

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

JULY 20, 2004

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chairperson Wesley E. Johnson.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – The flag salute was led by Chairperson Johnson.
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. Kamin/Baze moved and seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 6, 2004 and briefing minutes of June 21, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-abstained; K-aye.**
5. Board's Calendar for week of July 20 – 27, 2004.
6. Correspondence and Organizational Business
 - 6.1 Correspondence
 - 6.1.1 Planning Advisory Commission Applicant: Steven A. Harrison
 - 6.1.2 Andrea Fontenot wrote a letter expressing concern about the discharge of firearms at Lake Isabella. (Letter forwarded to Sheriff)
 - 6.1.3 A petition was received with 333 signatures asking for the County's assistance in obtaining the Washington State Dept. of Transportation's cooperation in executing the correction/improvement of the SR 101 and SR 3 junction with an on ramp on the north bound side of SR 101.
 - 6.1.4 Bob Harris, Belfair SR3 Special Road Project Advisory Committee, submitted a list of questions relating to the committee
 - 6.1 Press Release – Olympic Microloan Fund. Staff: Ron Henrickson presented a press release to announce Olympic Microloan Fund (OMF) has received a \$250,000.00 federal block grant through the Department of Community Trade and Economic Development (CDBG). The OMF is a microenterprise development program, which provides business consulting and loans to small businesses that are unable to satisfy their financing requirements through conventional sources. The OMF serves small businesses in Clallam, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, Mason, Pacific, San Juan, Thurston, and Wahkiakum Counties.

Cmmr. Johnson encouraged any businesses that qualify to consider the availability of the funds. The Columbia Pacific Resource Conservation & Economic Development District covers some of the same counties as OMF for loan applications. He stated that between the two organizations it provides considerable resources for small businesses.
7. Open Forum for Citizen Input – None
8. Adoption of Agenda - **Cmmr. Baze/Kamin moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; B-absent; J-aye.**
9. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - 9.1 Approval of Veterans Assistance Fund application for: Philemon Shark Jr. – food \$200 and utilities \$82.78 for a total of \$282.78.
 - 9.2 Approval of Warrants

Claims Clearing Fund	74597-74907	\$340,830.00
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 - 9.3 Approval of Local Economic Development Program Application for the Hoodspout Sewer Facility Plan to appropriate \$25,000 from the Mason County Distressed Area Capital Fund (.08).
 - 9.4 Approval of a resolution for the cancellation of unpaid warrants that are over a year old, pursuant to RCW 39.56.040. **Resolution No. 62-04 (Exhibit A)**
 - 9.5 Approval of a resolution authorizing a budget transfer between operating expenses and salary and benefit line items in the amount of \$1,400 for the Cooperative Extension/Summer Forestry Leadership Program

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- and authorizing unrestricted departmental budgetary authority for the Extension Office to meet the July 30th payroll date for these youth. **Resolution No. 63-04 (Exhibit B)**
- 9.6 Approval of the resolution setting a public hearing on August 3, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. to consider a supplemental appropriation to the 2004 budget in the estimated amount of \$29,819 for the Current Expense Fund. **Resolution No. 64-04 (Exhibit C)**
- 9.7 Approval for Public Works to advertise, interview and hire a Construction Engineering Manager to fill a vacated position.
- 9.8 Approval to surplus vehicle #611, 1987 John Deere 410C backhoe and authorize the Equipment Rental & Revolving Fund Manager to sell the vehicle to Mason Transit at a price of \$7,000 condition "as is".
- 9.9 Approval for the Equipment Rental & Revolving Fund Manager to call for bids for a used Gradall 660E excavator for Public Works. Maximum cost of \$50,000 plus taxes. Bid opening date and time is August 13, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.
- 9.10 Approval of a memorandum of understanding between the Squaxin Island Tribe and Mason County regarding the Goldsborough Creek Temperature Study as part of a larger study in Instream Flow for WRIA 14, associated with Ecology Grant G0000107, Watershed Planning Grant, in the amount of \$6,750.
- 9.11 Approval to enter into an agreement with Gray and Osborne, Inc. for professional services for the development of a Sewer Facilities Plan for the Hoodspport Rural Activities Center (RAC). In addition, contingent upon receipt of a grant of \$50,000 from the Puget Sound Action Team, the agreement calls for the development of a General Sewer and Wastewater Facility Plan and expanded study area to include shoreline properties south of the RAC to Potlatch.
- 9.12 Approval of an agreement between Mason County and Washington State Department of Transportation for contract administration and inspection services for CRP 1598, Old Olympic Highway, Skookum Creek Bridge. The estimated cost is \$90,000.

Cmmr. Johnson requested item 9.11 to be pulled for separate consideration and to have more information presented.

Mr. Doug Micheau, Utilities & Waste Director, presented item 9.11. The request is to enter into an agreement with Gray and Osborne, Inc. for Sewer Facilities Planning in the Hoodspport Rural Activity Center (RAC) and the shoreline area from Hoodspport to the Skokomish River. Mr. Micheau informed the Board the development of a Sewer Facility Plan is a necessary step in seeking outside funding sources required for the design and construction of wastewater collection and treatment facilities. The contract will provide a Facility Plan for the Hoodspport RAC, utilizing the .08 funding from Mason County. The scope of work listed as attachment B also includes an environmental and planning analysis of the shoreline area from Hoodspport to the Skokomish River. The work is contingent upon the receipt of grant funding from the Puget Sound Action Team (PSAT). The PSAT will make their decision to award funding in August 2004.

Cmmr. Baze requested Mr. Micheau to explain why permission would be needed to serve the Hoodspport area.

Mr. Micheau replied that Mason County is not allowed to serve outside the Urban Growth Area (UGA). The Hoodspport RAC is foreseen to evolve into a UGA on that side of the canal. He also stated there is some potential justification issues from the standpoint of a health threat to provide service to the area. The rest of the shoreline area would be used as a test case to show the benefits of providing services to the area, and then to use the information to generate support both in regulatory agencies as well as the State Legislature. Because of the geographically constrained area it is beneficial to look at the environmental benefits relative to the impacts of the development that would come from providing service. If approved to provide service in the Hoodspport area, the next step would be to provide a sewer facility plant for the entire area.

Cmmr. Johnson asked if the study area would encompass the Skokomish Reservation.

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Mr. Micheau replied yes that it would run from the Hoodport area to the Skokomish River. It does have a specific element in the scope to coordinate with the Skokomish Tribe.

Cmmr. Johnson asked if the study is contingent on appropriation of funds from the PSAT.

Mr. Micheau replied yes.

Cmmr. Johnson questioned if it was associated with the dissolved oxygen problem in the Hood Canal and the appropriation of federal funds to address the issue.

Mr. Micheau responded, yes the original application for funds was submitted to the PSAT. The water quality problem has been attributed back to primarily human sewage and nitrogen loading from the sewage entering the Puget Sound. The common criticism to providing sewers is the impact of the additional development would outweigh the environmental impacts of removing the nitrogen loading. The goal is to get imperial evidence about the actual analysis or balance that would weigh out. Then to look at the development regulations or development patterns that would be most immutable to preserving the environmental integrity of the shoreline while still providing sewer service and getting rid of the loading. The analysis would give a test case that could also apply to the other shoreline areas around the lower Hood Canal.

Cmmr. Kamin asked if it is being coordinated with the Skokomish Tribe.

Mr. Micheau replied that the Skokomish Tribe has been contacted and the coordination would be part of the study effort.

Mr. Ron Henrickson, County Administrator commented that not only failing septic systems contribute to the dissolved oxygen problem in Hood Canal. In fact functioning systems also discharge nitrogen and that is why looking at a public sanitary facility which removes that is the only solution to addressing it. The problem is from both failing and functioning systems.

Cmmr. Kamin/Baze moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda items 9.1 through 9.12. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; K-aye; J-aye

Recess 9:25 a.m.

Meeting called back to order at 9:31 a.m.

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

10.1 9:30 a.m. Informational Presentation by South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group (SPSSEG). Staff: Rick Hirschberg, Environmental Service Manager, introduced Cedar Bouta and Lance Winecka from the SPSSEG.

Ms. Cedar Bouta gave a brief history of the SPSSEG. SPSSEG is non-profit and they focus on building partnerships at the local level to achieve on-the-ground salmon recovery. Her group is one of fourteen regional fisheries enhancement groups established by the State Legislature in 1990. The service areas are defined by watershed boundaries. The SPSSEG watersheds encompass Pierce, Thurston and Mason Counties, the southern Key Peninsula, and part of south King County. Their mission is "to increase salmon populations in the South Puget Sound Region through habitat restoration, community education, and volunteer involvement."

Ms. Bouta acknowledged Mason County as a significant partner on many projects. She thanked Mr. Hirschberg for his support in working with her and the others in her group.

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Ms. Bouta stated her partner Mr. Lance Winecka has completed an inventory of blocking culverts in the WRIA 14 watershed area. By doing the inventory it allowed the team to identify fish passage problems and to prioritize them to complete the most critical ones first. Approximately ten of the fish passages have been restored on the list.

Cmmr. Baze inquired if Ms. Bouta worked with the Hood Canal Coordinating Council (HCCC).

Ms. Bouta replied she works with the Hood Canal Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group, although they have not done any collaborative projects. They do meet once a quarter with the various groups and look at the statewide projects that are being done.

Cmmr. Kamin requested Ms. Bouta explain her role with the South Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan.

Ms. Bouta stated she had helped facilitating some of the meetings that were in the South Sound. She also stated that when choosing some of their projects they look at data gaps that may need to be filled or at the lead entities and have also provided technical expertise to the South Sound Shared Strategy.

Ms. Bouta commented she is meeting with the Squaxin Island Tribe regarding a near shore assessment project that is being done. The project is in the shoreline in WRIA 12 from Tacoma Narrows down to the mouth of the Nisqually River. This is the last area where a near shore assessment hasn't been conducted in the South Sound. She expects the project to be funded through the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) project this year. She has requested WRIA 13 and 14 lead entities as well as WRIA 11, 10, and 12 which includes all of her service area to collaboratively support the project for funding.

Ms. Bouta stated two other near shore project development grants have been submitted to the SRFB for WRIA 13 and 14. Mr. Winecka will be talking to landowners in the nearshore area where they think there is good salmon benefit and to identify the nearshore projects.

Cmmr. Kamin questioned if the Melaney Creek project has been completed.

Mr. Hirschberg replied the grant that funded the Melaney Creek has a five-year time frame for the project completion. The final design process is being completed and the construction will be completed during the 2005 summer.

Cmmr. Kamin asked if it would be a culvert that runs under the road.

Mr. Hirschberg replied that it would run under Agate Road.

Ms. Bouta replied the current culvert is too small and the new culvert would be five times larger.

Cmmr. Johnson questioned if it would be an arch culvert.

Mr. Winecka replied it would be a concrete box with an artificial streambed in the bottom in terms of the screen course it will look much like the natural stream.

Ms. Bouta stated an important part of culvert design is to make sure that they not only pass water but they also pass large woody debris and gravel that make up natural habitat not just the water. The culvert will be large enough to allow fish passage during low and heavy stream flow.

Ms. Bouta extended an invitation of a field trip to some of the sites.

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Cmmr. Johnson asked if there were ten fish passages that are completed and how many miles of habitat that has been opened up as a result of the projects.

Mr. Winecka replied five of the ten projects have been completed at this time. He estimated approximately eighteen miles. Sherwood Creek was the largest project. Most of the projects open about one-half to three miles of habitat.

Cmmr. Johnson questioned if temperature measurement was something Mr. Winecka did.

Mr. Winecka stated he did not measure temperature but they do restore the vegetation area that is disturbed by the culvert replacement.

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

12. Administration - None

13. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:51a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Wesley E. Johnson, Chairperson

Jayni L. Kamin, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

Herb Baze, Commissioner