

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Monday July 6, 2020**

Commissioner Davis opened the meeting for the quarter at 9:00 a.m. Also 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**

A Curlew Food Bank discussion was added to the Agenda.

A Building Inspector discussion was added to the Agenda.

An Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for Personnel was added to the Agenda.

**Correspondence & Board Reports**

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the building permit reimbursement for Simon Midea and Joyce Maua, due to extenuating circumstances. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #1)*

*The Board approved the Sheriff to go ask the City for a parcel of property in exchange for police services, by consensus.*

**Covid-19 Discussion**

Northeast Tri County Health District Administrator Matt Schanz was present via conference call. Sheriff Ray Maycumber, Public Works Director Ron Charlton, Fair Managers Vera & Marcus Johnston, and Republic District Ranger Travis Fletcher were present.

Discussion was held on Covid-19. Discussion was held on the differences between the race track and the fairgrounds. The race track is designated as an outdoor recreational facility by RCW, but the fairgrounds are not listed as such. No action was taken.

**Consent Items**

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-23 Limiting the Use of Open Flame. 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 Sheriff's Uniform/Clothing to Sheriff's Clothing Revolving in the amount of \$2,861.75. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #3)*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds from Current Expense to Sheriff's Uniform/Clothing in the amount of \$11,000. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #4)*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds from Enhanced 911 to Sheriff's Uniform Clothing in the amount of \$1,000. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #5)*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Order to Treasurer to Transfer Funds from Conservation Futures Fund to Current Expense in the amount of \$108,981.63. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #6)*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Payroll Warrant No. 338410-338447 in the amount of \$488,787.26. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #7)*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Warrant No. 338460-338516 in the amount of \$203,533.05. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #8)*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve ACH Direct Deposit in the amount of \$20,433.93. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #9)*

*Commissioner Hambleton made a motion to approve the expenditure for SAR for CPR training in the amount of \$400 and approximately \$300 for travel and hotel. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #10)*

### **Lunch**

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

### **Public Works Update**

Director Ron Charlton, Engineer Bob Breshears, Engineer Nicole Norvell, and Controller Mary Kalinowski were present. Ms. Kalinowski presented the Board with a Public Works Agenda (ex. #11)

*Commissioner Hambleton made a motion to approve the promotional hire letter of Vern Johnson as foreman of the Incheilium Shop. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #12)*

Discussion was held on the Interlocal Agreement for engineer services that was signed previously and needed some changes made to it.

*Commissioner Hambleton made a motion to approve Interlocal Agreement between Ferry County and Stevens County for the Services of Part-Time Ferry County Road Engineer, this contract supersedes the previous contract. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #13)*

### **Curlew Food Bank**

Community Member Bob Platt was present.

Mr. Platt said that the Second Harvest Food Bank raised the annual household income to \$69,000. They are running out of room in the church kitchen that they use as a food bank. They have been pricing 20' Conex containers, the best price they found was \$3,000. They have been granted permission to put the storage container behind the church. They are asking for funding out of the homeless grant that the county was granted. Discussion was held on whether this would qualify under the Cares Act. The number of food bank customers has increased as many local people have

lost their jobs due to Covid-19. They need funding immediately. The Board will need to do some research on where to possibly find the funds. No action was taken.

### **Approved Minutes**

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the BOCC meeting minutes as presented for June 15, 2020. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the BOCC meeting minutes as corrected for June 22, 2020. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **Citizen Concern Regarding Building Inspector**

Community Members Ron Ciais, Mike Nee, Jack Bacon, Darren Smith, Brad Miller, Roger Halbach, Sam Mellerson, Andre Ciais and several others were present. Sheriff Ray Maycumber was also present.

Mr. Ciais asked Mr. Nee to describe the incident that led up to his termination. Mr. Ciais said that Mr. Nee received a bad rap and is honest as the day is long. Commissioner Davis described multiple issues that the Board has dealt with, regarding Mr. Nee. The Chairman brought up an incident from 2016. Mr. Nee said that in 2016 he was out of line and should have been fired then, but he should not have been fired this time. The Board asked Mr. Nee why he lied on his time card by writing down 10-hour days for the month of June when he was only eligible to work 5-hour days. Mr. Nee said that he was angry with the Board for locking him out of his computer after being fired.

The Chairman allowed the assembly to speak, regarding Mr. Nee. Mr. Nee feels he was unfairly fired. The Board listened to more testimony from the crowd. The Board said that they would think about it, but could not guarantee that they would reconsider. Mr. Ciais said they would like to get on the Agenda next week to speak to the Board again. The Board will give their decision regarding Mr. Nee being reappointed to his position on Monday July 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

### **Covid-19 Funding for Bailiff Position**

District Court Administrator Chris Burnside was present.

Ms. Burnside would like to use Covid-19 funding for a court bailiff as Superior Court has done. Ms. Burnside would like to use Bernadette Brandon as well. She would like Ms. Brandon to start on Friday. *The Board approved the request to hire Bernadette Brandon as a District Court Bailiff using Covid-19 funding, by consensus.*

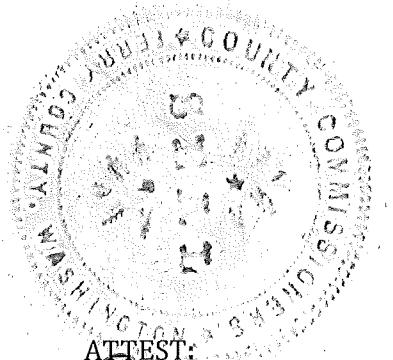
### **Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for Personnel**

The Board went into Executive Session at 2:45 p.m. for 30 minutes. The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:15 p.m. No decisions were made.

**Adjourn**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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