

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

DECEMBER 9, 2003

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Chairperson Herb Baze.
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 L. Kamin.
4. Approval of Minutes – **Cmmr. Johnson/Kamin moved and seconded to approve the regular meeting and briefing minutes of 11/25/03.**
5. Board’s Calendar for week of December 9 – 16, 2003.
6. Correspondence and Organizational Business
 - 6.1 Correspondence
 - 6.1.1 The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1694 submitted their annual report as required by RCW.
 - 6.1.2 Received copies of the 2004 budget and/or levies from: Fire Protection District Nos. 5 & 2, Port of Grapeview; North Mason School District; Port of Shelton.
 - 6.1.3 Comcast has announced that they will be adjusting the pricing of their cable television service levels effective January 2004.
 - 6.1.4 An application was received from Steve Clayton to serve on the Belfair Construction Implementation Committee.
7. Open Forum for Citizen Input - No public comment.
8. Adoption of Agenda – **Cmmr. Kamin/Johnson moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; K-aye.**
9. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - 9.1 Approval of an ordinance to provide for the legal and financial protection of the County’s officers, employees, and their marital communities from personal liability for acts or omissions by such officers and employees, while acting in good faith and within the scope of their official County duties in compliance with RCW 4.96.041. **Ordinance No. 127-03 (Exhibit A)**
 - 9.2 Approval of a Memorandum of Defense and Indemnification regarding a tort claim filed by William Freeman against Gary Bursleson, Mason County Prosecuting Attorney memorandum of defense and indemnification.
 - 9.3 Appointment of Shawn O. Ball to the Mason-Thurston Chemical Dependency Advisory Board.
 - 9.4 Approval of Contractual Employment Agreement between Fred Geiger and Mason County. Mr. Geiger is retained as the Rustlewood Sewer & Water caretaker. This would be a continuation of existing agreement and will be for two years beginning on January 1, 2004.
 - 9.5 Approval of Veterans Assistance Fund applications for Mrs. Roy (Rose) Oster - food \$100.00; Kimberly Mougous - housing \$550.00; Larry M. Tunno - utilities - \$81.42 for a total of \$731.42.
 - 9.6 Approval of Warrants

Claims Clearing Fund	64760-64900	\$369,321.03
Salary Clearing Fund	135091-135553	\$1,133,638.37
 - 9.7 Approval of consultant contract for preliminary hydrogeologic characterization in WRIA 14 in support of watershed planning efforts. Total costs for the first phase of this work under this contract shall not exceed \$9,997 and funding is provided through the watershed planning grant from the Department of Ecology.
 - 9.8 Amendment #1 to Interlocal Agreement #HDC-989 between Clark County Health Department and Mason County Department of Health Services. The amendment reallocates funding within the

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- intervention categories of the HIV/AIDS prevention programs. There is no change in the contract amount.
- 9.9 Approval of Program Agreement Foster Care Passport Program between DSHS and Mason County Department of Health Services. The amount is \$40,788 for the period of 7/1/03 through 6/30/04.
- 9.10 Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Contract #N11180 between the Washington State Department of Health and the Mason County Department of Health Services. This changes the end date of the existing contract for third party sanitary water system surveys from September 30, 2003 to June 30, 2005 and increases the contract by \$16,750.
- 9.11 Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Contract #N11181, Joint Plan of Operation (JPO), between the Washington State Department of Health and the Mason County Department of Health Services. The JPO defines agency responsibility for program functions in the drinking water program and there is no change in the contract amount
- 9.12 Set a public hearing on Tuesday, December 23, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. to consider a supplemental appropriation to the 2003 Budget for the Current Expense Fund in the amount of \$34,721 and the Law Library Fund in the amount of \$15,000. **Resolution No. 128-03 (Exhibit B)**
- 9.13 Set a public hearing on Tuesday, December 23, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. to review four requests to rezone properties in the rural Area of Mason County. The rezone requests are from Glenn Sundstrom, John & Marylou Borgert, Kim Delaney and Citation Inc..
- 9.14 Approval of a resolution establishing bridge limits on the Hliboki Bridge, the Rock Creek #3 Bridge and the Gosnell Creek Bridge. **Resolution No. 129-03 (Exhibit C)**
- 9.15 Set a public hearing on Tuesday, December 23, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. to consider allocating SHB2060 Low Income Housing funds. Applications for funding have been received from Mason County Shelter and Southern Puget Sound Inter-Tribal Housing Authority.

It was noted that item 9.9 the date should be 6/30/05 and not 6/30/04.

Cmmr. Johnson/Kamin moved and seconded to approve consent agenda items 9.1 – 9.15, as read, including correction on 9.9 to change 6/30/04 to 6/30/05. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; K-aye.

RECESS

The Board recessed at 9:18 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.

10. 9:30 a.m. Public Hearings and Items Set for a Certain Time

- 10.1 Public hearing to consider the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. Total amount of funding is \$21,637.

Undersheriff Gary Crane presented the 2003 Block Grant which the Sheriff's Department has participated in for approximately 8 or 9 years. The primary focus is crime prevention to free up the Sheriff's time to have an individual go out to different community groups to present crime prevention talks and set up crime watch. The second phase of the grant is to procure equipment to continue their program of less than lethal force. They are looking at tasers and no hands on equipment. The final phase is to continue to upgrade some of their computer equipment.

Cmmr. Johnson asked if there is a person on staff currently to conduct meetings in the community.

Undersheriff Crane responded they will be exploring a professional services contract. Possibly, they would contract with a retired police officer.

Cmmr. Kamin asked for explanation of the neighborhood watch.

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Undersheriff Crane explained they have had pilot neighborhood watch programs in the community. It is getting citizens involved to look after each other. There is no compensation as it is strictly voluntary. The key is to get individuals trained to know what to look for. This pilot program has proven successful.

Sue Russell stated they are thinking of starting a neighborhood watch in the Union area. She voiced her support of this grant program.

Cmmr. Baze noted that Harstine Island has had a very good neighborhood watch program.

Cmmr. Johnson added that he has been meeting with the Union people and they are a very hard working group. This crime watch program is typical of the community getting involved in a variety of things for the betterment of their community. He expressed appreciation for their participation.

Cmmr. Kamin expressed she understood there are 40 different neighborhoods that may be served by this program.

Cmmr. Kamin/Johnson moved and seconded to approve the funding as presented by the Sheriff's office for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant in the total amount of \$21,637. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; K-aye.

10.2 Public hearing (cont. from 6/3/03) of a land use variance hearing request by Mike Huson.

Michael MacSems, Planner, noted that Mr. Huson applied for a variance in October 2001 to the Development Regulations to divide his land. At that time, the Planning Department advised Mr. Huson that they would not recommend in favor of the variance request, but would be agreeable to a rezoning of his property once the necessary clearances from the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board had been obtained. It is estimated that it is still approximately two months away from resolution of the rezone issue. The Planning Department and Mr. Huson have agreed to seek a continuation of the variance hearing until February 2004.

The Board noted that this has been ongoing for a long time. It was asked if there is any problem forseeing it being able to go through with the rezone. The parcel of ground is an oddly shaped piece of property.

Mr. MacSems explained that in talking with Allan Borden who works with rezones that the department will be recommending in favor of this rezone and ultimately the decision will be from the Board.

Cmmr. Johnson/Kamin moved and seconded to continue the land use variance hearing for Mike Huson until 9:30 a.m. , February 10, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; K-aye.

11. Other Business - None

12. Administration - None

13. Adjournment- The meeting adjourned at 9:46 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