

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 19, 2005

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by the Chairperson.
 2. Pledge of Allegiance – Chairperson Kamin led the flag salute.
 3. Roll Call - Present: Cmmr. Dist. 1 – Lynda Ring Erickson; Cmmr. Dist. 2 – Tim Sheldon ; Cmmr. Dist. 3 – Jayni L. Kamin.
 4. Approval of Minutes – **Cmmr. Sheldon/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 12, 2005 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. S-aye; RE-aye; K-aye.**
 5. Correspondence and Organizational Business
 - 5.1 Correspondence
 - 5.1.1 Governor Gregoire has declared May 1 – 7 as the Native Plant Appreciation Week.
 - 5.1.2 United States Dept. of the Army invited County staff to participate in a Puget Sound environmental workshop to be held May 11, 2005.
 - 5.1.3 Notice was received that The Woodshed in Belfair has discontinued sales and service of liquor as of March 29, 2005.
 - 5.1.4 Arnold Fox asked that Mason County and the City of Shelton partner for support and maintenance of a permanent shelter for the homeless in Mason County.
 - 5.1.5 Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources will hold a public workshop on Monday, May 9, 2005 regarding a proposal to establish the boundary for the Hamma Hamma Balds Natural Area Preserve located in Mason County.
 - 5.1.6 Belfair Water District Manager informed the Commissioners of a new housing development to be built in Belfair.
 - 5.2 Announcement that the bid opening for CRP 1847, Satsop-Cloquallum Road Culvert Replacement, has been rescheduled to May 13 2005, 9:15 a.m.
- Mr. Charlie Butros, Public Works Director stated he had an adjustment on the announcement that was made last week for CRP 1847. There will be a one-week delay of the bid opening due to the design information not being received in time to carry forward with the bid. The new bid opening date will be held on May 13, 2005 at 9:15 a.m., rather than May 6, 2005.
6. Open Forum for Citizen Input
 - 6.1 Mr. Ken VanBuskirk, Belfair resident, thanked the Commissioners and the Utilities & Waste Management Department for distributing the landfill vouchers in Belfair.

Mr. VanBuskirk stated he was concerned about the road construction going on at the State Route (SR) SR3/HWY 106 Junction. The sub-area-planning group had recommended a traffic light and removing the existing “Y” at the intersection. He was concerned how it went from a recommendation to implementation and also pointed out the intersection is outside of the Urban Growth Area (UGA) boundary and should not have even been a discussion for the group. A traffic light at the bottom of a three-quarter-grade hill without a third lane would have a serious impact on the traffic flow in the community. There will be a tremendous impact to large trucks and buses going up the hill. He didn't think the project was well thought out and was also concerned about how close it was to the saltwater. The Construction Company doing the excavating hit water the first day because of a natural artesian spring that runs just uphill from the site, which caused a huge mess. This is an example of why some of the North Mason residents feel that the bypass should come first. He invited the Board to come and look at the work being done with him. He thinks it is important that the county expresses their concerns to the state about the bypass and the current work being done at the SR3/HWY 106 Junction.

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Cmmr. Sheldon commented that next week he should know if the gas tax bill in the Legislature would pass and what road improvements would be funded.

Cmmr. Kamin commented that the stop light project is a project of the state's not the county's, and that the county has not had any input in the project.

Mr. VanBuskirk stated his concern was that the state was using the recommendation made in the sub-area plan for their job.

Mr. Darren Nienaber commented that Mr. VanBuskirk was probably overstating the influence of the plan.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson said she didn't think it had anything to do with the sub-area plan, it is being done by the state as management of its highway.

Mr. Nienaber said he didn't think the state even knew there was a sub-area plan done.

Mr. VanBuskirk stated he didn't feel the project was an improvement because one lane is being removed.

Cmmr. Kamin understood the project as preparation for the increased traffic to the area when the closure of the floating bridge takes place for construction.

Mr. VanBuskirk thanked the Board for clarification that the sub area plan was not why the road construction was being done.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson thanked Mr. VanBuskirk for his observation and acknowledged she had received other calls of concern about the project, but it is a state highway project and the county was not involved in the decision.

7. Adoption of Agenda – **Cmmr. Sheldon/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; K-aye.**
8. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - 8.1 Approval of the agreement between Mason County and the Economic Development Council for 2005 to provide the county with economic development services.
 - 8.2 Approval of the revised part-time Court Commissioner contract between Richard C. Adamson and Mason County Superior Court increasing the hours worked to 144 per month and the annual compensation to \$74,266.
 - 8.3 Approval of Veterans Assistance Fund applications for: David A. Wolgamott– housing \$316.00 and Howard E. Iversen – burial \$600.00 for a total of \$916.00.
 - 8.4 Approval of the State of Washington Department of Social & Health Services and County Agreement on General Terms and Conditions for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2010.
 - 8.5 Approval of Warrants
Claims Clearing Fund 87273-88133 \$1,212,641.52
 - 8.6 Approval to reject all bids to furnish Mason County with one used yard truck for the Department of Utilities & Waste Management. The bid opening was April 1, 2005 and the two bids received were above the \$40,000 budget amount and neither met all the requirements.
 - 8.7 Approval to set a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. on May 3, 2005 to hear public comment on proposed rates for Hartstene Pointe Water and Sewer services.

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- 8.8 Approval of the resolution setting a budget hearing on Tuesday, July 5, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. to consider a budget transfer for the Capital Improvement Reet 2 Fund (Fund #351-000-000) in the total amount of \$770,000 and to amend the Comprehensive Plan Capital Facilities Element to incorporate these changes. **Resolution No. 35-05 (Exhibit A)**

Cmmr. Sheldon noted item 8.1 the EDC services are in the amount of \$20,000.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda Items 8.1 through 8.8 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; K-aye.

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

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

- 9.1 Public hearing to consider a supplemental appropriation/budget transfer in the total amount of \$203,830 to the 2005 Current Expense Budget.

Ms. Ione Siegler, Director of Budget & Finance, proposed the supplemental appropriation and a budget transfer to the current expense budget and presented the details to the Board.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson questioned if all of the amounts requested were for unanticipated needs when the original budget was approved, and if any of them had been previously considered by the past Commissioners and rejected.

Ms. Siegler stated she was not sure if the past Commissioners had denied the Court Commissioner request, but the others were definitely unanticipated. She did note that the Superior Court Judges had met with the current Board after the first of the year to consider the request before them now. She also noted the Lodging Tax awards were done after the first of the year.

Mr. Jim Sawyer, Superior Court Judge noted that he did have discussions with the past Commissioners regarding the request for additional funds, but there have been developments that have occurred subsequent to that and they were not anticipated.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson thanked Judge Sawyer for clarification and stated it was her understanding from their briefing that it was unanticipated and it was being considered because the previous Commission could not have anticipated it.

Cmmr. Kamin commented on the lease of the Forest Service building in Hoodspout for a Visitor Information Center. She stated it was a partnership arrangement with the Chamber of Commerce, the State Parks Department and the Forest Service.

Cmmr. Kamin questioned if the grant for Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) WRIA 14, WRIA 15, WRIA 16 and WRIA 17 was to help facilitate the county's portion of the planning process.

Mr. Bob Fink, Planning Manager stated the facilitation grant is to provide for a facilitator to hold a series of meetings to work with each of the WRIA'S to coordinate the policy of each of their individual watershed plans on the Hood Canal issues. Through an education process and information gathering the facilitator will develop a similar policy to deal with water issues in Hood Canal.

Cmmr. Kamin questioned who would be coordinating the project.

Mr. Fink replied Susan Gulick is the facilitator that was hired under that grant.

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There was no public comment

Cmmr. Sheldon/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve the supplemental appropriation and a budget transfer in the 2005 Current Expense Fund Budget in the total amount of \$203,830. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; K-aye.

- 9.2 Cont. of 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.

Mr. Bob Fink, Planning Director stated he had received comment from Terri Jeffrey's in an unofficial draft basis. He believes that it will be presented during the public comment portion on behalf of the Mason County Association of Realtors.

Public Comment opened

Ms. Lori Brady, President of Mason County Association of Realtors, presented the Board with a written comment of proposed changes they would like to have incorporated into the sign ordinance. The interim ordinance proposed that signs would only be posted on the property for sale. The Realtors Association is concerned it doesn't take into account directional arrows and open house signs. She expressed her concerns about the directional and open house signs. The proposed changes they have submitted have been taken from the City's of Edmonds, Gig Harbor, and New Castle. She requested the Board review them and before adopting the new ordinance.

Mr. Rob Drexler, an Allyn resident expressed that he supported the suggestions Ms. Brady presented to the Board. He stated that the Mason County Association of Realtors would police themselves for the removal and placement of the signs. They have designed a program to enforce the sign ordinance and are willing to work with the Public Works and/or Planning Department to make sure that signs are not put in the right-of-ways and are removed when a sale is complete.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated that he liked the proposed language presented and appreciated that in both cases on and off premises the directional signs would remain out until the property closed, and that there is a provision that the signs would be removed afterward.

Cmmr. Kamin stated, as the proposed ordinance is an interim ordinance to see how it works, if there were issues it could be modified. She also appreciated the fact that the Board of Realtors would be willing to police themselves.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson questioned if Mr. Fink or Mr. Butros had any input in the recommendations made by the Board of Realtors.

Mr. Fink stated he recognized the legitimate interest from the real estate industry for the directional arrows. The current language the Realtors have proposed was presented to him just before the meeting so he hasn't had time to analyze it completely. He did talk with Mr. Butros before the meeting and they had both agreed to recommend to the Board that the hearing be continued for another week. It would provide time to review the language and talk to the Realtors about any questions or concerns and allow time to come up with a satisfactory solution.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson appreciated that the Realtors were present and acknowledged she would like to have a win-win solution.

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Mr. Butros stated he was encouraged after speaking with Ms. Terri Jeffrey's at the willingness of the Realtors Association to work with the county. He felt the Realtors Association understood the county's primary concern was for safe use of the roadways. The signs if placed in the wrong location could obstruct vision, and create unsafe use of the roadways. The Association has accommodated the right of way by recommending the signs be placed at the edge of the right of way or periphery of the right of way. There are a few questions that will need to be answered but he is encouraged they are headed in the right direction.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to extend the public hearing on Ordinance No. 20-05 which would extend the effective period of Ordinance No. 104-03 the sign ordinance for unincorporated areas in Mason County until the next regular meeting on April 26, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; K-aye.

10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officia

- 10.1 Approval of bid award, per the recommendation of the Department of Public Works, to award the contract for CRP 1792, St. Andrews Drive culvert replacement, to Zephyr's Inc. of Allyn, WA at the bid price of \$159,477.50.

Mr. Charlie Butros, Public Works Director stated there were six bids submitted and the range of the bids were \$159,477.50 up to \$279,000. Four of the six bids were within ten percent of the Engineers estimate, which was \$163,000. He felt very good about the bids submitted and the competition that was received.

Cmmr. Kamin stated it was nice to see two bids from Mason County businesses were received and that the lowest bidder was a local business.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to award Zephyr's Inc., of Allyn for \$159,477.50, and authorize the Chairperson to execute the contract and all other pertinent documentation. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; K-aye.

11. Administration –None

12. Board's Reports and Calendar – The Board gave calendar reports for the upcoming week and also summarized meetings attended since the last Commissioners' meeting.

13. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

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MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Jayni L. Kamin, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

Tim Sheldon, Commissioner