

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 1, 2001

Acting Chairperson Herb Baze called the special meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. with Cmmr. Wes Johnson in attendance. Commissioner Mary Jo Cady was on excused leave.

BUSINESS

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Rich Geiger, Public Works Maintenance Engineer, reported on the earthquake event, which occurred on Wednesday, February 28, 2001. There was bridge damage from severe to minor to several bridges as listed below:

McClane Cove Bridge – severe damage to the eastern abutment which required emergency repair. They lost one full lane of roadway and parking area adjacent to the roadway on the southeast corner. Repair was effective Wednesday evening to restore stability of the roadway and bridge piling of the eastern abutment.

Eddie Evers Bridge - significant pavement damage due to deck movement during the earthquake.

Harstine Island Bridge - minor damage due to loss of rubber sealing strips on both abutments, damaged utility conduit and possibility of some cracking in the concrete abutment on the western side. That cracking is yet to be inspected and confirmed.

Tahuya River Bridge on the North Shore Road - minor cracking and suspected damage may have occurred.

Mary M. Knight Bridge & Cloquallum Creek Bridge (Milepost 16.58) may have settled.

Dry Creek Bridge on North Shore Road - appears to have settled and there is a hairline crack in the pavement on Trails Road at Five Pipes which needs inspection.

Road damage noted as of 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2001:

Dewatto-Holly Road (between Dewatto and Yamaha Park) roadway shoulder on the waterside has dropped and will need repair and does need further inspection.

Eells Hill Road (3/10 mile downhill from the intersection with California Road) has significant cracks in the road measuring 2/10 mile along the roadway. The road is closed until it can be inspected for slope stability.

Sunnyside Road just past the first Simpson Road they have cracks in the road about halfway across the road. It is barricaded to one lane and restricted and will require inspection for slope stability. They do expect to see further problems develop due to earth settlement and aftershocks.

Mike Rutter, Facilities Manager, commended the departments for a speedy exiting of the facilities and closure and cooperation so they could inspect county buildings.

They inspected the County facilities around 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2001. There are still calls coming in from departments on damage which has occurred. The Courthouse front steps had some heaving to it showing the gaps have widened and some of the granite stones have moved. Some of the Courthouse Building exterior sandstone panels are damaged. The earthquake proofing of the courthouse roof structure held and there were no cracks. Balconies on the south and north end of the courthouse building had damage where chunks of the sandstone have fallen off.

Building I there was a false parapet wall that sustained cracks and submovement of stuccowork. There was a non-bearing wall in the Assessor's office that has a crack.

Building II the fuel tank support legs have moved and are bent.

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that FEMA will not do any reimbursements unless there is earthquake insurance. Any FEMA reimbursement will be worked in conjunction with the County's insurance policies.

Gary Yando, Utilities & Waste Management Director stated they have found no damage up to this point in the sewer and water systems that the county operates and maintains. The landfill there was no damage; there was a minor leak in the gas system, which was fixed immediately. They will continue to see if there is anything they need to look at further.

Dave Salzer, Emergency Management Director, presented the draft Declaration of Emergency. He explained the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) was staffed within approximately one hour of the earthquake event on Wednesday. There were a number of people who were paged and the key people came to the EOC, including the Sheriff's office representative, the radio room was staffed. Other department representatives came in. Bob Thuring, Public Works, helped in the EOC with a telephone in one hand and a radio in the other hand. They are in the process of taking damage reports from the public.

They have contacted the local fire departments requesting that if they receive information from property owners within their district to let Department of Emergency Management know. Also, if the Fire Districts are in need of resources the Department of Emergency Management could provide some.

They will be having a critique with their staff next Monday, March 5, 2001 to go over their operations and processes. It is an event and a learning experience.

Mr. Salzer read the proposed Declaration of Emergency that he recommended the Board adopt. This would be forwarded to the state Department of Emergency Management.

Cmmr. Johnson/Baze moved and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 22-01. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; C-absent; J-aye. (Exhibit A)

The Board recognized the public employees, who in an emergency situation, performed their duties in a calm, professional and efficient manner. Public Works office staff, central shop staff, survey crew, maintenance engineers, supervisors, and road crew; Utilities & Waste Management water and sewer personnel; Community Development building inspectors; Facilities & Grounds Department; Tourism & Recreation; PBX Operator; Budget & Finance; Human Resources & Risk Management and the Department of Emergency Management.

ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m. due to no further business.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Absent

Mary Jo Cady, Chairperson

Herb Baze, Commissioner

Wesley E. Johnson, Commissioner

ATTEST: