

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

NOVEMBER 6, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Herb Baze. Commissioner Bob Holter was in attendance, Commissioner Johnson was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 10/22; 10/23; 10/29; 10/31

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to approve October 22, 23 and 29 briefing minutes and the special meeting of October 31, 2001. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-absent; H-aye.

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes of 10/23/01 and special meeting of 10/29/01. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-absent; H-aye.

CORRESPONDENCE

2002 BUDGET/LEVIES

Copies of 2002 budget and excess tax levies were received from the following: The North Mason School District; Mason County Fire Protection District No. 11; and Port of Dewatto.

HARTSTENE POINTE WASTEWATER PLANT OUTFALL

The Hartstene Pointe Maintenance Association expressed their willingness to assist in plant modifications being contemplated.

BUILDING PERMIT

Mr. & Mrs. Don K. Gavin expressed appreciation for the knowledgeable, helpful and proficient workers when applying for a building permit.

FREQUENTLY FLOODED & GELOGICA HAZARDOUS

Shane Hope, State of Washington Office of Community Development, commented on Mason County's frequently flooded and geologically hazardous areas ordinance to attain compliance with the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The Economic Development Council of Mason County recommended a more formalized process regarding distributing .08 sales & use tax monies.

PROJECION OF INCOME

Received the projection of income from state forest board lands.

SKOKOMISH FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT MEETING

A special meeting will be held on November 15, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION - APPLICANT

Donald R Stacy

SKOKOMISH FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Carolyn Hindes

BUSINESS

AGREEMENT – SARGENT ENGINEERING

Gary Yando, Director of Utilities/Waste Management, requested the Board approve the consultant services agreement with Sargent Engineers, Inc. This is for Phase 1, Preliminary Design of the Hartstene Pointe Reservoir.

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to approve the consultant services agreement between Sargent Engineers and Mason County wherein they agree to provide the services described in the agreement and scope of work in attachment "A" to said agreement at the cost of \$11,671. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-absent; H-aye.

JAIL CONTRACT – GRANQUIST CONSTRUCTION CO.

Mike Rutter, Facilities & Grounds Manager, requested the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign the

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Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to authorize the Chair sign the Stormwater Pollution Source Control Plan agreement between Mason County and the City of Shelton. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-absent; H-aye.

VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROCEDURES

Dave Loser, ER&R, requested the Board approve amendments to the Vehicle Replacement procedures. He explained that since 1997 the Board has been extending the age and mileage before vehicle replacement to reduce the cost to the county. Vehicles are lasting longer than they were 10 years ago and the county has been keeping vehicles in service until there is a specific reason to replace it. Mileage or age is no longer a replacement criteria.

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to approve the change to the vehicle replacement procedures as outlined by Dave Loser. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-absent; H-aye.

GIS DATA REQUESTS

After attending the Washington Geographic Information Council (WAGIC) meeting, Lisa Stuebing, Mason County GIS, learned that the new Office of Homeland Security is reviewing GIS data public availability. Ms. Stuebing is recommending Mason County withhold all GIS datasets from distribution to the public until the Office of Homeland Security clarifies its stance. She suggested the policy be reviewed in January, 2002.

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to honor the request and withhold all GIS datasets from distribution to the public until the new Office of Homeland Security clarifies its position. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-absent; H-aye.

CRP 1471, CLOQUALLUM ROAD

Jerry Hauth, Public Works Director, requested the Board authorize Public Works to sign an amendment to the original proposal agreement with A.C.E. PS, Inc authorizing the consultant to provide Public Works with preconstruction videotapes of the homes/buildings on four additional properties. This is for CRP 1471, Cloquallum Road.

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to authorize Public Works to execute the amendment to the proposal agreement dated April 12, 2001, with A.C.E. PS, Inc. of Silverdale, Washington for preconstruction videotapes of houses/buildings on four additional properties for CRP 1471, Cloquallum Road. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-absent; H-aye.

CRP 1525 BELFAIR-TAHUYA ROAD – RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION

Mr. Hauth requested the Board approve the administrative settlement in the amount of \$54,846 instead of the Determined Value (as per our Review Appraiser) of \$53,500 (a difference of \$1,346) for CRP 1525, Belfair-Tahuya Road.

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works/County Engineer and approve the Administrative Settlement of \$54,846 paid to DNR for property acquisition on CRP 1525, Belfair-Tahuya Road. This is for a difference of \$1,346. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-absent; H-aye.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Gary Crane, Undersheriff, requested the Board approve the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant in the amount of \$27,932. There is a 10% match by Mason County. The Sheriff's Office proposes the procurement of the following equipment: forensic evidence drying cabinet, tactical diversionary equipment & devices, weapon mounting systems, advanced taser system, digital camera photo printer, digital cameras and video and evidence storage.

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Ione Siegler, Budget & Finance, explained Mason County has enacted the first quarter percent Real Estate Excise Tax (REET 1). This hearing is to consider imposing an additional excise tax on each sale of real property at a rate not exceeding 0.25 percent of the selling price. If a county is required to plan under the GMA, then the legislative authority can levy this additional tax.

Revenues collected from the additional REET are restricted to capital projects specified in the capital facilities plan element of the county's comprehensive plan and must be kept in a separate account. Eligible capital projects are more narrowly defined as follows:

Those public works projects of a local government for planning, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement of streets, roads, highways, sidewalks, street and road lighting systems, traffic signals, bridges, domestic water systems, storm and sanitary sewer systems, and planning, construction, reconstruction, repair, rehabilitation, or improvement of parks.

Mike Byrne, Parks & Recreation Director, stated the REET 2 money would help finance a five-year construction plan that the Parks Department has had on the books for a number of years. The idea is to do the projects as the money is available. The plan covers 15 parks in Mason County. This money would also give the county the opportunity for acquisition of additional parks.

Denny Temple expressed support of the REET 2 tax. He stressed the importance of having parks for Mason County. He stated Mason County has good park facilities that are being utilized more and more and they need to be maintained and expanded. He pointed out other counties have enacted this tax and he urged the Board to do the same.

Terry Ditmer stated he is involved in softball in Mason County and the parks do need to be maintained and expanded and this tax will help.

John Komen stated that raising taxes should not go unnoted. It means thousands of dollars more for people that are engaged in a real estate transaction. He believes this tax was rejected a few years ago by the voters. He finds it ironic that Mason County is not in compliance with the GMA, however the Board is considering a tax made available because of the GMA.

Cmmr. Baze closed the public hearing due to no further public testimony.

Ms. Siegler recommended the Board consider the testimony before taking action.

Cmmr. Holter commented they do have serious concerns about taxes. He doesn't believe it would be thousands of dollars from an individual party, although it is a tax paid by the seller. It does benefit the Current Expense fund and could mean another deputy sheriff along with supporting the parks.

SET HEARING – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Ione Siegler, Budget & Finance, requested the Board approve the resolution setting a public hearing to consider a supplemental appropriation to the 2001 Current Expense Fund, Health Services Fund and the Wastewater/No. Bay/Case Inlet Fund.

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 118-01 and set a public hearing on November 20, 2001 at 9:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers to consider a Supplemental Appropriation to the 2001 budget

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Schreiber. He also requested authorization to solicit bids and select a contractor from the 2001 Small Works Roster to move the LWD, with the understanding that the Skokomish Indian Tribe will pay half the cost of relocation.

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded that acting as the Skokomish Valley Flood Control Board, to authorize placement of three large woody debris on Tom Schreiber's property and that an additional four large woody debris be stored on his property until such time as they are needed elsewhere, and also select a contractor from the 2001 Small Works Roster to move all seven logs onto the Schreiber property, with the understanding that the Skokomish Indian Tribe will pay half the cost of relocation. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-absent; H-aye.

HEARING SET – MCEWAN PRAIRIE ROAD SPEED LIMIT CHANGE

Mr. Hauth requested the Board set a public hearing to consider changing the speed limit on McEwan Prairie Road.

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to set a public hearing on December 4, 2001 at 9:15 a.m. to consider changing the speed limit on McEwan Prairie Road, County Road No. 51800. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-absent; H-aye.

HEARING – Consider changing the speed limit on Newkirk Road, Co. Rd. No. 87280

Mr. Hauth reported that a petition was received from concerned citizens along Newkirk Road requesting the speed limit be lowered from 30 mph to 25 mph. Due to the local nature of the roadway, there is a high potential for pedestrian/bicycle/domestic animal traffic and there is a great amount of community support. Public Works is requesting the Board to adopt the resolution lowering the speed limit.

There was no public comment.

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to lower the speed limit on Newkirk Road (County Road No. 87280) from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-absent; H-aye. Resolution No. 119-01 (Exhibit B)

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Amended New Application: Alderbrook Inn; Applicants: North Forty Lodging LLC, Jeffrey S & Patricia Raikes; Privileges Applied For: Spirits/Beer/Wine Rest. Service Bar Catering.

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to approve the amended liquor license for the Alderbrook Inn; Applicants: North Forty Lodging LLC, privileges applied for: spirits/beer, wine rest. service bar catering. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-absent; H-aye.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

Raymond D. Kin, III - VFW 1694 - Housing \$400.00
Mrs. (Gladys) Charles A Torstenson – VFW 1694 – Food \$200.00

The Veterans Assistance Screening Committee is recommending approval on the above listed applications totaling \$600.00.

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to approve the Veterans Assistance Screening Committee's recommendation to approve the Veterans Assistance applications for Raymond Kin, \$400 and Mrs. Gladys Torstenson, \$200 for a total of \$600. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-absent; H-aye.

LOWER HOOD CANAL WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE APPLICANTS;

It is recommended the following individuals be appointed to the Lower Hood Canal Watershed Implementation Committee (LHCWIC): William Broughton, Jr.; Ben Cleveland (WADNR); Kyle Comer (Kitsap Con. Dist); Dave

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

The below listed individuals are presented for appointment to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

FPD #13 - Representative Brian Core

FPD #3 - Carol Sinclair, Representatives; Mike White, Alternate

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to concur with the appointment of Brian Core, Carol Sinclair and Mike White to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-absent; H-aye.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Ray Hanson stated he understands there are no Mason County members on the Area Agency on Aging and he urged the Board to fill the positions.

Cmmr. Baze stated he has been trying and would welcome any suggestions.

JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY

Mr. Hanson than asked about the Juvenile Detention Facility. He understands it is temporary facility and asked when the time is up.

Cmmr. Holter said there are about two years to go on the temporary basis. He has discussed with the city and there is the possibility they could make it a more permanent structure. It would need some alterations to bring it into compliance with the city code such as landscaping. There are many concerns of having this type of facility for the community.

Cmmr. Baze understands there haven't been any complaints about having the facility where it is located.

GIS INFORMATION

John Komen and the Board discussed the policy approval of withholding GIS information from the public. He expressed concern that this could be used to resist fulfilling public document requests. The Board reassured Mr. Komen that is not why this was adopted and they noted the County has been cooperative in fulfilling the requests.

RECESS

The Board recessed for 8 minutes

SALARY RANGE – CHIEF ACCOUNTANT

Al Brotche, Auditor, requested the Chief Accountant position be changed from a Range 15 to a Range 14. He has surveyed the counties that Mason County uses for comparative studies, has averaged the salaries and has determined it should be a Range 14. This would save the County approximately \$2,500.

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to approve the salary range realignment for the Chief Accountant position from a 15 to a 14 as recommended by Al Brotche and to approve Resolution No. 120-01. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-absent; H-aye. Resolution No. 120-01 (Exhibit C)

Mr. Brotche requested Theresia Ehrich be hired at a 14B Range for this position.

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to approve the request to fill the Chief Accountant position at a 14B level. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-absent; H-aye.

RECESS

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Specifically, it appears that the applicant may have more land than is shown in the current County Assessor's database. If this is the case, the applicant will not require a variance from the floor-to-area ratio in the Development Regulations but will only vary from the square footage maximum.

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to continue the hearing for Patrick Burke, VAR2001-00049, to 11/20/01 at 10 a.m. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-absent; H-aye.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

FUND NAME	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
Claims Clearing	30880-30907	\$16,827.43
	30908-31017	\$123,028.96
	31018	
Salary Clearing Fund	31019-31154	\$311,605.20
	31155-31299	\$377,060.23
	116472-116908	\$1,011,198.15
	116909-116935	\$13,467.08

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Herb Baze, Chairperson

Wesley E. Johnson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Bob Holter, Commissioner

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board