

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 24, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairperson Mary Jo Cady. Commissioners Wesley Johnson and Herb Baze were in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE

TEE LAKE

Received a petition asking the Commissioners to set a public hearing to consider a ban of all internal combustion engines on Tee Lake. Letters were received from: George M. & Joyce Michael and Arta Lou D. Kennedy.

NOXIOUS WEED BOARD

A petition with approximately 120 signatures was received asking that the Board hold a hearing to determine the requirements to activate a Mason County Noxious Weed board, per RCW 17.10.040(1).

SUBSTITUTE HB 1832

Okanogan County Commissioners urged Mason County to contact State Senators and encourage them to revise Substitute HB 1832.

PLANNING COMMISSION – APPLICANT

Susan L. Simpson – CD #1

BELFAIR SUBAREA PLANNING – APPLICANTS

Ken VanBuskirk
Fran J. Abbott
Valerie McLeod
Robert Hager
Brian Petersen

BUSINESS

TEE LAKE HEARING SET

Cmmr. Johnson/Baze moved and seconded to set a public hearing on Thursday, May 17, 6 p.m. at the North Mason High School Auditorium (upon availability) to consider the petition to ban internal combustion engines on Tee Lake for public boating safety, environmental preservation and to enhance public use of the waterway. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; C-aye.

HEARING SET - NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD

Cmmr. Baze/Johnson moved and seconded to set two public hearings to determine whether there is a need, due to damaging infestation of noxious weeds to activate the county noxious weed control board (per RCW 17.10.040(1)). The first hearing to be Tuesday, May 15, 2001, 7 p.m. at the Mason County Fairgrounds, Building 17 (Olympic Hall) and the second hearing to be at the North Mason High School Auditorium (upon availability) at 7:45 p.m.. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; C-aye.

HEARING SET - SKOKOMISH FLOOD MAPS

Cmmr. Johnson/Baze moved and seconded to set a public hearing on Thursday, May 10, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Skokomish Grange to consider amendments to the Skokomish flood maps referenced within the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; C-aye.

Cmmr. Cady stated the Board will also take written testimony from property owners regarding the flood map designations.

VEGETATION CONTROL - 2001 SPRING SPRAY PROGRAM

Public Works will be spraying herbicides on Mason County roads for vegetation control beginning May 7, 2001. If property owners adjacent to the areas to be sprayed do not want the spraying to take place, they may enroll in the "Owner will Maintain" program.

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Cmmr. Johnson/Baze moved and seconded to approve the Building Plan Review Professional Services agreement with Berryman & Henigar dated April 24, 2001 and authorize the Chair to sign. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; C-aye.

PLANNING POSITIONS

Mr. Fink requested permission to recruit, interview and hire a Planner III and Planner IV for two positions that will be vacated.

Cmmr. Johnson/Baze moved and seconded to approve the Planning Manager of the Department of Community Development be directed to recruit, interview and hire a Planner III and Planner IV. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; C-aye.

HEARING - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - WASTEWATER NO. BAY/CASE INLET

Ione Siegler, Budget Director, requested the Board approve the supplemental appropriation for the Wastewater No Bay/Case Inlet Fund in the amount of \$817,900.

Cmmr. Johnson/Baze moved and seconded to approve a supplemental appropriation to the 2001 budget for the Wastewater No. Bay/Case Inlet Fund in the amount of \$817,900 as presented by Budget Director Ione Siegler. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; C-aye. (Exhibit A)

CASH DRAWERS - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Ms. Siegler requested the Board approve a resolution to establish six cash drawers for the Sheriff's Office. This is per a recommendation of the last state audit.

Cmmr. Baze/Johnson moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 48-01 and establish six cash drawers in the Sheriff's Office. I further move that a change fund of \$100 be established for each cash drawer in the Sheriff's Office. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; C-aye. Resolution No. 48-01 (Exhibit B)

RECESS

The Board recessed for 5 minutes.

CITIZENS COALITION FOR WEED CONTROL

Anita Latch introduced FAA students who made a presentation regarding the establishment of a Noxious Weed Control Board.

They explained the original purpose behind Washington's primary noxious weed law was to limit economic loss due to the presence and spread of noxious weeds on or near agricultural lands. The law was amended in 1987 to control the negative impacts of natural areas. The primary responsibility for the noxious weed control is with the landowner. It is the responsibility of the county or a district weed board to ensure weed control meets minimum standards. The state mandates that every county has a weed control board.

The county can choose to use other existing agencies to eradicate the noxious weeds and not activate a weed board.

A weed control board consists of 5 members with 4 of the 5 having an agricultural or forestry background. The members are picked from each area of the county so the entire county is represented. Funding of these programs is either through weed assessment on land or an appropriation from the county general fund.

Noxious weed infestations are the second leading cause of wildlife habitat loss.

Noxious weeds are non-native plants that have been introduced accidentally or as ornamental plants in people's gardens. Some are poisonous to humans and livestock and most grow rapidly and are difficult to control.

Local weed board provide many services to the community including early detection surveys which identify noxious weeds, technical assistance and education, prevention strategies and control options for landowners, enforcement of noxious weed control responsibilities, local flexibility and the ability to address local weed control priorities.

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Commissioners were in the process. She understands the Cooperative Extension is no longer willing to be the contract for noxious weed issues, which is how she believes it should be. These responsibilities belong to the county and a weed board. She has conducted a survey of noxious weeds in Mason County and will submit her findings at the hearing. She stated early detection and control of noxious weeds is very important.

Commr. Cady asked that anyone who has items to submit to the Board, to please do so at a hearing that has been set in May.

Bruce Santy also talked about the impacts of noxious weeds. Only Mason and Douglas counties do not have active Noxious Weed Control Boards. He stated Pierce County has a filed a complaint with the Washington State Department of Agriculture that refers to 36 noxious weed sites in Mason County. He pointed out that the longer treatment is delayed, the more expensive it will be. He stated, as a coalition, selecting the proper funding method is important. Noxious weeds can cause disastrous long term impacts to public, animals, lands, water, resources and the economy. His recommendations are to activate a weed board, use a land based funding method with an annual budget of around \$75,000.

Sandi Dunlap stated she has a proposed mission statement for a noxious weed control board which she will submit at a public hearing along with letters from landowners and state agencies.

Ms Latch stated she has a list of qualified applicants for the Noxious Weed Control Board.

The Board thanked the citizens and the FAA for their presentation.

BID OPENING - NORTH BAY/CASE INLET LAKELAND VILLAGE SEWER SYSTEM

Gary Yando presented the ten bids received.

Stan Palmer Construction, Inc.
Port Orchard, WA
\$6,803,256.85

Ceccanti
Spanaway, WA
\$7,277,714.53

Rognlin's
Aberdeen, WA
\$7,086,499.74

Active Construction, Inc
Gig Harbor, WA
\$8,086,700.38

Olson Bros. Excavating, Inc
Puyallup, WA
\$7,211,954.22

Triton Marine Construction
Bremerton, WA
\$5,498,130.82

S-2 Contractors, Inc.
Oregon City, OR
\$6,614,976.75

Woodworth & Co.
Tacoma, WA

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Cmmr. Cady referred this back to Mr. Yando to come back and make a recommendation on May 15, 2001 at 9:30 a.m.

POST FOR QUOTES AWARD

Mr. Yando reported he is purchasing 200 compost bins from Earth Machine West at \$27.50 each.

FLOOD MAP

Rick Manning, Skokomish Community Church, talked about the process they have been going through in trying to build an addition to their church. He stated the flood map designation halted their project. He asked if the purpose of the flood map hearing that has been in set in May is to provide the affected property owners the opportunity to voice their belief that the map that was produced by Skillings-Connolly unfairly represents them based on their belief that the river will probably not have an avulsion in the area that is depicted as an avulsion risk zone.

Cmmr. Cady stated the hearing is to clarify perceived errors. She stated property owners will be able to testify about their property. The testimony will have to be verified by staff. The Board will accept verbal and written testimony. The technology that was used when the map was created didn't go down to the detail of each parcel. Those parcels that should not be in the no new footprint zone need to be identified now or it will be a costly process for someone to change it later.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

Mrs. Harold L. Keith – VFW 1694 – Burial \$300.00

Cmmr. Baze/Johnson moved and seconded to approve the Veterans Assistance application for Mrs. Harold Keith in the amount of \$300 for burial. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; C-aye.

PLANNING COMMISSION

District #1 – Two positions open effective 5/1/2001
Diane H. Edgin – (Commissioner District #1) – Reappointment
Drew Noble – (Commissioner District #1) - Applicant
Richard Ryan – (Commissioner District #1) - Applicant
Susan L. Simpson – (Commissioner District #1) - Applicant

District #2 – One position open effective immediately
Paula Rioux – (Commissioner District #2) – Resignation

District #3 – One position open effective 5/1/2001
Rick Coleman – (Commissioner District #3) - Reappointment
John Borgert – (Commissioner District #3)

Cmmr. Johnson/Baze moved and seconded to reappoint Diane Edgin for Commissioner District No. 1 and Rick Coleman for Commissioner District No. 3 on the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; C-aye.

Cmmr. Baze/Johnson moved and seconded to appoint Richard Ryan to the Planning Commission for Commissioner District No. 1. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; C-aye.

LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

Special Occasion license for South Hood Canal Business Association, at Rest-a-While Resort Marina, April 29, 2001.

Cmmr. Johnson/Baze moved and seconded there are no objections to the special occasion license for the South Hood Canal Business Association for the Rest-a-While Resort Marina on April 29, 2001. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; C-aye.

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

FUND NAME	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT

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Mary Jo Cady, Chairperson

Herb Baze, Commissioner

Wesley E. Johnson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board