

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

MAY 20, 2003

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Chairperson Herb Baze led the flag salute.
3. Roll Call - Attendance: Cmmr. Dist 1. Herb Baze; Cmmr. Dist 2 Wesley E. Johnson; Cmmr. Dist. 3 Jayni L. Kamin.
4. Approval of Minutes – **Cmmr. Johnson/Kamin moved and seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 13, 2003 and briefing meeting minutes of May 12, 2003. Motion carried unanimously. J-aye; K-aye; B-aye.**
5. Correspondence and Organizational Business
 - 6.1 Correspondence - A letter was received from Ken VanBuskirk asking for enforcement of the Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas. (Copy sent to Community Development/Planning)
 - 6.2 Certificate of Good Practice from the County Road Administration Board.
Cmmr. Johnson presented the certificate to the Public Works Department.
 - 6.3 Public Works presentation - Cmmr. Baze acknowledged Mr. Robert Graham him for his hard work and dedication to the Public Works Department. Mr. Graham is retiring after 30 years of service. Cmmr. Baze presented Mr. Graham with a certificate of award, a plaque, a thirty-year pin, and a watch.

Cmmr. Johnson told Mr. Graham that when he looks at the road signs placed in Mason County he would remember the great job that has been done over the thirty years.

Karen Dowling, Public Works Department, presented Mr. Graham with a card and expressed appreciation for the great job that he has done in the last thirty years and the level of professionalism that he has brought to the job.
- Open Forum for Citizen Input - There was no public comment.
6. Adoption of Agenda - **Cmmr. Kamin/Johnson moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. J-aye; K-aye; B-aye.**
7. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - 9.1 Set a public hearing on Tuesday, June 10, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. to consider increasing the Rustlewood Sewer System rates.
 - 9.2 Approval of CRP 1794 to place Bear Creek Dewatto Road from milepost 5.08 to milepost 6.52 on the 2003 AC Paving Program in the estimated amount of \$175,000. **Resolution No. 50-03 (Exhibit A)**
 - 9.3 Set a bid opening date of June 13, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. for CRP 1718, Shelton Matlock Brady Road (Evers Bridge Deck Repair).
 - 9.4 Approval of Warrants

Claims Clearing Fund 55257-55803	\$1,188,356.39
Salary Clearing Fund 130364-130603	\$200,272.91
 - 9.5 Approval of Veterans Assistance Fund application for Ralph Jantz - food \$400.00
 - 9.6 Approval of a resolution declaring that ongoing growth management appeals are of continuing and substantial public interest. **Resolution No. 52-03 (Exhibit B)**
 - 9.7 Cancel the June 24, 2003 Commission meeting due to the WSAC Summer Convention in Spokane.

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Cmmr. Johnson/Kamin moved and seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda Items 9.1 - 9.7. Motion carried unanimously. J-aye; K-aye; B-aye.

8. 9:30 a.m. Public Hearings and Items Set for a Certain Time

10.1 9:30 a.m. – Announce the decision on the Port of Allyn appeal of the Hearings Examiner decision for the Cousins variance. Cmmr. Baze presented the Board's decision on the appeal of the Hearings Examiner decision. Because the variance is not the minimum necessary in light of the specific facts and circumstances of the case, the Board reversed the decision of the hearing examiner and entered an order denying the variance as proposed. The Board is requesting that the Prosecutor's Office work with the Chair of the Board to draw up the findings and conclusions to support this decision and would further move to authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the findings and conclusions. The Board would consider the date of the issuance of the written decision to be the date of the final order for purpose of appeal.

Cmmr. Johnson/Kamin moved and seconded to reverse the decision of the Hearings Examiner and enter an order of denying the variance as proposed, the Prosecutor's office work with the Chair of the Board to draw up findings and conclusions to support the decision and to authorize the Chair of the Board to sign these findings and conclusions with the date of the issuance of the written decision to be the date of the final order for purpose of appeal. Motion carried unanimously. J-aye; K-aye; B-aye.

10.2 Public hearing to consider parking restrictions on the eastern shoulder of Craig Road from milepost 0.14 to milepost 0.28. Staff: Jerry Hauth. – Bill Tabor, Public Works, stated there is an ongoing problem on the eastern shoulder of Craig Road. The specific location is the intersection with Cole Road to just south of Wagon Works Automobile Repair Shop. The Traffic Forman has observed many vehicles parked along the eastern shoulder of Craig Road, which were obstructing a clear and adequate view of the stop ahead signs and the stop signs. The sight distance of vehicles entering onto the roadway from adjacent driveways was also being restricted. The parked cars interfere with the normal roadway maintenance performed by the Mason County Road Department. Mr. Tabor recommends the Board approve the Resolution authorizing "No Parking" on the eastern shoulder of Craig Road from milepost 0.14 to milepost 0.28.

Cmmr. Baze questioned Mr. Tabor what precipitated the request of "No Parking" along Craig Road.

Mr. Tabor informed the Board that a complaint from a concerned citizen. He presented pictures to the Board.

Ken Howard, Public Works, informed the Board that a citizen had approached the intersection at Craig Road and Cole Road and could not see the stop sign. The citizen stated there was a motor home, camper and a truck by the stop sign. Mr. Howard stated that he did take pictures shortly after the complaint was made.

Chuck Riley, who has lived at Blue Bear Park for nearly three years, stated that he takes care of the shoulder along the trailer park. He stated there is eight feet from the stop sign to where the first car is parked. There is a ditch that starts at the stop sign and runs eight feet long. He feels there is no reason for the "No Parking" resolution.

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Cmmr. Kamin questioned the reason is for residents of the trailer park to be parking along the street rather than in the park.

James Throknorton, owner of Blue Bear Park, stated that there are two parking spaces provided for each unit. There are times that the residents have company and others have three cars. He stated that there are usually at least two cars parked along the street. Mr. Throknorton did speak to Sheriff Whybark about the parking situation. Sheriff Whybark stated he suggested a seventy-two hour parking restriction rather than a no parking restriction. Mr. Throknorton presented pictures to the Board that was taken the morning of May 20th. The photos showed the stop sign was visible when the cars were parked there. He pointed out the ditch near the stop sign. He stated that Public Works is rarely out there to stripe the fog line and other than that he has never seen the Road Department out there. He stated that the park provides housing for low-income people and that it does get crowded. He also assured the Board that the motor home or any other large vehicle would not be allowed to park along side the road in the future.

Cmmr. Kamin stated that she lives in the area and Mr. Throknorton does a great job of maintaining the park.

Cmmr. Johnson asked if there is adequate parking in the park itself for the residences.

Mr. Throknorton stated there are two spaces per unit and three overflow spaces in the park. He is aware that it is crowded in the park but he feels that a seventy-two hour ordinance would work better for his park.

Kevin Pennington, owner of Wagon Works, and has been operating his business on Craig Road since 1972. He stated that he does park five or six cars along side the road but never for a significant amount of time. He stated that if Public Works would gave him a call before they are going to do work in the area he will make sure that there are not any cars parked in the way. He stated his land is small for his business but he does park cars nicely and doesn't obstruct the road. He never keeps junk vehicles on or near the road. Mr. Pennington stated that it is a dead end road and he counted the cars passing his business on a Thursday and all day only six cars passed.

Cmmr. Kamin questioned if on other county roads, are people allowed the use of the right away for parking lots.

Mr. Tabor stated that the County is not in the practice of making parking lots and he doesn't know of any other places of business that uses it like that. There are other places that have "No Parking" ordinances due to high traffic areas. Mr. Tabor stated that the stop sign needs to be seen prior to eighty-feet.

Jenny Throknorton, owner of Blue Bear Park, stated that the sexual molesters are still camping just down from the park location and if there is no parking along the trailer park their guest, and residents will need to park down at the Park n Ride location. The idea of people parking and walking to the park is dangerous with the predators in the area.

Rose Nye, is a resident on Cole Road. She questioned the speed limit on Craig Road.

Cmmr. Baze stated it is twenty-five miles per hour.

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Ms. Nye stated her concerns are that Wagon Works is going to be forced out of their location. Considering there is very low traffic and a low speed limit her suggestion would be the County mark the crossing better and a warning sign on the west side of the road. She stated that the Park-n-Ride is a dangerous location now. She stated that cars are parked there all night, wrecked cars are left there, cars get broken into and violence happens in the lot. She stated she would like the whole neighborhood looked at and not just the businesses on Craig Road. Because this is a rural neighborhood she would like to see the businesses be able to continue operating.

Bill Hall, has worked at Wagon Works for the last two years. He stated that the parking at the shop is a small area but it is his job to move quickly on any vehicle that is parked in the front. He stated there are other safety concerns on the Craig Road. The concern he has is that the speed limit is twenty-five miles per hour and people can't see the sign when they are probably going faster than the speed limit. There are many people who leave the Elks Lodge, are inebriated, and drive much faster than the speed limit. He suggested that the warning stop sign should be moved to a new location.

Eric Valley is a customer at Wagon Works. Mr. Valley stated that Wagon Works is an asset to the County. He would like to see the warning sign moved to a new location and a rumble strip installed to satisfy the citizens that have complained and make this a win-win situation.

Jason Nein, resident of Blue Bear Park, stated the problem isn't the stop sign or the cars parked on the side of the road. It is the people that are driving on the road. He has seen too many people drive recklessly down Craig Road. He believes that people who are driving the speed limit, see the stop sign.

Mr. Earls is a resident of Blue Bear Park, he stated that what is needed to solve most of the problems in his area is more patrolmen. There are many children that live in the park and they all cross the road to get on and off the bus for school. He has witnessed many incidents where cars were driving very fast and didn't witness the child on the side of the road to even slow down.

Andrea Pennington, owner of Wagon Works, stated that the reason they park on the side of the road is because they don't have adequate parking for their business. They only use the side of the road for parking during business hours. At night all the vehicles are pulled into the fenced area and locked up for security reasons. She stated that her company would lose customers if they cannot park their cars along the road during business hours. She would request that the County make a viable alternative for Blue Bear Park and her company if they do pass the "No Parking" ordinance. She is open to suggestions to solve the complaint that has been made. This is the first that she has heard there is a problem with the stop sign. Ms. Pennington stated there are no fog lines painted on Craig Road at this time. She stated that if the County would like to paint lines, mow the grass, or do any road work, if they would contact her business in advance they will arrange to have the side of the road cleared for the day. She also suggested the rumble strips before the stop sign as a solution to the stop sign issue.

Cmmr. Kamin questioned Mr. & Mrs. Pennington if they have looked into purchasing or leasing the land that is directly behind their business.

Ms. Pennington stated that they have looked into the property and it is very expensive to purchase. The owner wants \$250,000.00 or to lease it, it would cost \$3,000.00 monthly. The other issue with the land is the Urban

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Growth Management regulations would mean they would be limited to what they could do with property. They would love to be able to afford the property but it is not viable for them.

Ms. Kroum is a resident at Blue Bear Park. She stated that two of the vehicles that park along the road regularly, belong to her. She has children that are now driving and working and they all have their own vehicles. She stated the vehicles that do park along the road are driven regularly.

Cmmr. Kamin/Johnson moved and seconded to continue the public hearing to consider parking restrictions on the eastern shoulder of Craig Road from milepost 0.14 to milepost 0.28 to June 3, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried unanimously. J-aye; K-aye; B-aye.

10.3 Public hearing to consider the 2002 Current Use Open Space Program. Staff: Phil Franklin. – Phil Franklin, Assessor's Office, is in charge of the Current Use Open Space, Current Use Timber and Current Use Farm and Agriculture Programs. Mr. Franklin presented the Current Use Open Space agreements for final approval for Mary Hansen; Ann Kaluzny & Melvin Kelley; Mark & Carol Ann Lickers; Richard Stemwell; Kenneth & Peggy Van Buskirk; John & Nicki Zimmaro. Mr. Franklin the presented the Current Use Timberland agreements for Debbie Clegg; William & Marvalynn Cromwell; Horton House LLC; D. Glen & Jacquelyn Johnson; Kent Kingman; Manke Family Resoruces; Manke Lumber Company; Morris Jacqueline Morton; Johns Stadler and Walter Scott. Mr. Franklin stated if anyone in the public has comments or questions, please feel free to call him at extension 497.

Cmmr. Johnson/Kamin moved and seconded to approve current use applications as recommended by the Assessors office for the following Current Use Open Space Mary Hansen; Ann Kaluzny & Melvin Kelley; Mark & Carol Ann Lickers; Richard Stemwell; Kenneth & Peggy Van Buskirk; John & Nicki Zimmaro and Current Use Timber for Debbie Clegg; William & Marvalynn Cromwell; Horton House LLC; D. Glen & Jacquelyn Johnson; Kent Kingman; Manke Family Resoruces; Manke Lumber Company; Morris Jacqueline Morton; Johns Stadler and Walter Scott and authorize the Chair person to sign the agreements when they are prepared. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; J-aye; B-aye.

11. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials) - None

12. Administration - None

13. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

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MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Herb Baze, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Wesley E. Johnson, Commissioner

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

Jayni L. Kamin, Commissioner