

## BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS= PROCEEDINGS

OCTOBER 2, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chairperson Herb Baze. Commissioners Bob Holter and Wesley Johnson were in attendance.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Cmmr. Johnson/Holter moved and seconded to approve 9/18/01 and 9/25/01 meeting minutes as circulated. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.**

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### INDIAN TRUST LAND

The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs has given notice of consideration of applications for acquisition of three parcels of land to be held in trust for use and benefit of the Squaxin Island Tribe.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Received the third quarter report from the Economic Development Council.

### BUSINESS

#### HEARING SET - MINOR AMENDMENT TO A SPECIAL USE PERMIT PROCESS

Allan Borden, Planner, requested the Board set a hearing to consider the Planning Commission recommendations to Ordinance No. 82-96, Development Regulations, Special Use Permits.

**Cmmr. Holter/Johnson moved and seconded set a hearing on 10/16/01 9:15 a.m. to consider the Planning Commission recommendations to Ordinance No. 82-96, Development Regulations, minor amendments to Special Use Permits. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.**

#### LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Special Occasion: Squaxin Island Museum, Library Research Center; Date: October 6, 2001; Place: Little Creek Casino; Time: 10 am B 6 pm.

Corrected Assumption: Applicants: At Safadi, Inc. Tawfeek & Angel Safadi; From: Sunset Beach Enterprises Inc. dba Sunset Beach Grocery.

**Cmmr. Johnson/Holter moved and seconded there are no objections to the special occasion liquor license for the Squaxin Island Museum, Library Research Center on October 6, 2001. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.**

**Cmmr. Holter/Johnson moved and seconded there are no objections to the corrected assumption for At Safadi, Inc. Tawfeek & Angel Safadi dba Sunset Beach Grocery. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.**

#### VETERANS ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

David Branson B VFW 1694 B Mileage Reimbursement \$69.00

Mrs. Billie L. Kimbel B VFW 1694 B Burial Benefit \$300.00

George F. Valent B VFW 1694 B Housing \$400.00

David C. Higgins B VFW 5372 B Housing \$388.19

The Veterans Assistance Screening Committee is recommending approval on the above listed applications totaling \$1,157.19.

**Cmmr. Johnson/Holter moved and seconded to approve the Veterans Assistance applications for David Branson, \$69 mileage reimbursement; Mrs. Billie Kimbel, \$300 burial benefit; George Valent, \$400 housing and David Higgins, \$388.19 housing for a total of \$1,157.19. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.**

#### CEDS PROJECT LIST

A proposed resolution was received from the Economic Development Council of Mason County to revise the CEDS Project List.

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would leave most of the duties currently done by the Board of Commissioners, the Planning Commission, the Building Code Board of Appeals and the Health Officer with those bodies rather than assigning them to the hearing examiner.

The hearing officer would be involved with the enforcement of violations of Health Department, Building Department and Planning Department regulations.

The hearing examiner process is expected to make more efficient and effective the work of the staff in several county departments. The hearing examiner, as an expert in land use law and issues, should provide an opportunity for a fair hearing and reduce potential liability for the county.

The only significant public comment received was from Dave Salzer, Fire Marshal, suggesting minor changes which staff supports.

The stay of the hearing examiner ordinance expires November 1, 2001 and staff recommends the amendments not take effect until that date.

Staff recommends the Board delay action on this ordinance to allow time to consider the information presented by the candidates for the hearing examiner office.

**Cmmr. Holter/Johnson moved and seconded to close public comment on the Hearing Examiner Ordinance and continue the hearing to October 9, 2001 at 9:45 a.m. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.**

**RECESS**

The Board recessed for 7 minutes.

**HEARING B Consider a \$60,000 emergency appropriation to the Current Expense Fund.**

Ione Siegler, Budget Director, presented the budget order for an emergency appropriation to the 2001 budget for Current Expense Fund, Sheriff's Department, in the amount of \$60,000. This is for the cost of transporting and housing certain Mason County jail inmates to Yakima County for the remainder of their sentence.

**Cmmr. Holter/Johnson moved and seconded to approve an Emergency Appropriation to the 2001 budget for the Current Expense Fund in the amount of \$60,000 as presented by Budget Director Ione Siegler. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye. (Exhibit B)**

**RECESS**

The Board recessed for 8 minutes

**HEARING B Consider amending the annual fee for land clearing burn permits from \$25 to \$100 for each permit issued under the Open Burning Permit Program.**

Dave Salzer, Fire Marshal, presented the staff report. He explained that effective July 1, the Department of Natural Resources ceased issuing burn permits for all but silvicultural fires. These are fires associated with land that is being used for long-term agricultural and commercial forest production.

The DNR will no longer issue permits for fires involving clearing projects for a homesite, septic system or road construction.

Mason County has determined it is important to develop a permit program that will allow the continuance of land clearing fires in Mason County. It will be necessary to raise permit fees to fund the cost of a new program. Mr. Salzer recommended the Board revise the current land-clearing burn permit fee from \$25 to \$100. He pointed out that each permit is site specific and will be for 30 days.

Mr. Salzer stated he has discussed this program with land clearing contractors and for the most part, has their support.

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Cmmr. Holter pointed out they did consider implementing a smaller permit fee for homeowners, but it was determined not to do that at this time.

**Cmmr. Holter/Johnson moved and seconded to amend Resolution No. 40-98 to amend the annual fee to \$100 for each land clearing permit issued under the Open burning Permit Program and amend the length of time for each permit for 30 days. The effective day will be November 1, 2001. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye. Resolution No. 108-01 (Exhibit C)**

**HEARING B Consider adoption of the franchise ordinance for TCI Cablevision of Washington, Inc.**

Cmmr. Holter read aloud the proposed franchise ordinance.

Bill Grabb, Sells Drive, requested Mason County carry TVW on the Mason County cable system.

Cmmr. Baze understands there is an equipment problem and that it is in the process to obtain TVW.

Lon Hurd, 3H Consultant, stated TVW has agreed to work with the county but the details need to be worked out. Either AT&T will have to provide a channel or use the Mason County channel.

Mr. Grabb stated he called AT&T about bringing cable to a parcel he purchased. He started the process in June 2001 and still has not heard from them. He is very frustrated due to the lack of service.

Mr. Hurd responded they negotiate the franchise agreement to provide competition and customer service is covered in the agreement.

Janet Turpen, AT&T Broadband, apologized for the oversight and will look into Mr. Grabb's situation and contact him.

**Cmmr. Holter/Johnson moved and seconded to authorize the Chair to sign Ordinance No. 109-01 for the franchise agreement with TCI Cable. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye. Ordinance No. 109-01 (Exhibit D)**

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

| FUND NAME       | WARRANT NUMBER                 | AMOUNT                   |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Claims Clearing | 29578-29900                    | 693,189.38               |
| Salary Clearing | 115786-116225<br>116226-116231 | 1,010,132.14<br>3,502.39 |

**ADJOURN**

The adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Herb Baze, Chairperson

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Wesley E. Johnson, Commissioner