

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

JANUARY 18, 2005

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Jayni Kamin.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Chairperson led the flag salute.
3. Roll Call - Attendance: Cmmr. Dist. 1, Lynda Ring Erickson; Cmmr. Dist. 2, Tim Sheldon; Cmmr. Dist. 3, Jayni Kamin.
4. Approval of Minutes – None
5. Correspondence and Organizational Business
 - 5.1 Correspondence
 - 5.1.1 Renae Zazueta inquired about regulations regarding number of vehicles allowed. (Copy to Community Development/Planning)
 - 5.1.2 Port of Hoodspout Executive Advisory Board wrote of their interest in distributing information about the Port's projects and activities.
 - 5.1.3 Hartstene Pointe Maintenance Association requested the County give North Island Drive the highest priority on the six-year arterial program. (Copy to Public Works)
 - 5.2 Mr. Bill Tabor, Public Works Director announced two road closures because of water over them. Two parts of the Skokomish Valley Road are closed. The closures are near HWY 101 and also near Bloomfield Road. The Satsop-Cloquallum Road is closed between Plug Mill Road and Schafer Park Road. Mr. Tabor stated the weather has created a condition that requires some roads to be restricted from heavy loads. When it freezes for a period of time then suddenly warms the frost heave and the increase in temperature creates a situation that is detrimental to the pavement on the roads. He anticipates the restrictions on the roads to last about one week. Mr. Tabor stated he is following the procedure set to notify all the radios, major trucking businesses and contracting firms in the county so they are aware of the restriction. The roads are also posted with the restriction.

Cmmr. Kamin asked if it was all of the arterial roads in the county.

Mr. Tabor replied, “no it is not limited to the arterial roads”. He said it is even local collectors. He offered to supply the list of roads to the Board. Mr. Tabor stated the road restrictions are a major impact to the roads in the county.

Cmmr. Kamin asked if it was just for logging and dump trucks.

Mr. Tabor stated it would normally include the school buses but he did not add them to the restriction at this time. He did state the Bear Creek-DeWatto Road is the only road that has had any damage, which is what alerted them for the need to restrict heavy loads.

Cmmr. Kamin thanked Mr. Tabor for the attention to detail that the Public Works Department has placed on the roads and for keeping them protected and safe.

Mr. Tabor stated that he is thankful to have experienced staff that is out on the weekends and nights looking for troubled areas and ways to keep them safe and undamaged.

Cmmr. Sheldon commented that the quick thaw is what causes the road damage.
6. Open Forum for Citizen Input -

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Mr. Ken VanBuskirk presented a letter to the Board written by the North Mason Vote Committee. The Committee has met and is requesting the Commissioners come to a meeting on February 2, 2005 at 6:30 PM at the Timberland Regional Library in Belfair. They are hoping to achieve positive open communication between the North Mason area people and their government. Mr. VanBuskirk said if the date set was inconvenient their Committee would be willing to arrange a new date that would accommodate the Commissioners.

Cmmr. Kamin asked Mr. VanBuskirk if there were any potential issues or a particular subject the Committee would like to discuss at the meeting.

Mr. VanBuskirk replied that the Committee would like to discuss starting a community council in North Mason and to just open the lines of communication with the Commissioners on a regular basis.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated she would be happy to attend a meeting with the Committee but would like to be notified of the topic in advance so she would be prepared to answer questions that are brought up.

Mr. VanBuskirk stated it was their intent to invite the Commissioners to meet with them and have the opportunity to maintain an open dialogue between area people and their government.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated the Board is exploring the opportunity to have a Commission meeting in North Mason.

7. Adoption of Agenda – Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. S-aye; RE-aye; K-aye.
8. Approval of Consent Agenda – The Board read aloud the following items:
 - 8.1 Approval of Memorandum of Agreement, Appendix A, between Washington State University Extension and Mason County for 2005 in the amount of \$165,718.
 - 8.2 Approval of Veterans Assistance Fund application for: Charles G. Robson, Jr. – housing \$600.00; Chris R. Greiner – food \$300.00; Glen F. Jossierand – burial benefit \$193.00; Alan H. Doney – housing \$300.00 for a total of \$1,393.00.
 - 8.3 Approval of the resolution setting a public hearing on Tuesday, February 1, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. to consider a 2005 Budget Transfer in the Current Expense Fund in the estimated amount of \$30,000.
Resolution No. 03-05 (Exhibit A)
 - 8.4 Approval of Warrants

Claims Clearing Fund	83562-83808	\$476,639.70
Salary Clearing Fund	145319-145568	\$206,570.00
 - 8.5 Approval of Contract 0463-58914 between Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS) Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) and Mason County Department of Health Services for a maximum amount of \$39,947 for the period of July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.
 - 8.6 Approval of the resolution appointing current Mason County representatives to the WA Counties Risk Pool. Cmmr. Lynda Ring Erickson will be the primary representative and Ione Siegler will be the alternate representative. **Resolution No. 04-05 (Exhibit B)**
 - 8.7 Approval of Amendment #1 to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Shelton and Mason County for Fire Marshal Services. This amendment adds language to allow the City and County Commission to select other designees to serve as administrators for the agreement.
 - 8.8 Approval for Public Works to advertise, interview and hire a Construction and Engineering Manager.

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8.9 Approval to set a bid opening date for the 2005 Manufacturing and Stockpiling of Mineral Aggregate and authorize the Chairperson to execute all pertinent documentation. Recommended bid opening date is Friday, February 11, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

8.10 Approval of the resolution for County Road Project #1846, North Shore Road; authorize Public Works to select a contractor from the Small Works Roster for geo-technical exploration work on this project; and authorize the Chairperson to execute a Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement with the contractor. **Resolution No. 05-05 (Exhibit C)**

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. S-aye; RE-aye; K-aye.

9. 9:30 Public Hearings – None

10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials)

10.1 Approval of bid award for Asphalt Concrete for 2005. Bid opening was January 14, 2005. The recommendation is to accept all bids received to provide Mason County with Asphalt Concrete Class B and Class G, MC250 (cold mix) and/or CSS 1 (undiluted tack coat) for 2005. Mason County does not guarantee a minimum purchase of these materials. Bids were received from R.J. Scuffy Construction of Belfair, Lakeside Industries of Aberdeen and Lacey, and Ace Paving Company of Bremerton. Staff: Dave Loser stated that all four bidders were within reason of each other so he recommended they all be accepted. Having them all would be cost effective for Public Works. They would utilize the company closest to the job site to save money on hauling the material.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Ring-Erickson moved and seconded to accept all bids received to provide Mason County with Asphalt Concrete Class B and Class G, MC250 (cold mix) and/or CSS 1 (undiluted tack coat) for the calendar year 2005. However, Mason County does not guarantee a minimum purchase of these materials. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; K-aye; S-aye.

11. Administration

12. Board's Reports and Calendar –

Cmmr Ring Erickson reported that she met with the Master Builders group. She stated the group is re-organizing themselves and planning another Home Show this year. Last years' home show was very successful.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson met with Mr. Dan Oneil, Transportation Commissioner regarding transportation needs in Mason County. She talked with Mr. Oneil about the need for a sign directing people to Harstine Island. There are regulations about the number of signs on the State Routes. When there is a large island and no signage off the State route it is confusing for people who want to go to the Island. A sign would be a very positive opportunity for the community to be recognized.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson met with the Grapeview Community Club and they reported they were expanding their facility and had numerous compliments about the Planning Department staff. They did single out Ms. Grace Miller, Planner as being extremely helpful with their needs.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson reported a conversation she had with Mr. Bob Gene and set up an opportunity to meet with him later in the week to discuss the Boards retreat on January 28, 2005. He also expressed that he had been working with the Planning staff and complemented them for their assistance and expertise.

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Cmmr. Sheldon reported he had attended a meeting with Sheriff Whybark, Department of Corrections (DOC) and various community members on Wednesday January 12, 2005 at Sandhill Elementary. The DOC was there to announce they are re-opening the facility at Mission Creek in mid April. They will have eighty inmates housed there. The inmates will be women from Purdy Correction Center. They are closing their Tacoma pre-release center, so the Mission Creek facility will be utilized and hopefully expanded to possibly as many as four hundred inmates and equate to a very large staff. They are planning on having a staff of forty; initially there will be twenty-five correction officers and fifteen staff people. If there are individuals interested in working for the DOC they are encouraged to go to the Worksource office in Belfair or to contact the DOC website for an application. The inmates have been working in the woods with Department of Natural Resource (DNR) doing rehabilitation projects and are also working with the Harmony House on Harmony Hill.

Cmmr. Sheldon attended a PUD Association meeting. The association is working on their agenda for the Legislation regarding water and electrical issues. PUD #1 and PUD #3 were both represented at the meeting.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated he had read an article from a company called Highline Homes, which has opened a newer facility in Satsop at the Development Park. When he called the company they said they do business in Mason, Grays Harbor and Thurston County. The company builds a fairly low-end stick built home that is very competitive with the modular houses. The gentleman he spoke with said they are doing very well in our area and had positive comments about the Building Department and the permit process.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson complimented the Public Works Department for the work they did last week during the record cold spell. She stated she had many calls from the public complimenting the Road Department for keeping the roads passable and safe. She thanked them for their hard work.

Cmmr. Kamin reported she attended the Transportation Improvement Program Citizen Advisory Program (TIPCAP) meeting for the first time. She found the meeting informative and looks forward to working with them.

Cmmr. Kamin attended a Tourism Joint Marketing Committee meeting. The group is looking at ways to work across the County to market the County with one voice and develop a marketing plan. Her goal is to develop an entity to unite all of Mason County to promote tourism here.

Cmmr. Kamin attended a project meeting with Mason County Network and Mason Matters. They are partnering with Choice Regional Health Network to work on a project called Connexions. This is a referral system, which coordinate the benevolence services available. All the local churches were invited to attend to coordinate the efforts of helping people in the community and offer services through a referral system.

Cmmr. Kamin attended the Rural Issues Sub-Committee meeting to discuss health care issues and how they relate to rural counties. This was a very informative meeting and provided direction on how to make the Legislatures aware of the unique needs that rural counties have.

Cmmr. Kamin attended an EDC Board meeting and luncheon. This was the first meeting that was held with the new EDC Director Matt Matayoshi. The meeting was a start to introducing him to the different people in the community that would be working with him on various projects.

13. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

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Jayni L. Kamin, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

Tim Sheldon, Commissioner