

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 13, 2001

Chairperson Mary Jo Cady called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.. Commissioners Herb Baze & Wes Johnson were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cmmr. Baze/Johnson moved and seconded to approve the meeting minutes for March 6, 2001. Motion passed. B-aye; C-abstain; J-aye.

CORRESPONDENCE

OATH OF INVENTORY

A copy of the Oath of Inventory county personal property as of December 31, 2000 was filed with the Auditor per RCW 36.32.210.

TOTTEN-LITTLE SKOOKUM CLEAN WATER DISTRICT

Received a response from the Prosecutor's office on use of Totten-Little Skookum Clean Water District fund for scholarship purposes.

WSU COOPERATION EXTENSION

The Washington State University Cooperative Extension acknowledged receipt of the Mason County budget and thanked the County for the continued support and interest.

LILLIWAUP POST OFFICE

The United States Post Office informed the County that the new Lilliwaup Main Post Office is being placed on hold until further notice.

CLAIM TO THE LEGISLATURE

The Washington State Department of General Administration informed the County that they received the sundry claim in the amount of \$100,000.00, which will be submitted to the legislature for consideration of payment.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Received notification that the Washington State Department of Natural Resources will be taking written testimony through March 27, 2001 on a proposed land transaction with Manke Lumber Company, Inc.

SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATES

The Washington State Office of Financial Management responded to the County inquiry regarding funding of local governments to update the Shoreline Master Programs.

BUSINESS

Mike Byrne, Tourism & Recreation Manager, requested approval on two watchperson contracts. 1) Foothills County Park - Bill Luthy at \$150/month from March 12, 2001 - September 30, 2001. This is a renewal and no change in language. 2) Union County Park - Karen Visser - at \$150/month from March 12, 2001 - September 30, 2001. These are new individuals in the positions.

Cmmr. Johnson/Baze moved and seconded to approve the Foothills Watchperson contract with Bill Luthy for \$150.00 per month from March 12, 2001 - September 30, 2001. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; C-aye; J-aye.

Cmmr. Baze/Johnson moved and seconded to approve the Union County Park watchperson contract with Karen Visser for \$150.00 per month from March 12, 2001 through September 30, 2001. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; C-aye; J-aye.

HEARING - INTENT TO ESTABLISH ROAD - ROMANCE HILL ROAD

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the County road system and the recommended speed limit is 20 mph.

Constance Ibsen, 6500 E. SR 106, Union – Asked that the County postpone bringing the road into the system due to an open state auditor's investigation regarding this property and related roadways. Also, she asked that Cmmr. Cady refrain from discussion and voting on this issue due to her family's ownership of property adjacent to the backside of the lots.

Annette McGee - 1961 SE Cole Road – Expressed her opposition to the taking of the road, at this time, into the county road system. She felt that spending of taxpayer money on private land is not the thing to do. She referred to Article 11, Section 14 of the State Constitution regarding spending public funds. She felt the intentions of going to the Bypass were good; however she noted there is a railroad crossing that will be county road. There will be the cost of going under or over the railroad.

Cmmr. Cady responded that the County has been trying to get a response from the State Auditor's office on the issue of the property.

Terry Bacon - Alta Drive, Belfair – She proposed that Romance Hill Road remain a private road until the Bypass or the Loop Road is completed and a connection is made to the new road. Right now it would be a burden and expense to the taxpayers as the County would be liable for patrolling the road while the building is going on in the area.

April Cassel - 2400 Mason Lake Drive West, Grapeview – Spoke in opposition of road taxes subsidizing the profits of developers and landowners in the County. She was concerned that the road is steep and winding. A connector road from SR 3 to an Overton Belfair Loop Road should have the option of widening for later heavy traffic. At the very least, a second lane up the hill for slow traffic to chug up the hill. Another concern is the liability the County taxpayers take on if a bus cannot go up the hill.

Bob Herr - 180 E Catfish Lake Lane, Shelton - Also believed Cmmr. Cady should refrain from voting on this issue. There have been discussions that the state auditor's investigation has been completed with no findings. The investigation covers all aspects of the project; financing, engineering, decisions made, process made; open public meeting. The state auditor's investigation is independent and the County will be able to make an accurate decision. He urged the Board to postpone a decision on this issue. When the Belfair Bypass becomes a reality this can become a part of the County maintained road system. The curve radius of a county arterial is 287' according to the County Code. He understood the radii of the curve to be 120'. It appears the County reclassified the road as an urban road and used urban road standards. The road is in the urban growth area of Belfair. It appears to be an independent decision made that would be a variance from the regulation. He was not aware of any variance approved or public hearing held. He asked that the County continue the hearing to obtain the report from the State Auditor's office and then make decision.

Ed Amick - 391 E. North Mason School Road just off Alta Drive Road – He explained that approx. five years ago the Alta Drive Association requested the County to pave their road which is 1.8 mile in length. They were informed that since it was a dead end road it would not be feasible. The estimate for paving was \$1.8 million. The Romance Hill Road is not as long and because of the layout and dangerous curves he was concerned about safety. As a citizen he did not believe the citizens need to pay litigation for traffic accidents.

Annette McGee questioned why the recommended speed limit is 20 mph.

Jerry Hauth, Public Works Director, responded that in the process of the design on the road it was apparent they would either have issues meeting a maximum gradient or the curvature. After discussions with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) they indicated their preference would be not to incline the road more, but to tighten the radius with a lower speed limit through there. The location was in the established urban growth area for Belfair. The standards proposed did not seem out of line. The road was designed with three curves that met a 20 mph standard. If there is not a posted speed it would automatically be established at 50 mph.

Annette McGee asked what the total cost the County has spent on this road.

Mr. Hauth replied that the County's portion of cost was \$165,022 in the contract that was entered into with the

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a hill or extending it out over a bank can be astronomical with bank stabilization costs. It doesn't account for any potential structural retrofits on buildings that may be endangered associated with the activity.

Bob Herr referred to the discussion with WSDOT. After the County adopted the final plat on May of 2000 he spoke with Mr. Geiger about why there is such a deviation from Title 16. He was informed that along with permission from WSDOT and variances approved by the Commissioners they were able to build the road. He contacted the individual from the state who was supposed to be involved in the discussion and he was not aware of the project. Mr. Herr felt that he was misled.

Mr. Hauth responded there is no documentation for any agreement with the State as there is no need for an agreement. It is a County Road and until such time as it is submitted to the State to be put on the federal aid list there would be no need for the state involvement. In anticipation that this could be a federal aid route, because of potential linkage between two primarily arterial roads in the area, they discussed it with WSDOT. There is no variance necessary. The County goes through a deviation of standard as requested from WSDOT as it would relate to the standard for a road that is on the current federal aid route. An example would be the Grapeview Loop Road.

Cmmr. Baze asked if the road is in the center midway in the proposed Belfair Bypass Road and if the railroad track runs the full length of the road.

Mr. Hauth responded that is correct and anywhere they would access State Route 3 from any proposed Belfair Bypass route would have to go underneath or over the railroad tracks. Prior to starting this project they contacted the Naval Base at Bangor and verified with them that they were receptive to allowing the County to cross the railroad tracks. They are anticipating it will be an underpass which is the least disruptive and least costly. When plat is built out it could have 24 homes.

Annette McGee questioned how many roads the County has built after the County road standards were established and were built to lesser standards.

Constance Ibsen she added information she had on the cost of the road. She was informed that the cost of guardrails recently put up was \$49,914.76. If the total cost was \$165,022 and approximately \$50,000 was spent on guardrails the balance of \$115,000 is left. She too asked that the total cost spent on the road be brought forward. She understood at least one Public Works staff spent time on the road.

Mr. Herr stated consideration should be given to the radius of the turns in the road as well as the degree. A 90 degree turn with a 1000' radius is a lot safer than a 90 degree turn with a 120' radius.

Mr. Amick stated that Washington State has about 2 billion in federal aid. He questioned what the chances are for the County to get federal aid.

Cmmr. Cady stated it is uncertain at this time. They are in discussions with Congressman Dicks. There are issues around Bangor.

April Cassel questioned what restrictions were placed on Public Works to stay within a certain footprint so the Kruegers would maximize their lot size and number of lots and their profits.

The Board responded that the Kruegers lost some property on it by going to the County's standards.

Cmmr. Baze/Johnson moved and seconded the Board establish Romance Hill Road, as a county maintained road, County Road Number 86500, with a posted speed limit of 20 mph, as recommended by the Public Works Department. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; C-aye; J-aye. Resolution No. 27-01 (Exhibit A)

AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE GIS TECHNICIAN

The Public Works Director asked for permission to advertise, interview and hire a GIS Technician with a pay range of \$2,573 to \$3,056 per month.

Cmmr. Johnson/Baze moved and seconded the Board authorize the Public Works Department to advertise,

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Al Brotche, Auditor, requested that the Board surplus the Tamaran equipment in the Auditor's office. The equipment is for reproduction of surveys, plats and boundary line adjustments. They purchased a new plotter recently at \$8,500 and it reproduces a scanned image of all the surveys and plats to original scale with superior clarity in the copies. The present Tamaran equipment costs \$2,200 annually for the maintenance. The new equipment has no additional cost for maintenance. They sent notifications to all the departments in the county as well as Bell and Howell; Thurston County Public Works which has Tamaran equipment; the Bangor Navy Base who uses Tamaran equipment, and Skip Price who performs maintenance on all Tamaran machines in Washington. There appears to be no one who wants the old technology. He requested the Board declare it no value so they could have maintenance take it out of the Auditor's office.

Cmmr. Baze/Johnson moved and seconded to declare the Tamaran equipment of no value so it can be removed and scrapped. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; C-aye; J-aye.

NORTH BAY/CASE INLET CHANGE ORDER #2

Gary Yando, Director of Utilities & Waste Management, requested the Board grant authorization to sign Change Order #2 as it relates to the North Bay/Case Inlet Water Reclamation/Sewer Collection System. The change order has to do with requirements at the Water Reclamation Facility in the amount of \$27,600.85 including tax. At this point in the project they are \$7,989.70 over budget.

Cmmr. Johnson/Baze moved and seconded to authorize the Director of Utilities & Waste management to sign the applicable change order requests and change order associated with the North Bay/Case Inlet water reclamation facility/sewer collection system change order no. 2. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; C-aye; J-aye.

CALL FOR BIDS - NORTH BAY/CASE INLET LAKELAND VILLAGE SEWER SYSTEM

The Board heard the request to call for bids for the North Bay/Case Inlet Lakeland Village Sewer System.

Cmmr. Baze/Johnson moved and seconded to set a bid opening date on Tuesday, April 24, 2001 at 7:00 pm, or soon thereafter as possible, at which time bids pertaining to the Lakeland Village sewer system will be opened and read. Acceptance of the bids will be until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2001. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; C-aye; J-aye.

REQUEST FOR BID - RADIO MAINTENANCE SERVICE

Dave Loser, Equipment Rental & Revolving Fund Manager, asked for permission to call for bids for radio maintenance service in support of communication equipment installed in county vehicles and equipment. The existing contract expires the end of March.

Cmmr. Johnson/Baze moved and seconded to authorize the Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund Manager to call for bids for radio maintenance services from April 10, 2001 to March 31, 2002, extendable for up to two additional years as requested. Date and time of opening to be April 10, 2001 at 9:45 a.m. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; C-aye; J-aye.

HEARING - SHORELINE SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT/CONDITIONAL USE - LEITZINGER

The Board considered the shoreline substantial development/conditional use permit for Joseph Leitzman.

Grace Miller, Planner, explained that Joseph Leitzinger intends to cut and grade a shoreline bluff at property located at Lake Cushman.

The Planning Department and Shorelines Advisory Board recommended approval of the project with the following conditions:

- 1) The applicant shall comply with the specifications and conditions of the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife Hydraulic Project Approval issued for this project.
- 2) Removal of vegetation shall be minimized and any areas disturbed should be restored with native vegetation to prevent erosion and other environmental impacts.

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Cmmr. Johnson questioned if the proposed new Shoreline regulations have materially affected this project.

Mrs. Miller responded she is unaware at this time how the regulations would have affected it.

Cmmr. Johnson stated this appears to be a reasonable request to approve and one that would not have detrimental effects on the environment.

Allan Tahja, Applicant's Engineer, stated he just received correspondence from the US Army Corps of Engineers. They are requiring to retain a biologist to produce a biological assessment or an evaluation. The applicant was aware this could be required and they will have a biologist prepare a report indicating the impacts on shoreline and beach. To their knowledge there are no eagle nests in the area and the Corps of Engineers will find it to be an acceptable proposal.

Cmmr. Cady interjected another suggested condition:

- 8) Conform to any requirements by Mason County and obtain a land modification and building permit from Mason County.

Cmmr. Cady referred to page four of the maps. She stated she was confused to Department of Ecology's issue with natural vegetation and native vegetation.

Mrs. Miller stated when natural vegetation was listed, it was the intent of the applicant to indicate that it is native. They don't want invasive species like scotch broom and blackberries. If this is an issue, the site plan could be changed to read a 10' native vegetation buffer.

Mr. Tahja interjected that the correspondence from the Department of Ecology was vague. They wanted a buffer, vegetation and plan. There was no standard to be met. They were only concerned with the 10' strip along the water.

Cmmr. Baze/Johnson moved and seconded to conditionally approve the shoreline substantial development/conditional use permit (SHR2000-0033) for Joseph Leitzinger with the seven conditions recommended by staff and including condition 8 as recommended by Cmmr. Cady and adopt the Findings of Fact for signature by the chairperson. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; C-aye; J-aye.

JUVENILE DETENTION AGREEMENT

Human Resources Director Skip Wright recommended the Board enter into the agreement with the Juvenile Detention for calendar year 2001 – 2002. He explained that the agreement provides for a 3.5% wage increase January 1, 2001; salary survey adjustments of 1.2%, effective July 1, 2001; general increase based on the CPI for January 1, 2002 and the second half of the survey adjustment of 1.2% effective July 1, 2002. It also provides for the same insurance contribution levels for 2000 of \$466.00 per month effective January 1, 2001; and \$500.00 per month effective July 1, 2001.

Cmmr. Johnson/Baze moved and seconded the Board approve and sign the 2001 through 2002 agreement between Mason County, Mason County Juvenile Court and Teamsters Local 378 covering the Juvenile Detention bargaining unit. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; C-aye; J-aye.

WASHINGTON TEAMSTERS WELFARE TRUST SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT

Mr. Wright stated the Juvenile Detention employees have their medical insurance through the Washington Teamsters Welfare Trust. A new agreement requires a subscription agreement be signed.

Cmmr. Baze/Johnson moved and seconded the Board approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign, the subscription agreement between the Washington Teamsters Welfare Trust, Mason County and Teamsters Local 378 to provide for continued medical insurance coverage for the Juvenile Detention bargaining unit. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; C-aye; J-aye.

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Cmmr. Baze/Johnson moved and seconded the Board approve and sign the interim agreement between Mason County and Teamsters Local 378 which provides for county insurance contributions of \$466 per month effective January 1, 2001 and \$500 per month effective July 1, 2001 for members of the Personal Health bargaining unit. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; C-aye; J-aye.

ROMANCE HILL ROAD

Jerry Hauth, Public Works Director, made a correction that the crew was not involved in the construction of the road; however there was a delay in bringing the road into the system because of the state auditor's. In an effort to protect the road this past winter, because they couldn't get it into the system they went in during the winter and put some plastic and erosion control measures. There was a crew out there and they don't construe it as construction of the road.

NORTH MASON VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

Ione Siegler, Director of Budget & Finance, asked that the Board approve an agreement with the North Mason Visitor Information Center. This is an annual agreement entered into for the receipt of hotel/motel monies. The North Mason Visitor Information Center will use the funds from the County to provide tourism-related services as authorized by RCW 67.28.080.

Cmmr. Johnson/Baze moved and seconded the Board approve the contract with the North Mason Visitor Information Center for tourism services as authorized by RCW 67.28.080. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; C-aye; J-aye. Resolution No. 28-01. (Exhibit B)

SHORELINE REGULATIONS

Louis Cofoni commented on an article in the local newspaper where the League of Women Voters was taking a side about the County joining forces with other counties on the shoreline lawsuit. He commended the Commissioners for their job.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Application in lieu of current privilege: Tradename: Lake Cushman Golf Course; Applicants: Lake Cushman Maintenance Co.; Privileges: Off Premises; Beer/Wine Restaurant – Beer/Wine.

Cmmr. Baze/Johnson moved and seconded there are no objections to the liquor license application in lieu of current privilege; Tradename: Lake Cushman Golf Course; Applicant: Lake Cushman Maintenance Co.; Privileges: Off Premises; Beer/Wine Restaurant – Beer/Wine. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; C-aye; J-aye.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Shaun R. Pentz – VFW 1694 – Housing \$400.00

Mrs. Lloyd L. Berg – VFW 1694 – Housing \$100.00; Food \$50.00 = \$150.00

The Veterans Assistance Screening Committee is recommending approval on the above listed applications totaling \$550.00

Cmmr. Johnson/Baze moved and seconded to approve the recommendation of the veterans assistance screening committee for Shaun R. Pentz- Housing \$400.00; Mrs. Lloyd L. Berg – Housing \$100.00; Food \$50.00 = \$150.00 for a total of \$550.00. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; C-aye; J-aye.

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Mary Jo Cady, Chairperson

Wesley E. Johnson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rebecca S. Rogers
Clerk of the Board

Herb Baze, Commissioner