

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

JULY 15, 2003

1. Call to Order - Chairperson Herb Baze called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance - The flag salute was led by Chairperson Herb Baze.
3. Roll Call - Present: Cmmr. Dist. 1 - Herb Baze; Cmmr. Dist. 2 - Wesley E. Johnson; Cmmr. Dist. 3 - Jayni Kamin
4. Approval of Minutes – **Cmmr. Johnson/Kamin moved and seconded to approve the briefing minutes of July 7, 2003 and the regular meeting minutes of July 8, 2003. Motion carried unanimously. J-aye; K-aye; B-aye.**
5. Board's Calendar for week of July 15 - 22
6. Correspondence and Organizational Business
 - 6.1 Correspondence
 - 6.1.1 Jack M. Strickland Jr. has applied to serve on the Planning Advisory Commission, CD #3.
 - 6.1.2 A resignation was received from Charles J. Speigle who was appointed to serve on the Future Fairgrounds Advisory Committee. (Copy to the Fair)
 - 6.1.3 Allyn Community Association submitted a list of questions they wish to be addressed at the hearing on July 15 regarding Belfair/Allyn sewer.
 - 6.1.4 Philip Wolff faxed a letter requesting it be read in his absence at the hearing on July 15 regarding Belfair/Allyn sewer.
 - 6.2 Press Release – Mason County Department of Health Services Co-Recipient of 2003 Heroes of Health Care Award – Steve Kutz, Health Department Director, announced that the Washington Health Foundation presented the Mason County Department of Health Services with the "Heroes of Health Care Award" for the Access to Baby and Child Dentistry program. The ABCD program started in 2000 and since then 811 Mason County children have enrolled. These are children ranging in age from infant through age five who most likely would not have received any dental services at all prior to the ABCD program. Steve Kutz expressed a heartfelt thanks to the five dentists in Mason County; Dr. Shirley Daniels, Dr. Patrick Kwong, Dr. Duane Moore, Dr. Brian Oleson, and Dr. Christine Pace. Steve Kutz also thanked his staff members Mary Dussol and Carolyn Dietzman for their hard work and dedication to ABCD program. The board expressed appreciation for the noble work that the Health Service team provides and the results are very positive.
 - 6.3 Press Release - Health Services Award of Excellence - Steve Kutz, Health Services Director, announced that the Mason County Department of Health Services were awarded a March of Dimes Grant for Nurse-Family Partnership Program. The Grant is to enhance the home visitation program that focuses on first time, low income, pregnant mothers and their babies. Steve Kutz thanked Lydia Buchheit for her dedication in seeking extra grant funding to supplement the program. The board expressed appreciation for Lydia Buccheit's dedication to the women and young children that the program serves.
7. Open Forum for Citizen Input - No comments.
8. Adoption of Agenda - **Cmmr. Kamin/Johnson moved and seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of Change Order for Contract Number CRP 1471 under Item 11.2. Motion carried unanimously. J-aye; K-aye; B-aye.**
9. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - 9.1 Set closed record public meeting on July 28, 2003; 9:00 am for Norm Curtis' appeal of a decision by the Mason County Hearing Examiner.

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- 9.2 Approval of Veterans' Assistance application for Marlis Monger - mileage reimbursement \$26.02; and Larry R. Webster - food \$400.00 = \$426.02.
- 9.3 Approval of Warrants
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| Claims Clearing Fund | 57203-58209 | \$1,008,573.05 |
| Salary Clearing Fund | 131404-131871 | \$1,143,628.70 |
- 9.4 Approval of an agreement with the Thurston/Mason County Regional Support Network to provide mentally ill offender services in the Mason County Jail. The agreement is for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 and is not to exceed \$3,840 annually.
- 9.5 Set a public hearing on Tuesday, August 5, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. to review and take public input on a new traffic control plan that is being proposed by Public Works for the intersection of Grapeview Loop Road and Eckert Road.
- 9.6 Approval of two reimbursable agreements between the Mason County Road Department and Mason County Parks and Recreation for BST surfacing on the Sand Hill and MCRA Park parking lots.
- 9.7 Concurrence with the Chair's signature, dated June 23, 2003, on three FY2004 Wireless Implementation contracts with the Washington State Military Department for E911 Funds. Contract No. E03373, E03402 and E03343 for a total amount of \$183,138.
- 9.8 Approval of eleven vendor contracts for the Mason County Fair & Rodeo. The contracts are with Lazy HK-Bar Rodeo, Bob Precious with Pigtasia, Captain Swing, Loco Rodeo, Jonathan Harris, Jerry Harris, Class Action with Diane, Mario Lorenz, Funtastic Traveling Shows, Fabulous Roadstars, Mary Wiles & Band.

Cmmr. Johnson/Kamin moved and seconded to approve consent agenda items 9.1 through 9.8. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; J-aye; B-aye.

10. 9:30 a.m. Public Hearings

10.1 Public Hearing to consider testimony regarding the proposal of utilizing the North Bay Water Reclamation Facility near Allyn to serve the Belfair area. Gary Yando, Director of Utilities & Waste Management, presented the background of the recently completed water reclamation facility and sewer collection system Mason County has been working on since the early 90's. The original plan envisioned a separate new facility located near Belfair. Recently additional information suggested it would be cost effective to utilize the existing facility to also serve Belfair. Mr. Yando stated two public meetings were held one in Allyn and one in Belfair. At the public meetings participants were provided fact sheets, cost summaries, capacity information and monthly cost projections along with other pertinent information. Mr. Yando presented a list of questions from the Allyn Community Association along with the prepared responses to each of the questions.

Harry Sellers, Gray & Osborne Engineers, presented a brochure that was handed out at both of the public meetings. Currently less than 50% of the connections are being utilized with the 900 connections in use. The facility was originally built to handle 1,400 connections but due to more current information he believes the facility could handle 1,800 connections. By adding a third basin it would increase the capacity to 2,700 connections. Looking ahead to year 2023, based on history for both Allyn and Belfair, the connections would be approximately 2,400.

Mr. Sellers presented maps, charts and bar graphs of the current facility versus the upgraded facility. The information showed the differences in facility capacity, cost of structures, and fees to users.

Mr. Sellers informed the Board there is one part of North Bay that may present a trouble spot for certification but his company is working with the State Board of Health on the issue.

Cmmr. Baze informed Mr. Sellers, that the Washington State Board of Health (BOH) was here in a meeting on Monday July 14, 2003. During the meeting the BOH congratulated the Commissioners

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for the work the engineers and the County had done in the North Bay area and they are pleased with the outcome of the facility.

Mr. Jeff Carey, Vice President of Allyn Community Association, Vice President of Victor Club, stated he is bringing information, questions and concerns from the community organizations he is involved with. He stated the savings presented in this meeting is about two million dollars which is significant compared to the half of million presented in the two public meetings held in Allyn and Belfair. He asked that when there is that much difference in numbers that the community should be alerted.

Cmmr Baze stated the savings were in the construction of the facility not the operation of it. It was based on two facilities versus one.

Mr. Carey stated that the local groups in the community are apprehensive to the addition of the Belfair area on the sewer system. They stated they still have questions and would like them answered prior to the approval of adding the Belfair area to the sewage system. Mr. Carey discussed issues that were combined from all the groups. He stated the shellfish problem in Flag Creek should be cleaned up prior to adding another potential problem. The community is concerned with the zoning within the Urban Growth Area (UGA) of Allyn. The groups are concerned about having enough hookups to meet the needs of the future residents with their service area. They would like to make that provision made part of the design if the system is going to be tied together. The route of the new system should be routed along HWY 3 if a solution could be found to the one area that the ground moves continually. This route would save a half of mile in length. This would also address the potential UGA going North along HWY 3 in the future. Mr. Carey also expressed a need to have better communication on joint tension issues and solve them as they arise. Another issue that was raised among his group is the water being moved from one Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) to another WRIA. He also stated that pumping stations smell very bad a couple times a year until the County adjusts something then the smell goes away. With the increase in waste will the smell increase and to be need adjusted more often. Mr. Carey requested any future hearings be held in the evening so that more of the working community may attend.

Mr. Ken VanBuskirk, a resident in Belfair, presented a letter he had written to the Board. He stated the letter he had written was his own opinion and not those of the Belfair Sub-Area Planning Committee or the Chamber of Commerce. His letter referenced an article published in the Bremerton Sun on July 8, 2003 regarding Belfair. The editor wrote about a local developer, the president of the Chamber of Commerce and the Chairman of the Belfair Sub-Area of Planning Committee to spruce up Belfair's image. He quoted a piece of the article that stated "Mason County's Officials approved a plan in May to allow North Bay's sewer collection system to serve Belfair". He called the paper to have the article corrected and also showed it to Commissioner Johnson. Commissioner Johnson assured him a decision hadn't been made so he called the editor of the Bremerton Sun. The editor stated a decision had been made and that a correction was not going to be published.

Cmmr. Baze asked Mr. VanBuskirk if the editor had given a source for the information.

Mr. VanBuskirk stated a source had been given but he was not willing to publicly announce the name.

Mr. VanBuskirk stated he had testified at many public hearings against having a sewer system built. He also stated the system in Allyn is not the residents of Allyn because it was funded by federal funds which means it belongs to everyone. He would like to see the connection between Belfair and Allyn because it is cost effective.

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Wendy Irvin, a resident of Hoodspout, questioned the debt service difference on the charts shown by Harry Sellers of Gray & Osborne Engineers.

Mr. Sellers stated the difference between the debt service on the pie charts he showed reflected the grant funds which largely funded the Allyn Water Reclamation Facility and it is not anticipated for the Belfair Facility. The anticipation for the Belfair area would only be 50% funded by grants. This is based on the fact that most of Belfair is commercial. The Ecology rule does not allow for commercial purposes.

Ms. Olive Hall, a resident on Hood Canal, questioned why the County doesn't include sewer to all the residents on the south shore of Hood Canal.

Mr. Gary Yando informed Ms. Hall that there is not a public health hazard to the residents on the south shore.

Mr. Darren Neinaber stated the Growth Management Act (GMA) prohibits the extension of sewers in rural areas unless there is a severe public health hazard.

Mr. Bill Worth, a resident of Allyn, stated he attended the Allyn public meeting and he is against adding Belfair to the Allyn sewage plant. He is concerned about moving water from one watershed to the other. He suggested the Commissioners delay their decision and look at the other options rather than connecting them together.

Mr. Gary Yando stated he is looking into and is waiting for a phone call back on the WRIA issue. Mr. Yando stated the sewer system that would serve Allyn and Belfair will not be able to serve anything in the rural area. It would be a pressure system between Allyn and Belfair. The only exception that may be made is the School District if it was declared or determined to be a public facility. The area between Belfair and Belfair State Park is considered rural but it has been declared a severe public health hazard so they will be included in the new sewer system. The approximate number of hookups in the Belfair area is 560.

Cmmr. Baze questioned Mr. Yando if he knew when the WRIA questions would be answered.

Mr. Yando stated he was not sure but he is working on it and will continue to follow up.

Cmmr. Johnson stated that the WRIA issue needs to be looked into further and also what is in the WRIA legislation that could be controlling factors. The south shore of Hood Canal is in WRIA 14 but the WRIA 16 committee has taken the Hood Canal area in for deliberations because it fronts on Hood Canal. He stated there could be an issue with moving water from the Allyn watershed to Belfair area. Cmmr. Johnson thanked Mr. Worth for calling the WRIA issue to their attention because it needs to be checked into further.

Cmmr. Johnson/Kamin moved and seconded to close public comment portion of the hearing and to delay a decision until August 12, 2003. This will give opportunity to address apprehension and unanswered questions Mr. Carey raised and the WRIA issues Mr. Worth raised. Motion carried unanimously. J-aye; K-aye; B-aye.

Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials)

11.1 Approval of an agreement between the Shelton School District No. 309 and Mason County to lease a parcel of land of approximately 30,000 square feet, located between Wal-Mart and the Shelton Middle School, to use as a skateboard park. The lease shall be for ten years, ending July 8, 2013 and no rent shall be paid. Mike Rutter, Parks and Recreation Director,

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Ms. Julianne Miljour, Mason County Drug Abuse Prevention Director, gave a history of the skate park project. The project began with a vision out of the 2001 Shelton School District Community Youth Summit. An advisory committee was formed and four meetings were held which then led to the creation of the skate park committee. On the skate park committee there are over sixty representatives including both youth and their parents.

Ms. Miljour stated that the safety standards and liability issues have been addressed. She is confident that the safety standards can and will be met.

Ms. Miljour stated there is a huge excitement that the County has partnered with the Shelton School District. She thanked the Commissioners for their work and the recognition for the additional recreational needs for Mason County youth and making the vision become a reality.

Cmmr. Baze thanked Ms. Miljour for all the work she had done on the skate park project.

Mr. Rutter stated the Skate Park was a vision of the youth to parents, our civic leaders, and our business community. This is a partnership with our youth in the area to provide another activity for them during the school year to coincide as an after school activity.

Mr. Rutter stated this is an ongoing partnership with the school district for years to come. The lease addresses specific times and years with renewals and conditions. Mr. Darren Neinabor and Mr. Ben Settle have worked on the lease and have both approved of it. The term of the lease is ten years commencing on July 8, 2003 and terminating on July 8, 2013. The lease has an option to renew and extend the lease for four successive ten year periods upon the same terms and conditions upon giving the lessor 188 days advanced written notice of the exercise of this option. There shall be no rent paid.

Cmmr. Baze stated it is gratifying and he commended Mr. Rutter, Ms. Miljour and Commissioner Kamin for the partnership that has been created between Mason County and the Shelton School District. This is an unprecedented action that is taking place by creating a County Park in partnership with the Shelton School District inside the city limits of Shelton.

Cmmr. Kamin thanked Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Baze for their foresight in seeing this through. She also acknowledged past Commissioners and all the work they dedicated on helping the vision develop in the early stages of planning.

Cmmr. Kamin stated this Skate Park demonstrates the values that are placed on our youth and in the future of Mason County.

Cmmr. Johnson stated he remembered the crowd of youth that filled the Chambers a couple years back and the enthusiasm that filled the room that day for a vision of a Skate Park.

Cmmr. Baze stated the Skate Park is also a partnership to Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart supplied parking spaces for the Park.

Cmmr Kamin/Johnson moved and seconded to enter into the agreement between the Shelton School District No. 309 and Mason County to lease a parcel of land to be used as a skateboard park. The lease shall be for ten years, ending July 8, 2013 and no rent shall be paid. Motion carried unanimously. J-aye; K-aye; B-aye.

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11.2 Approval of Public Works Director to sign Change Order Number 1 for the Cloquallum (Rock Bluff) project in the amount of \$272,127.90. This will increase the contract amount from \$776,776.76 to \$1,048,904.66. Jerry Hauth, Public Works Director, presented a map to the Board showing the original design plan and presenting the new plan. Upon the approval of the change order the contract will be concluded. The work is completed on Cloquallum Road.

Cmmr. Kamin/Johnson moved and seconded to authorize the Public Works Director to sign Change Order #1 for the Cloquallum (Rock Bluff) project in the amount of \$272,127.90. This will increase the amount from \$776,776.76 to \$1,048,904.66. Motion carried unanimously. J-aye; K-aye; B-aye.

11. Administration - None

13. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Herb Baze, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Wesley E. Johnson, Commissioner

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

Jayni L. Kamin, Commissioner