

## BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 12, 2005

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Acting Chairperson Lynda Ring Erickson.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Cmmr. Erickson led the flag salute.
3. Roll Call - Present: Cmmr. Dist. 1 – Lynda Ring Erickson; Cmmr. Dist. 2 – Tim Sheldon; Excused Absence: Cmmr. Dist. 3 – Jayni L. Kamin.
4. Approval of Minutes – **Cmmr. Sheldon/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve the briefing minutes of January 12 and 19, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. K-absent; RE-aye; S-aye.**
5. Correspondence and Organizational Business
  - 5.1 Correspondence
    - 5.1.1 Petition with eleven (11) signatures asking that the county permanently remove a large live aboard boat from the portion of Little Skookum Inlet known as Mudd Cat Cove.
    - 5.1.2 Port of Shelton submitted a request for funds from the local economic development fund (0.08).
    - 5.1.3 Squaxin Island Tribe expressed appreciation and interest in a government to government dialogue to address water resource management in the region.
    - 5.1.4 Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust advised that the collective bargaining agreement through December 31, 2006 has been accepted.
    - 5.1.5 A letter was received from William Card concerning preservation of the Shelton Gymnasium.
    - 5.1.6 RSN Mental Health Resignation: Pride Mutoli
    - 5.1.7 Comcast notified of changes to their channel line-up on or shortly after May 3, 2005.
    - 5.1.8 A letter from Don Elander was received concerning his building permit for a deck at his property at Lake Cushman.
    - 5.1.9 The Pacific Northwest International Trade Alliance and the Port of Bremerton invited the Board as honored guests to attend the Washington State Trade Week program May 24, 2005.
  - 5.2 Department of Health – Debbie Riley, Environmental Health Manager, introduced Janice Adar, from Washington State Dept. of Health. A check in the amount of \$40,000 was presented to the Mason County Health Department to start survey work around Hood Canal for onsite systems. The money is from the Governor's Emergency Fund. This is the first time Emergency Funding has been allocated for onsite survey work. It was also noted that the Governor's 2005/2007 budget included an additional \$320,000 for Mason County Health Dept. to continue work. They are hopeful the funding will come through.
  - 5.3 Press Release – Thurston/Mason Regional Support Network (RSN) Mental Health Advisory Board vacancies -- Betty Wing, Director of Operations, announced the two vacancies on the advisory board for a term of three years.
  - 5.4 Proclamation – National County Government Week -- Greg Hering , Human Resources Director, read aloud the proclamation for the week of April 10 – 16 as National County Government Week.
  - 5.5 Economic Development Council (EDC) report -- Matt Matayoshi, EDC Director, requested a renewal of their contract with Mason County for \$20,000 funding to continue their economic development program and promoting the community for jobs in industrial development within the community. They continue to work to retain business and industry in four key sectors: aquaculture, wood products, aerospace, telecommunications and other areas. They are working to start a new marketing initiative that includes redesigned printed brochures, interactive websites that contain demographic information on available properties. The annual update of WACERT/CEDS list.  
Cmmr. Sheldon thanked Mr. Matayoshi for all his hard work and added that one thing he is involved with is the Sheriff's Sale, which includes the Kneeland property. The sale is being conducted to partially satisfy a judgment. Mr. Matayoshi is working with the broker and lienholder to ensure that whoever procures the property is a good steward and good neighbor to Shelton and Mason County.
  - 5.6 Announcement that the bid opening for CRP 1731 – Lynch Road – Culvert Replacement is set for Friday, May 6, 2005, 9:30 a.m.

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- 5.7 Announcement that the bid opening for CRP 1847 – Satsop-Cloquallum Road Culvert Replacement is set for Friday, May 6, 2005, 9:15 a.m.
  - 5.8 Announcement that the bid opening for CRP 1772 – Tahuya River Drive for culvert replacement has been rescheduled to Friday, May 6, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. from April 29, 2005.
  - 5.9 Introduction of Stephanie Pawlawski, Department of Community Development – Community Development Director Emmett Dobey introduced their newest employee and the Commissioners gave her a Mason County lapel pin welcoming her to the county. She explained that prior to coming to Mason County she was employed with Kitsap County for long range planning.
6. Open Forum for Citizen Input – None
  7. Adoption of Agenda – **Cmmr. Sheldon/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. K-absent; RE-aye; S-aye.**
  8. Approval of Consent Agenda:
    - 8.1 Approval of the interlocal agreement between the City of Shelton and Mason County for use of the Mason County jail facilities.
    - 8.2 Approval of Veterans Assistance Fund applications for: Tara Cox – housing \$251.85; John E. Malick – utilities \$123.92 & food \$250.00; Curtis D. Schnitzer – utilities \$89.34 for a total of \$715.11.
    - 8.3 Approval of the agreement with Westlaw to provide the Mason County Law Library with online legal research capabilities. The monthly fee is \$515.45 for a three-year period.
    - 8.4 Request Approval for Public Works Director to advertise and set a bid opening date for CRP 1380 – Grapeview Loop Road - Culvert Replacement on Friday, May 13, 2005; 9:00 a.m.
    - 8.5 Approval to reappoint Arnold Fox to the Mason County Housing Authority for a five-year term, March 31, 2005 to March 30, 2010.
    - 8.6 Approval to set a public hearing on Tuesday, April 26, 2005; 6:30 p.m. to consider adoption of WAC 246-215 into the Mason County Code Title 6 Sanitary Code, as recommended by the Mason County Board of Health (Resolution No. 02-05).

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

9. 9:30 a.m. Public Hearings and Items Set for a Certain Time
  - 9.1 Public Hearing to consider Ordinance No. 20-05 which extends the effective period of Ordinance No. 104-03 (sign ordinance for the unincorporated areas of Mason County) to September 17, 2005; and amends Ordinance No. 104-03 so that it does not apply to the Allyn and Belfair Urban Growth Areas.

Bob Fink, Planning Manager, presented the staff report recommending the Board approve the Findings of Fact in support of the adoption of Ordinance No. 20-05.

Public comment was received from the following:

Ken VanBuskirk expressed that he is a little confused about the sign ordinance. He understood the Subarea Plan was adopted in December 2004 and is being challenged. The sign ordinance is part of that Subarea Plan. He felt that a sign he has at the end of his driveway is not in compliance. He felt there should be more public testimony before adoption.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked for clarification that this sign ordinance does not apply to either the Belfair or Allyn Urban Growth Area.

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Mr. Fink concurred this does not apply to the Belfair or Allyn Urban Growth Area. There is a Belfair Subarea Plan and a set of regulations, which were adopted to implement the Plan near the end of 2004. The action the County took to adopt the regulations has been challenged before the Washington State Growth Management Hearings Board (GMHB). The regulations will remain valid until the County amends them or the GMHB invalidates them. At this point, there has been no hearing on the challenge.

Darren Nienaber, Deputy Prosecutor, stated that the chance of the signed regulations or the Belfair Subarea Plan being invalidated is low. The challenge is the SEPA review and possibly to the zoning regulations. There is nothing in the challenge that has anything to do with sign regulations.

Mr. Fink explained there is a signed regulation in place for Belfair. It is not directly a subject of the challenge that was filed on the issue of the Belfair Subarea Plan. This particular ordinance excludes Belfair because of the permanently adopted regulations that are already in effect. This regulation excludes Belfair and Allyn.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked if this would continue what is in effect now for all the other areas outside the Belfair and Allyn Urban Growth Areas.

Mr. VanBuskirk questioned what happens if the UGA boundaries change.

Mr. Fink responded it is hard to know if they will be changed. He noted the sign ordinance is less restrictive than the regulations, which were adopted for Belfair and Allyn. The interim ordinance was adopted to put minimal codes in to address some critical issues regarding sign safety, placement and off premise signs. It is commercial and not political or non-commercial issues.

Bob Harris offered caution to those people who own business within the Shelton UGA that Belfair went through a great deal of conflict before they adopted regulations. He noted that the North Mason Chamber of Commerce lobbied for and supported this. One of the key components of the sign a regulation is they don't allow pole signs over 10' tall. They want everybody's signs to look all the same. They want monument signs no taller than 10'. There are restrictions on lights and placement that is not a bad thing. He did not think a sign ordinance in place now is enforceable. He has heard comments that a lot of the monument signs, after a while, you don't see them.

Terri Jeffreys, Mason County Association of Realtors, noted their biggest concern is directional signs (For Sale or Open House) in the outlying areas. How do you direct people into homes far away. The issue is right-of-way with state and county routes. They understand they need to be protected. They followed the model that Clark County realtors worked with the county regarding a pledge to police themselves in lieu of any excessive control. They are not opposed to the sign ordinance and hope to be good partners and work together.

The Board discussed they would like to continue hearing for another week to allow further review and comments on the proposal.

**Cmmr. Sheldon/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to continue the public hearing to April 19, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. K-absent; RE-aye; S-aye.**

10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials)

- 10.1 Mason County Trails Committee report - Barbara Adkins, Planner, explained that the Mason County Commissioners appointed a Mason County Trails Committee in September 2004. That committee has met every month and came up with their final product, the Mason County Master Trails Plan. Dave O'Connell, Co-Chair, thanked the County for the opportunity to work on the Plan. He explained that it

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is a blueprint for the future of Mason County. Jeff Carey, Co-Chair, also commented this is a framework.

The Board thanked the Committee for the Mason County Master Trails Plan. Also, that this is an important issue to Cmmr. Kamin and she is not present to acknowledge receipt of this document.

11. Administration - None
12. Board's Reports and Calendar - The Board briefly reported on some of the meetings they attended in the last week. They also announced there will not be any briefings next Monday and they will resume their regular schedule the following week.
13. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Excused Absence 4/12/05

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Jayni L. Kamin, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

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Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

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Tim Sheldon, Commissioner