

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
Ferry County Commissioners  
Monday September 21, 2020**

Commissioner Davis opened the meeting 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**

Building Inspector Update was cancelled.

Cares Act Funding was added to the Agenda.

Sheriff Update was added to the Agenda.

**Sheriff Update**

Sheriff Ray Maycumber was present. The Noah Net fiber has failed twice and Ferry County lost the ability to contact 911. The Sheriff's Department needs to put in a new line so that doesn't happen again. No action was taken.

**Correspondence & Board Reports**

No action was taken.

**Cares Act Funding**

Grant Coordinator Sarah Reaveley and Community & Business Outreach Coordinator Jeremiah Loftus were present.

Ms. Reaveley gave an excel presentation regarding businesses in Ferry County that have applied for Cares Act Funding.

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the distribution of funding for local businesses with Cares Act Funding in the amount of \$90,342.70. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Forest Service Update**

Republic District Ranger Travis Fletcher was present. Mr. Fletcher gave an update. Discussion was held on lawsuits. Discussion was held on range land. Discussion was held on the San Poil project. Discussion was held on fires in the county. Next week the Tonasket Forest Service area will officially be part of the Colville National Forest. No action was taken.

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

Risk Manager Robert Young and Lead Custodian Trenton Wellman were present. The Board went in to Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. for 15 minutes. The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. No action was taken.

## **Consent Items**

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Warrant No. 339129-339261 in the amount of \$424,828.83. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #1)*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Payroll Draws, Warrant No. 338951-338952 in the amount of \$50,331.80. 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 Current Expense to Fairgrounds for the 2020 contribution, in the amount of \$11,100.00. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #3)*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve EMS District to EMS Equipment Reserve in the amount of \$611.00. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #4)*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to increase Commissioner Nathan Davis' credit card to \$25,000. The increase is temporary until December 31<sup>st</sup> for Covid-19 purchases. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Davis abstained. (ex. #5)*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the credit card application for Site Manager Jae Hightower, for the Ferry County Housing Authority, with a \$5,000 limit. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #6)*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the purchases for the food storage unit for the Curlew Community Food Pantry (as it was past allotted 60 days from the time of the purchase) Thomas Connelly, and Robert Platt, to be paid out of Cared Act Funds. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Discussion was held on the water meter bill in Curlew on the side of the Rail Trail. The Board would like the meter pulled to allow for no further charges.*

*Performing Arts, Tourism and Recreation Fund Contract Between Ferry County and Kettle River History Club Amended 2020, was signed by the Board. This contract was approved in January 2020. (ex. #7)*

## **Lunch**

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:07 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

## **Public Hearing: 2021 Preliminary Budget Adoption**

Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib was present.

The Hearing opened at 1:00 p.m. There were no public comments. The Hearing opened at 1:02 p.m.

*Commissioner Hambleton made a motion to adopt the 2021 Preliminary Budget. Commissioner Exner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **Approved Minutes**

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the BOCC meeting minutes as corrected for September 8, 2020. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve the Tri County Forest Group meeting notes as corrected for February 21, 2020. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **'Friendly Family Fun'**

Community Member Rick Diamond was present. Fair Manager Vera Johnston, Fair Board Member Travis Fletcher and Risk Manager Robert Young were also present.

The Friendly Family Fun is a non-profit organization. They accept donations that help with insurance as well as prizes for all entrants. They teach kids barrel racing and they also clean up the fairgrounds. Mr. Diamond is asking for a fee schedule that will allow the Friendly Family Fun group to come back to the Ferry County Fair at a reduced rate. Commissioner Exner asked Mr. Diamond for a list of what other facilities the Friendly Family Fun group uses in other counties, Mr. Diamond said he will email her the list. No action was taken.

### **Fair Update**

Fair Manager Vera Johnston was present. Fair Board President Travis Fletcher was also present. Discussion was held on the Market Animal Sale. The event went smoothly. There were 31 market animals, which is 1/3 of the usual amount. All of the bids were generous. Due to Covid-19, Ms. Johnston has cancelled 42 events. Discussion was held on refunding deposits for cancelled events. Deposits are non-refundable but Ms. Johnson has been offering refunds when asked due to Covid-19. Discussion was held on charging the courts for their use of the fairgrounds. Ms. Johnston can charge them for the normal usage fee and then it can be reimbursed through the Cares Act Funding. Discussion was held on making the fairgrounds Covid-19 compliant. No action was taken.

### **Public Works Update**

Director Ron Charlton and Controller Mary Kalinowski were present. Ms. Kalinowski presented the Board with Ferry County Public Works Department Agenda (ex. #8).

A new resolution for right-of-way-procedures needs to be passed, due to staffing changes.

*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-31 to Adopt Ferry County Right of Way Procedures. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #9)*

The Inchelium Highway project has started. Discussion was held on roads. No further action was taken.

### **Assessing Fire Loss**

Emergency Manager Steve Bonner was present. Discussion was held on damages from extreme wind and fire. The deadline to declare all damages to the state is Friday September 25. If we have \$29,000 or more worth of damage, the county can apply. Discussion was held on methods to get emergency information out to the public.

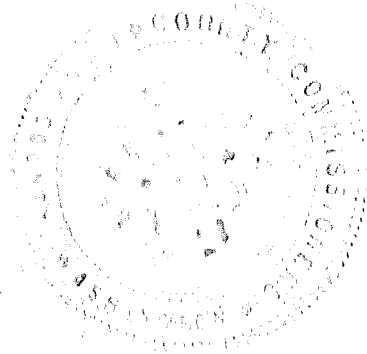
*Commissioner Exner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-30 Declaring a State of Emergency due to Extreme Fire Activity in Ferry County. Commissioner Hambleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (ex. #10)*

**Hotel/Motel Funding**

Mary Masingale, Katherine Meade, and Angel Glenewinkel were present. Ms. Glenewinkel presented the Board with a packet (ex. #11). They are making inserts and flyers to show people all the hiking and walking trails and activities to do in Ferry County. They would like to hold their meeting in a regular location again. They used to have more members but without a regular space to meet, they lost most of their members. They are renting a storefront in Republic and will need funding through Hotel/Motel to help pay the rent. Discussion was held on possible funding for 2021. No action was taken.

**Adjourn**

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



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FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton