

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

JULY 26, 2005

1. Call to Order – The chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – The flag salute was led by the Chairperson.
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. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 12, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.**
5. Correspondence and Organizational Business
 - 5.1 Correspondence
 - 5.1.1 Written comments on the Mason County Comprehensive Plan were received from: Jay Hupp work program; and Brian Petersen, the Belfair UGA; Simpson Timber Company requested an expedited review of a Rezone application; and Courtney Flora representing the Overton Family.
 - 5.1.2 Mason Conservation District acknowledged the appointment of Rich Geiger as Mason County point of contact for the Skokomish Watershed General Investigation by the Army Corps of Engineers.
 - 5.2 News Release – Commissioner Lynda Ring Erickson announced her Community Meetings at the Fire District No. 5 Fire Hall, North Mason School District office, Fire District No. 3 Fire Hall, and Fire District No. 11 Island Lake Fire Hall beginning in August. She invited the public to attend the informal meetings to exchange ideas and concerns so she can better serve her constituents.
6. Open Forum for Citizen Input
 - 6.1 Wendy Ervin – She asked that the County guard the eminent domain process in the County to keep people from abusing it by making a statute that the property which is taken for eminent domain may not be returned to the private sector, except to the person it was taken.

Also, she requested a statute that all assessments of property be based upon the current use and not upon the highest and best use.

Cmmr. Kamin commented that the board has a strong interest in preserving private property rights and looking at what can be done. She personally needs a lot more information regarding both the issues and how they might go about preserving the rights or what safeguards there are within the current regulations.

Cmmr. Sheldon shared her concern and mentioned that we are fortunate to live in Washington State and not Connecticut where a recent decision was made on eminent domain. Washington has a strong constitution and the points are well taken.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated she spoke with a land use attorney and was also told the state constitution safeguards were quite good.

Ms. Ervin noted there is a case history of a person living in Bremerton who had a house, which was paid for and planned on living in it for the rest of her life. The house was taken through eminent domain and later determined it was surplus property and the original owner could not get her house back.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated he was familiar with this instance and agreed there are specific cases, which are very troubling.

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- 6.2 Bob Harris invited the Board to the first community meeting of the North Mason Community Voice this Saturday, July 30, 2005; 10 am at the Theler Community Center. They have established an ad hoc committee, which has been working for the last two months. Their mission is to empower individuals by encouraging dialog with county and state governments.
- 6.3 Martin Zazuetta – Brought up the issue of property rights. The “off street parking” #9 takes away his rights. He felt the number of vehicles should be by per parcel and not on who owns parcels on a private road. If he owned two parcels, two houses, he is only allowed 10 vehicles. He would like to clear this up so he could rent his home.

Cmmr. Kamin noted this is something that has been brought before the Commission as well as before the Hearings Examiner. There is no new information or anything further to add. They will keep working with him on this issue.

7. Adoption of Agenda – **Cmmr. Sheldon/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.**
8. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - 8.1 Approval of the resolution establishing the Treasurer’s Real Estate Excise Tax Electronic Technology Fund - #120-000-000. **Resolution No. 71-05 (Exhibit A)**
 - 8.2 Approval for the Equipment Rental and Revolving Manager to utilize the post for quotes/telephone bid procedures to purchase 50 pieces of 12” by 30’ aluminum culvert for Public Works. Approximate cost is \$11,000 plus tax.
 - 8.3 Approval of Amendment #5 to the Professional Services Contract between Mason County Department of Health Services and Amelia Cobb for Social Worker and Dietician services required by our First Steps contract with Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). This amendment reduces the DSHS reimbursement rates under the contract.
 - 8.4 Approval of Department of Social and Health Services agreement number 0563-77818 with Mason County Department of Health Services for the period of July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005 in the amount of 22,248. This is for Foster Care Passport Services.
 - 8.5 Approval of a resolution to set a public hearing on August 23, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. to consider a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$15,270 and a budget transfer in the amount of \$79,612 to the 2005 Current Expense Fund Budget. **Resolution No. 72-05 (Exhibit B)**
 - 8.6 Approval for the Equipment Rental & Revolving Manager to purchase one new 2006 full sized van with all-wheel drive and interior furnishings for the Coroner from the Washington State vehicle contracts. Approximate cost is \$25,000 plus tax.
 - 8.7 Approval for the Equipment Rental & Revolving Manager to purchase a new 2006 Cab and Chassis for Public Works from the Washington State vehicle contracts. Approximate cost is \$30,000 plus tax.
 - 8.8 Approval of a resolution establishing the Community Support Services Fund, Fund Number 117-000-000. **Resolution No. 73-05 (Exhibit C)**
 - 8.9 Approval of a resolution revising the non-union salary range alignment to create a new position titled Permit Assistance Center Manager for the Community Development Department. **Resolution No. 74-05 (Exhibit D)**
 - 8.10 Approval for the Chairperson to execute Adopt a Road agreement 7727MEL&1 sponsored by Mel & Ruth Savage for several roads around Haven Lake.
 - 8.11 Approval of Supplemental No. 1 to Standard Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between SCA Consulting Group and Mason County Public Works, extending time for completion of work from August 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005 with no change in cost or scope of work. This is for CRP 1598, Skookum Creek Bridge (Old Olympic Highway).
 - 8.12 Approval of Supplemental No. 1 of a Standard Agreement for Professional Engineering Services, between Skillings-Connolly, Inc. and Mason County Public Works, for review and revision to the Mason County Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element. This extends the time for completion of work from August 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005 with no change in cost or scope of work.

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- 8.13 Approval to pay up to \$20,000 from the Skokomish Flood Control Zone District Fund (Fund 687) to contract HDR/EES as consultant for data gathering and production of a dike study.
- 8.14 Approval to reappoint Diane Edgin to the Planning Advisory Commission for a four year term, ending July 31, 2009.
- 8.15 Approval of Veterans Assistance Fund application for Jerald S. Christiansen – utilities, \$560.36.

Dave Loser, Equipment Rental & Revolving Fund Manager, clarified that Item 8.2 is actually 30' culverts.

Cmmr. Kamin referred to Item 8.13 the approval to pay up to \$20,000 from the Skokomish Flood Control Zone District Fund (Fund 687) to contract HDR/EES as consultant for data gathering and production of a dike study. She noted this will also need to be approved by the Skokomish Flood Control Zone District Board.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted that Item 8.6 is the replacement of the Coroner's vehicle with an actual professional vehicle. The Coroner has been driving a surplus vehicle and did not have 4-wheel drive. This Commission wants to provide the professional staff with the tools needed to do the job.

She also mentioned that Item 8.5 – Approval of a resolution to set a public hearing on August 23, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. to consider a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$15,270 and a budget transfer in the amount of \$79,612 to the 2005 Current Expense Fund Budget. Part of the expense is to add two officers to the Sheriff's Department. It will allow a reduction of total expenses. Currently, the County is calling in officers on overtime. Ultimately, it will be a cost savings to the County.

Cmmr. Kamin referred to Item 8.9 – Approval of a resolution revising the non-union salary range alignment to create a new position titled Permit Assistance Center Manager for the Community Development Department. This is one thing the Board has been working on to streamline the permit center and making it more user friendly with the staff trained and ready.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda items 8.1 – 8.15 as read and discussed. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.

- 9. 6:30 p.m. Public Hearings and Items Set for a Certain Time - None
- 10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials) - None
- 11. Administration - None
- 12. Board's Reports and Calendar – The Commissioners each summarized meetings they attended during the past week and announced their schedules for the upcoming week.
- 13. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.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