for virus removal. Discussion was held on staggering the janitor's to be able to cover all the hours that the courthouse is open. Discussion was held on hiring Spring Clean to help the janitorial staff clean and disinfect the courthouse. Discussion was held on increasing work hours for Jeremiah Loftus and Steve Bonner during the Covid-19 emergency. Commissioner Hambleton recused himself from collecting data for the District 3 voting issue due to the fact that he is in District 3.

The Board approved hiring Spring Clean for cleaning and disinfecting the courthouse, by consensus.

Commissioner Exner made a motion to increase hours for Jeremiah Loftus and Steve Bonner to 29 hours a week for the purpose of dealing with the Coronavirus/Covid-19 Virus emergency. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Davis left at 11:02 a.m.

Department of Health Webinar

Commissioner Exner and Commissioner Hambleton listened in on a Department of Health Webinar.

Commissioner Davis returned at 11:45 a.m.

Consent Items

Commissioner Exner made a motion to accept the Washington State Department of Commerce Grant Agreement with Ferry County through Housing Assistant Unit, one the Board receives the final draft with the additional language discussed. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. (Final signed Draft ex. #1)

Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve a Payroll Draw in the amount of \$861.20. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #2)

Lunch

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:13 a.m. and reconvened at 1:13 p.m.

Working Session

Discussion was held on the request from the Prosecutor’s Office to purchase a vacuum cleaner. Discussion was held on the Homeless/Quarantine Housing Grant funding.

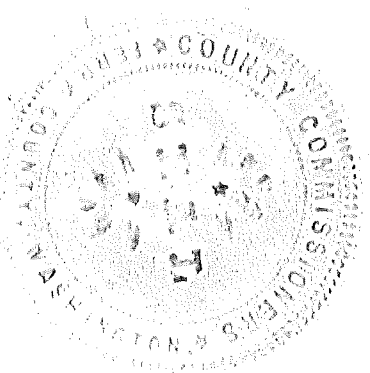
The Board approved the purchase of the vacuum cleaner by the Prosecutor’s Office, by consensus.

Conference Call with Cathy McMorris Rodgers

The Board listened to a conference call with Cathy McMorris Rodgers regarding the Covid-19 outbreak. Commissioner Exner asked Ms. Rodgers about relief for struggling businesses along the Canadian Border due to the border closing. Ms. Rodgers recommended the business owner call the Small Business Administration. No action was taken.

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With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.



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