

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

DECEMBER 4, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Herb Baze who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Bob Holter and Wesley Johnson were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cmmr. Holter/Johnson moved and seconded to approve the meeting minutes of October 16, 2001 and November 20, 2001 as circulated. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

2002 BUDGETS/LEVIES

A letter was received from Fire Protection District No. 5 concerning the impacts of I-747 on the budget.

Copies of the 2002 budget and/or levies were received from: Port of Shelton; Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and Fire Protection District No. 1.

TOURSIM TASK FORCE

Christmas Giving Arts & Crafts Fair expressed thanks for the \$3500 grant approved.

PUBLIC NOTICE – SECURE RURAL FUNDS

The WSU/Cooperative Extension has announced the County's intention to establish and conduct forest related after-school programs. Comments will be received for 45 days from date of publication.

B U S I N E S S

VETERANS ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

- 1) Howard Pershall – VFW 1694 – Mileage Reimbursement \$59.34
- 2) Allan B. Brownawell – VFW 1694 – Utilities \$211.87
- 3) Donald Theodore Lund – VFW 1694 – Burial \$300.00
- 4) Mrs. Jack Nielsen – VFW 1694 – Utilities \$139.09
- 5) Claude H. Elder – VFW 1694 – Housing \$150.00
- 6) James P. Wing – VFW 1694 – Housing \$400.00
- 7) Joseph R. Allen – VFW 1694 – Housing \$400.00

The Veterans Assistance Screening Committee is recommending approval on the above listed applications in the amount of \$1660.30.

Cmmr. Johnson/Holter moved and seconded to approve the Veterans' Assistance applications as recommended by the screening committee for Howard Pershall, mileage reimbursement, \$59.34; Allan Brownawell, utilities, \$211.87; Donald Theodore Lund, burial, \$300; Mrs. Jack Nielsen, utilities, \$139.09; Claude Elder, housing \$150; James Wing, housing \$400 and Joseph Allen, housing \$400. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.

ESTABLISH HEARING – SCHOOLS IN RURAL AREAS

Department of Community Development recommends a hearing be set to consider interim amendments to the Mason County Development Regulations to allow for the establishment or expansion of schools in the Rural Area of Mason County. Suggested date: Tuesday, December 18, 2001 at 10:30 a.m.

Cmmr. Holter/Johnson moved and seconded to set a hearing on Tuesday, December 18, 2001 at 10:30 a.m. to consider interim amendments to the Mason County Development Regulations to allow for the establishment or expansion of schools in the Rural Area of Mason County. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.

ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR THE PLAT OF IRONHORSE CROSSING

Michael MacSems, Planning, presented a revised staff report. He recommended the preliminary plat approval for the Plat of Ironhorse Crossing with revisions to the conditions to address concerns voiced at the November 27, 2001

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HEARING – Consider increasing the speed limit from 45 miles per hour to 50 miles per hour on McEwan Prairie Road, Co. Rd. No. 51800

Jerry Hauth, Public Works Director, presented the staff report. A vehicle speed study has been performed on McEwan Prairie Road, the current average speed is 50 to 51 mph with an 85th percentile speed at 54 to 55 mph. This would be considered rather good compliance for a road posted at 50 mph. Because of this, increasing the speed limit to 50 mph would seem to be an appropriate action.

There was no public comment.

Cmmr. Holter/Johnson moved and seconded to increase the speed limit on the McEwan Prairie Road from 45 to 50 mph, as recommended by the County Engineer, by execution of Resolution No. 127-01, as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye. Resolution No. 127-01 (Exhibit A)

PAVING AWARD – PUBLIC WORKS

The Board acknowledged a recent award that was received by George Fullerton, Public Works, for paving excellence for the Dayton-Airport Road, CRP 1638. The award was for the best county paving project in Western Washington and is sponsored by the Asphalt Paving Association of Washington. George thanked the Board and noted Terry Conley and Michael Townsend also deserve credit for their work as field inspectors on the project.

HEARING – Consider a variance from the Mason County Development Regulations for construction of a residential stair tower that exceeds the maximum height requirement of 35'. Applicant: Kamilla McClelland

Grace Miller, Planning, presented the staff report. The applicants have requested a variance from Section 1.03.032 of the Development Regulations. The variance is from the 35' height restriction for residential structures that are located within a Rural Area. The property is located at 110 SE Eagles Nest Drive, Shelton.

The variance request is for an existing stair tower with a 90-square-foot flat roof deck surrounded by a parapet railing which is finished in Dryvit. The stair tower walls are also finished in Dryvit. The roof deck is built with a waterproof membrane over plywood. The roof deck and possibly the parapet are currently leaking. Water that gets behind the Dryvit membrane becomes trapped in the wall and the water causes rot. This is a common problem with Dryvit and flat roofs in Washington. The applicant is an architect with 15 years of experience and believes that the alternative to the variance request, which would be rebuilding the deck and parapet, is only a temporary solution. Even with careful detailing, it is likely to leak again and cause further damage.

The best way to correct this problem is to enclose the roof deck with walls and a sloped roof with a good overhang.

Staff finds that the new design is strictly for structural and functional reasons and recommends approval of the Variance with the following condition:

1. Smoke detector is wired into the existing smoke alarm system in the residence. (Per Mason County Fire Marshal, Dave Salzer).

There was no public comment.

Cmmr. Holter/Johnson moved and seconded to approve the variance to the Development Regulations as requested by Craig and Kamilla McClelland with the condition that the smoke detector is wired into the existing smoke alarm system in the residence. A Notice of Final Decision will be signed by the Board and sent to the applicants. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.

ROAD CLOSURE – GRAPEVIEW LOOP ROAD

Jerry Hauth, Public Works Director, requested authorization to close Grapeview Loop Road.

Cmmr. Johnson/Holter moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 128-01 to close the Grapeview Loop Road at milepost 2.43 at the McLain Cove Bridge from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday, December 10, 2001.

Cmmr. Holter/Johnson moved and seconded to execute the resolution imposing limits on two Mason County bridges. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye. Resolution No. 130-01 (Exhibit C)

COUNTY ROAD LOAD RESTRICTIONS

Mr. Hauth then asked the Board to approve the resolution indicating all roads on the Mason County Road System are subject to closure for all vehicles exceeding the weights as listed for the 2001-2002 winter season.

Cmmr. Johnson/Holter moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 131-01 authorizing the county road load restrictions for the 2001-2002 winter season. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye. Resolution No. 131-01 (Exhibit D)

REQUEST TO SURPLUS BRIDGE

Mr. Hauth requested authorization to surplus the components that were salvaged from the Cranberry Creek Bridge.

Cmmr. Holter/Johnson moved and seconded to authorize the Public Works to surplus the bridge stored at the Mason County Central Shop (Cranberry Creek Bridge). Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.

RESOLUTION - INTENT TO ESTABLISH COUNTY ROADS

Public Works presented the resolution for the Board's approval for the intent to establish county roads.

Cmmr. Holter/Johnson moved and seconded to adopt 129-01 to establish the intent to hold a hearing to consider establishing the roads in Belwood Subdivision as county maintained roads. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye. Resolution No. 129-01 (Exhibit E)

CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT FOR DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY FOR WATERSHED PLANNING

Bob Fink, Planning Manager, requested the Board sign the contracts for the Ecology Grant Amendments for Phase 2 and 3 grant funding for continuation of the watershed planning process. Funding has been approved for both Watershed Resource Inventory Areas 14 and 16.

Cmmr. Holter moved to sign the submitted contracts for the Ecology Grant amendments.

Cmmr. Johnson questioned the dollar amount. After discussion, the Board asked Mr. Fink for more information before they would approve.

Motion withdrawn.

BUDGET HEARING SET – CURRENT EXPENSE

Ione Siegler, Budget & Finance, requested the Board set a hearing to consider a proposed supplemental appropriation to the 2001 Current Expense Fund.

Cmmr. Johnson/Holter moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 132-01 setting a public hearing on December 18, 2001 at 9:15 a.m. to consider a proposed supplemental appropriation to the 2001 Current Expense Fund budget in the estimated amount of \$75,696. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye. Resolution No. 132-01 (Exhibit F)

RECESS

The Board recessed for 10 minutes.

CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT FOR DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY FOR WATERSHED PLANNING

Bob Fink clarified the information for the amendments to the Ecology grant contracts.

Cmmr. Johnson/Holter moved and seconded to authorize, by signature, DOE grant G0000107 amendment No. 1 for WRIA 14 in the amount of \$58,646. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Herb Baze, Chairperson

Wesley E. Johnson, Commissioner

Bob Holter, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board