

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

JANUARY 22, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Wes Johnson who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Herb Baze and Bob Holter were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cmmr. Baze/Holter moved and seconded to approve the December 11, 2001 meeting minutes as circulated. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to approve the January 15, 2002 meeting minutes as circulated. Motion carried. B-aye; J-abstain; H-aye. (Cmmr. Johnson was absent from the January 15, 2002 meeting).

CORRESPONDENCE

STRETCH ISLAND FRUIT

Ron Sagerson, Stretch Island Fruit, Inc., wrote a letter expressing his frustration with the Growth Management process.

WSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Announcement that Robert Simmons has been named Chair for Mason County Cooperative Extension effective January 3, 2002 to replace Joe Kropf, who has retired.

SOLID WASTE CONCERNS

Ed Story is requesting that Mason County take action to deal with "trash/garbage dump" homes in Mason County.

TIMBERLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Received copies of letters from Grays Harbor, Mason, Pacific and Thurston Counties concurring with the appointment of Edna Fund to a seven-year term on the TRL Board of Trustees.

LIBRARY 2001 LEVY RATE FOR 2002 COLLECTION

Received the information regarding the Timberland Regional Library 2001 levy rate for 2002 collection.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Received an update on their effort to implement their existing policy plans and be more strategic with their property transactions.

BUSINESS

ENGINEERS GUILD AGREEMENT

Skip Wright presented the 2002 agreement between Mason County and the Mason County Engineers Guild for the Board's approval.

Cmmr. Baze/Holter moved and seconded to approve and sign the 2002 agreement between Mason County and the Mason County Engineers Guild. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.

ENGINEERS GUILD SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT

Mr. Wright then requested the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Subscription Agreement between the Washington Teamsters Welfare Trust, Mason County and the Mason County Engineers Guild to provide for medical insurance for the Engineers Guild for 2002.

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Subscription Agreement between the Washington Teamsters Welfare Trust, Mason County and the Mason County Engineers Guild to provide for medical insurance for members of the Engineers Guild during 2002. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.

AFSCME INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Mr. Wright presented the supplemental agreement between Mason County and AFSCME to provide for a

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Services and Personal Health bargaining units, by deleting Lincoln's Birthday, adding a 2nd Floating Holiday and changing Washington's Birthday to President's Day. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.

Cmmr. Baze/Holter moved and seconded to approve and sign the Letter of Agreement which amends Article IX, Section 1 – Holidays, of the agreement between Mason County and Teamsters Local 378, Appraisers bargaining unit, by deleting Lincoln's Birthday and adding a 2nd Floating Holiday. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to approve and sign Resolution No. 06-02 which amends Chapter 7.10 of the Mason County Personnel Policies by deleting Lincoln's Birthday and adding a 2nd Floating Holiday. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye. Resolution No. 06-02 (Exhibit A)

RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT – NORTH BAY/CASE INLET

Gary Yando, Director of Utilities/Waste Management requested the Board approve the grant agreement in the amount of \$3,740,000 with the US Department of Agriculture. This is for the North Bay/Case Inlet Sewer project.

Cmmr. Baze/Holter moved and seconded to approve the grant agreement between the United States Department of Agriculture and Mason County in the amount of \$3,740,000 and authorize the Chairperson to sign said document. These grant funds to be used on the North Bay/Case Inlet Sewer project. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.

MASON COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AND TRAUMA COUNCIL

Mason County Fire District No. 2 is requesting that Scott Cooper be named as the alternate representative to the above council.

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to concur with FPD #2 and appoint Scott Cooper as the alternate representative to the Mason County Emergency Medical Service and Trauma Council. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.

ROAD VACATION NO. 316

Request to schedule a hearing on February 19, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. to consider Road Vacation File No. 316, to vacate portions of Huntington, Johnston and Heckman Streets and portions of McArdle and Wherry Avenue all located in the Townsend Addition to Union City. Petitioner is Jeffrey and Karen Metzger.

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to set a hearing on February 19, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. to consider Road Vacation File No. 316 to vacate portions of Huntington, Johnston and Heckman Streets and portions of McArdle and Wherry Avenue all located in the Townsend Addition to Union City. Petitioner is Jeffrey and Karen Metzger. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye. Resolution No. 07-02 (Exhibit B)

CRP 1703, HARSTINE ISLAND BRIDGE

Public Works is requesting the Board set a bid opening for CRP 1703, Harstine Island Bridge, earthquake damage repair. Suggested date is February 19, 2002 at 9:45 a.m.

Cmmr. Baze/Holter moved and seconded to set a bid opening for CRP 1703, Harstine Island Bridge for earthquake damage repair on February 19, 2002 at 9:45 a.m. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.

TAHUYA RIVER BRIDGE

Public Works is requesting permission to obtain a contractor through the Small Works Roster to repair the erosion to the foundation of the Tahuya River Bridge.

Cmmr. Baze/Holter moved and seconded to authorize the Department of Public Works to select a contractor through the Small Works Roster process and enter into a contract for flood damage repair on the foundation of the Tahuya River Bridge on the Belfair-Tahuya Road. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.

FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIR – TAHUYA RIVER ROAD

Public Works announced that they selected Manke Excavating from the Small Works Roster for flood

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COURT COMMISSIONER CONTRACT

Superior Court is asking the Board to approve the Court Commissioner contract between Richard C. Adamson and Mason County Superior Court. This is a renewal of a previous contract.

Cmmr. Baze/Holter moved and seconded to approve the Court Commissioner contract between Richard C. Adamson and Mason County Superior Court. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.

VETERANS' ASSISTANCE

Randolph Parker, VFW 1694, \$400 utilities
Robert Rietze, VFW 1694, \$128.38 – utilities; \$53.71 – water = \$182.09

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to approve the Veterans' Assistance applications as recommended by the Screening Committee for Randolph Parker, \$400 utilities and Robert Rietze, \$128.38 and \$53.71 water. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.

SET HEARING – FREQUENTLY FLOODED AREAS

Bob Fink, Department of Community Development, is requesting the Board set a hearing on February 5, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. to receive public comment on the proposed changes to Section 17.01.090 Frequently Flooded Areas protections in the Mason County Resource Ordinance and to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

Cmmr. Baze/Holter moved and seconded to set a public hearing be set on February 5, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. to consider draft amendments to the Mason County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and to the Frequently Flooded Areas section of the Mason County Resource Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; H-aye.

HEARING – Consider an interim amendment to the Mason County Development Regulations to allow for the establishment of government sponsored child day-care centers.

Bob Fink, Planning Manager, explained the Squaxin Island Tribe is proposing to build a child care center on land which is within the Rural Areas designation under Mason County regulations. Such facilities are normally regulated and licensed under state law and Washington Administrative Code Chapter 388-155.

Although the tribe has started the process of having the land become Federal trust land, and therefore outside of county land use regulations, the Tribe wishes to begin work before the status of the land changes.

Under the order of invalidity issued by the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board, the building of a commercial child care center would not be allowed in the Rural Area. This also would not have been allowed under the currently invalidated Matrix of Permitted uses.

One way to provide for such centers is for the county to adopt an interim ordinance to allow the establishment of these centers in rural areas and to transmit the ordinance to the State Hearings Board for approval. If the interim ordinance is approved by the Hearings Board, then it becomes effective.

Mr. Fink stated their department supports the Tribe's request and recommended the Board adopt the proposed amendment. This is provided that no questions are raised in the hearing that have not been considered or that require further investigation prior to action.

Barend Vanzanten, represented Squaxin Island Tribe, urged the Board to approve the childcare center. He stated the Tribe is experiencing rapid growth and there is a real need for childcare for Tribal members, casino employees and community members. They intend to build the highest quality childcare facility they can. They hired their childcare director six months ago so she could plan for the quality of the facility.

Cmmr. Baze asked what the capacity of the facility would be.

Mr. Vanzanten answered that a 10,000 square foot building, which he believes is the maximum allowed with the Hearings Board, could conceivably handle up to 162 children. He has seen such a facility and he thought it was a little crowded so he believes they plan on having between 140 to 145 children. He stated they paid about \$15,000 a couple of years ago to do a feasibility study and they were told at that time that the need is for substantially greater than 140, it is in the 200 to 250 category. That is for a broad range of services and they don't intend to have the whole range of services, such as sick child care. He believes they will be able to fill it up quickly.

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Mr. Vanzanten stated they are trying to be innovative. They understand the concern with the environment and where it is located and they are considering a "living roof" which is a roof that is allowed to generate plant life on it. They are planning the site so they have 150' setbacks from the stream and they want to take advantage of the streams for educational purposes. They plan to have the storm drains handled on-site and they are figuring out the fire flow. He is working on an integrated plan for the Squaxin Island Tribe. He noted there is fire flow on the hill for government and there is fire flow below for the casino and he would like a fire flow that will handle the next 20 years. They would like it to be a facility that is different, in a very attractive way.

Cmmr. Holter commented that he is pleased they have been able to come this far with this. They are trying to show their good faith with the Squaxin Tribe. He noted the endeavor will move forward eventually and the County would like to facilitate that by letting the Tribe getting started a little bit early. He stated there is no question it will end up as Trust land, no matter what the Board does, and it would be better for all concerned if it starts as soon as possible.

Cmmr. Baze expressed his appreciation for Mr. Vanzanten's testimony.

Cmmr. Johnson stated the County is anxious to help in any way that it can, so the project can move forward. He pointed out that the need is there for such a facility.

Cmmr. Holter/Baze moved and seconded to approve the proposed findings of fact and the interim amendments to the Mason County development regulations to allow for the establishment of commercial child care centers by governmental entities in the Rural Area of Mason County. Motion carried unanimously. B -aye; J-aye; H-aye. Ordinance 08-02 (Exhibit C)

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Wesley E. Johnson, Chairperson

Bob Holter, Commissioner

Herb Baze, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board