

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

FEBRUARY 20, 2001

Chairperson Mary Jo Cady called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Herb Baze and Wesley E. Johnson were in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE

LAKELAND VILLAGE

Received a letter from Rodger W. DeBritz referring to the restrictive covenants of Lakeland Village and the Amendments to Protective Covenants of the Plat of Lakeland Village No. 5. Copy referred to Utilities & Waste Management.

STATE FOREST BOARD LANDS

Received the projection of income from state forest board lands reported by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

BUSINESS

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – COMMUNITY ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION TEAM (WACERT) PROCESS

The Board discussed the recommendation from the Community Economic Development Strategy Committee, which would update the current infrastructure needs. They talked about adding two projects: Belfair Water System Improvements and also an emergency generator for Fire Protection District No. 2 to be placed at the Prince of Peace Church in case of evacuations in a disaster.

Gary Yando, Utilities & Waste Management asked for an opportunity to review the list to see if their recommendations are on the list before the Board takes action.

BID OPENING – 2001 GUARDRAIL PROGRAM

At 9:15 a.m. the Board closed the call for bids for the 2001 guardrail program. Three bids were received and opened as noted below:

Dirt & Aggregate Interchange, Inc.
Fairview, OR
5% Bid Bond
\$332,926.50

Coral Construction Company
Wilsonville, OR
5% Bid Bond
\$374,735.00

Peterson Bros. Inc.
Sumner, WA
5% Bid Bond
\$307,617.50

The engineer's estimate was \$343,712.00.

The Board directed Public Works to return with a recommendation at 9:40 a.m.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Public Works Director requested authorization to go out for proposals off the 2001 consultant roster for design services on the proposed bridge for Schumacher Creek, CRP 1630, and negotiate a contract.

Cmmr. Baze/Johnson moved and seconded the Board authorize the Department of Public Works to request proposals from companies selected from the 2001 consultant roster for design services on the proposed bridge for Schumacher Creek, CRP 1630, and further authorize the Director of Public Works to negotiate the contract. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; C-aye; J-aye.

WATER AND SEWER POSITIONS

Gary Yando, Utilities & Waste Management Director, asked for approval to post, advertise, and hire two operator II's to work on the Mason County water and sewer facilities.

Cmmr. Johnson/Baze moved and seconded to authorize the director of Utilities/Waste Management to post, advertise, interview and hire two operator II's for operation and maintenance of the Mason County Water and Sewer facilities. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; C-aye; J-aye.

WEED ABATEMENT

Louis Cofoni expressed his concern about the establishment of a Weed Control program in the County and the creation of another new department. He felt that it could be an ever-growing department since Scotch Broom reseeds itself quite easily. He suggested that if the program should go forward and become a department the County should utilize individuals who are benefiting from state programs and possibly use prisoners who are in jail for misdemeanors to help with the weed abatement.

It was asked what Mr. Cofoni sees as the nature of the problem in establishing a weed control board.

Mr. Cofoni responded his concern is neighbors helping neighbors.

The Board stated that Mason County is one of the counties that does not have a weed board. Weed Boards can perform at all kind of levels depending on the funding.

Last year there was approximately \$5,000 in the County budget for a weed program and it was going to be operated through Cooperative Extension. There were a few applications for the weed board. Now, they are looking for a full-time staff person. When people have voted to cut back the county's revenue and then expect the County to keep the jails full and criminals off the street, it comes down to what is more important; looking at the Scotch Broom along the roads or keeping the criminals locked up.

It does not appear there ever would be funding for a full-time staff. The County would like to get an educational tool to train people and show them the kinds of weeds in the County to take care of them.

101 CONNECTOR

Diane Hansen, Citizen, stated in looking at the choices of the connectors the advantage would be to have a route that is close to town that more people will be using it. The route by Island Lake would be the closest connector. Going through Johns Prairie would put too much traffic in the Wal Mart area. There is a wetland behind Island Lake. She stated the choice is up higher and she questioned who would be taking that connector.

The Board interjected that they are looking way down the road. They want to identify a corridor where a future road can be built that people wouldn't be building along the route in the meantime and is environmentally safe. It is to protect the corridor. There should be a study complete late this spring and the preferred alternate route will come out.

BID RECOMMENDATION

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WARRANTS APPROVED

FUND NAME	WARRANT NUMBERS	AMOUNT
Claims Clearing	20112	\$1,057.42
	20113-20426	\$883,967.85
	20427-20448	\$11,025.08
	20449-20584	\$34,246.05
Salary Clearing	110303-110535	\$159,128.00

ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. due to no further business.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Mary Jo Cady, Chairperson

Herb Baze, Commissioner

Wesley E. Johnson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rebecca S. Rogers
Clerk of the Board