

## BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chairperson Wesley E. Johnson.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – The chairperson led the flag salute.
3. Roll Call – Present: Herb Baze, Cmmr. Dist. 1; Wesley E. Johnson, Cmmr. Dist. 2; Jayni L. Kamin, Cmmr. Dist. 3.
4. Approval of Minutes – none
5. Board's Calendar for week of September 14 – 21, 2004.
6. Correspondence and Organizational Business
  - 6.1 Correspondence
    - 6.1.1 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Applicant – Joel Pillers
  - 6.2 Press Release – Skookum Creek Bridge - Charlie Butros, Public Works, read aloud a prepared statement concerning the delay of the Skookum Creek Bridge construction project until July 2005. He explained the county was faced with several delays in the start of the project, which caused the ability of the contractor's start to be delayed. As a result, the schedule was shortened for the work, which needed to be done in the creekbed. With the permit restrictions they had to be done with the work by mid to the end of October. That would have caused additional costs for the project. With the uncertainties involved there was a possibility the work could not be completed within the window. To avoid the risk of having the bridge out of service in excess of a year, they deferred the project until the next building season.

Cmmr. Baze noted that he spoke with Ray Peters, Squaxin Island Tribe, concerning the delay of the construction project. They were glad the road would be open and would like to talk about trying to have the closure next year as minimal as possible.

Cmmr. Kamin added that it is regrettable that the County has to put this project off for another year. It is softened a little by reopening the bridge as early as possible. She appreciated the understanding of the Squaxin Island Tribe, business and residents in the area.
  - 6.3 Notice that a contract is being awarded to Anderson Environmental Contracting, Inc. of Kelso, WA for the removal of the Belfair Shop fuel oil tank, site testing and disposal of contaminated soil. Total bid was \$2,362.01 plus tax. Dave Loser, Equipment Rental & Revolving Fund Manager, announced that the Belfair Shop had problems with a fuel tank. They found it was cheaper to put a propane tank in.
  - 6.4 Notice that Zephyr's Inc. has been selected from the Small Works Roster to repair damage to Tahuya River Road at M.P. 2.2. The bid price is \$75,042.50. Staff: Charlie Butros, Public Works, explained that the project was necessitated by the failure of the roadway at that location from the flooding which occurred in October of 2003. It has taken a while to secure the approval for the funding from FEMA. They received six bids ranging from \$75,000 - \$188,000. There was an option of two possible repair solutions. The county selected the least cost option that was a rock wall with a fill of the bank and repair of the roadway. It was expected that construction would begin in the next 2 – 3 weeks and be done by early to mid-November. This project is weather dependent. They gave a wider margin for the contractor to perform the work because they were not constrained as on other projects with regulatory issues.
7. Open Forum for Citizen Input – None
8. Adoption of Agenda – **Cmmr. Kamin/Baze moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; K-aye.**

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9. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- 9.1 Approval of Warrants  
Claims Clearing Fund 77166-77780 \$897,390.82
- 9.2 No objection to the following liquor license applications:  
9.2.1 Assumption From: Quality Food Centers, Inc. d.b.a. Quality Food Center/QFC #101; Applicants: Fred Meyer Stores, Inc. James C. Aalberg, Donna F. Giordano, Paul W. Heldman; Tradename Quality Food Center/QFC #101; Location: NE 201 State Highway 300, Belfair, WA; Privileges Applied For: Grocery Store – Beer/Wine  
9.2.2 Special Occasion: Applicant: Faith in Action West Sound; Date: October 2, 2004; Time: 5:30 p.m. 11:00 p.m.; Place: Victor Improvement Club – 51 E Victor Road, Belfair
- 9.3 Approval of Veterans Assistance Fund application for: Chris R. Greiner – food \$50.00.
- 9.4 Approval of the ordinance to extend Interim Ordinance No. 104-03 until March 17, 2005, which adopted temporary sign regulations for the unincorporated area of Mason County and set a public hearing on this action on Tuesday, October 26, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. **Ordinance No. 78-04 (Exhibit A)**
- 9.5 Approval of a contract amendment between Aspect Consulting and Mason County to provide stream flow data analysis and water quality data to WRIA 16 Planning Unit. The amendment amount is \$7,918.
- 9.6 Approval for Public Works to negotiate a contract in the amount of \$93,175 with R.G. Forestry Consultants, for the construction of a wetland mitigation site for CRP 1235, Crestview Drive, and authorize the Chairperson to execute all pertinent documentation.

**Cmmr. Baze/Kamin moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda items 9.1 through 9.6 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; K-aye.**

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

- 10.1 Public hearing to consider the franchise application of Squaxin Island Tribe Department of Community Development to construct, operate and maintain water, reuse, forcemain lines for a community water and wastewater system, in under, along and over the public roads and highways in Mason County, Washington: Sec. 19, T 19 N, R 3 W., W.M. -- Whitener Road (Water, Reuse) and Old Olympic Highway (Water, Reuse); Sec. 20 T 19 N, R 3 W., W.M. -- Taylor Road (Forcemain), Blackwelder Road (Forcemain), and Kamilche Point Road (Water, Reuse).

Bill Bullock, Public Works, explained that this is an application from Squaxin Island Tribe to install utilities along five county roads. A forcemain is for pressurized utilities. The Tribe is getting into the sewer and water business. This is their initial installation of the utility to provide sewer and water to the tribe. It is a standard franchise agreement to allow this to happen.

Cmmr. Kamin stated that the people that live at the Squaxin Island Tribe already have their own septic. It would only concern those that wish to hook up to the service.

A question was raised if the Tribe wishes to extend the line, how could they apply for additional rights-of-way.

Mr. Bullock stated the Tribe could apply for the additional rights-of-way and installations and have it come under the franchise agreement.

Ray Hansen questioned how big the project is in general terms such as miles, feet, or dollars, etc.

Mr. Bullock stated that as far as utility installations, compared to Allyn it is small, compared to what the Skokomish Indians have it is sizeable. Skokomish Tribe has approximately one-half mile of utility installation on county right-of-way.

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There are other franchise agreements throughout the county. A franchise agreement is necessary when utilities are placed on county road right-of-way.

Deputy Prosecutor Darren Nienaber clarified that the County is not regulating the overall utility. This only deals with accessing the easement road right-of-way.

Mr. Bullock responded that is correct. The size of the installation going in is fairly small, but significant.

Mike Poier, Director of Community Development Squaxin Island Tribe, explained that the franchise includes an 8" water main. It replaces a current water line which is in place that ties the Kamilche valley with the Reservation on top of the hill, with a larger water line. There is a 4" sewer force main for a water reuse line. Their intent is to upgrade the wastewater plant so it is producing class A reclaim water. It will be able to go back down the hill to the Casino area for reuse. This would be a positive impact on the environment.

The Board asked what the plans are for the proposed reuse of the treated waste water.

Mr. Poier replied the main thing they want to do is put the line in the right-of-way. They haven't fully developed the reuse. With Class A reclaimed water there is a variety of potential uses including irrigation, agricultural uses. It is the highest quality effluent. It could also be used for fireflow.

A question was raised as to what safeguards the County has in place if something happens to one of the lines.

The Board replied that is the reason for the franchise. This system should help clean up septic system problems. This Class A water is a system that takes the nitrogen out of the effluent before it gets close to the water.

**Cmmr. Kamin/Baze moved and seconded the franchise application be approved for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the utilities as described above. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; K-aye.**

11. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials)

- 11.1 Approval of bid award to Husky Truck Center of Seattle, Washington to furnish Mason County with one used year 2001, Volvo VNM 4 axle truck with fifth wheel for Public Works. Total cost: \$61,630.59. Staff: Dave Loser, Equipment Rental & Revolving Fund Manager, presented the recommendation to award the bid. The two pieces of equipment were bid and inspected. It was unanimous in deciding the Volvo was the best for the County. It had 100,000 miles less and was overall in better condition.

**Cmmr. Baze/Kamin moved and seconded to award the bid to Husky Truck Center of Seattle, WA for one used 2001 VolvoVNM4 axle truck with a fifth wheel for Public Works at a total cost of \$61,630.59. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; K-aye.**

**RECESS**

The Board recessed at 9:28 a.m. until 9:33 a.m.

12. Administration – None.

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13. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:51 am.

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Wesley E. Johnson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Jayni L. Kamin, Commissioner

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Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

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Herb Baze, Commissioner