

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

NOVEMBER 15, 2005

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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. Correspondence and Organizational Business
 - 4.1 Correspondence
 - 4.1.1 State of Washington Superintendent of Public Instruction submitted a listing of the 2006 calendar year maximum levy authority for school districts in Mason County (Southside, Grapeview, Shelton, Mary M. Knight, Pioneer, North Mason, Hood Canal)
 - 4.1.2 United States Dept. of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs gave notice of an application of Squaxin Island Tribe in Trust of 120-acre, more or less, (Parcel #'s 31919-43-00000 and 31919-30-00000). The property is located adjacent to the exterior boundaries of the Squaxin Island Reservation.
 - 4.1.3 Solid Waste Advisory Committee Applicant: Donald R. Stacy
 - 4.1.4 Skookum Rotary Club of Shelton has declined the possibility of ownership of the Memorial Hall.
 - 4.1.5 Mason County Democratic Central Committee submitted the following names for consideration of appointment of the vacant Coroner position: Jane Pentz, Wes Stockwell, Bill Perlis.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input – None
6. Adoption of Agenda – **Cmmr. Sheldon/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as presented with the exception of moving and presenting item 10.1 right after the roll call. Motion carried. K-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.**
7. Approval of Minutes – **Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve the briefing minutes of October 11, special meeting minutes of October 12 and regular meeting minutes of October 11 and October 25, 2005. Motion carried. K-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.**
8. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - 8.1 Approval of the contract for professional services between Mason County Juvenile Court/District Probation Services with Thomas W. Sherry, MS certified Sex Offender Treatment Provider. The contract will not exceed \$7,000.
 - 8.2 Approval of DSHS agreement #0563-83483 for the WorkFirst program with Mason County Department of Health Services.
 - 8.3 Approval of Veterans Assistance Fund application for: Ray Herrera – housing \$500.00 & food \$100.00; Doe Bridge – housing \$250.00; Vincent C. Weber – food \$600.00; Stephen R. Kelley – housing \$100.00 & food \$100.00; Charles (Mrs. Gladys) Torstenson – food \$600.00; William A. Crall – burial benefit \$600.00 for a total of \$2,850.00.
 - 8.4 Approval of a contract amendment between Northwest Land and Water, consultants and Mason County to further analyze current and future conditions of Johns Creek relative to water quantity issues.
 - 8.5 Approval of an amendment to Ecology Grant No. G0300042 between the Department of Ecology and Mason County to provide WRIA 14 additional funding for Instream Flow Step C work for \$12,577.
 - 8.6 Approval of the resolution setting a public hearing on November 22, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. to consider a supplemental appropriation to the 2005 Current Expense Fund budget in the amount of \$213,090 and to the Health Services Fund budget in the amount of \$16,233. **Resolution No. 103-05 (Exhibit A)**
 - 8.7 Approval to set a public hearing on Monday, December 5, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. to consider the adoption of the 2006 budget for Mason County, including the 2006 property tax levy.

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- 8.8 Approval to set a public hearing on Monday, December 5, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. to review revisions to the Capital Facilities element of the Comprehensive Plan.
- 8.9 Approval of Warrants
Claims Clearing Fund Warrant #'s 96854-97328 \$ 648,616.95
- 8.10 Approval of the resolution to adjust the County's contribution toward the premiums for employee group insurance for Elected Officials and eligible Non-Union employees effective December 2005. The adjusted contribution is \$639 per month for those individuals with no dependent coverage; \$802 per month for those individuals with one or more dependents. **Resolution No. 104-05 (Exhibit B)**

Cmmr. Sheldon/Ring Ericson moved and seconded to approve consent agenda items 8.1 through 8.10 as presented. Motion carried . K-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.

Recess 9:25 a.m. until 9:33 a.m.

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

- 9.1 Public hearing to consider proposed changes and updates to the Mason County Comprehensive Plan and development standards to the following: Chapter III-6 (Open Space); Chapter VIII (Transportation); Population projections and allocation to the urban areas; New Health & Human Services element; New Chapter IX (Shoreline Management) and New Chapter 17.50 Shoreline Master Program Use Regulations, under Title 17 (Zoning). Staff: Robert Fink

Mr. Bob Fink, Planning Manager stated all of the proposed items were presented to the Planning Advisory Commission (PAC). He requested that public testimony be accepted after the staff person that has been working on each element presents it.

The Board agreed they would follow that protocol.

Ms. Barbara Adkins presented the open space element of the comprehensive plan. She stated there was no new information. The policies from the master trails plan have been incorporated into the open space element under the appropriate subsection. Two open space corridors have been deleted from the last page of the previous open space element. The PAC wanted to add one sentence to the beginning of the element, to ensure open space didn't violate private property rights.

Cmmr. Kamin read the new language from the open space policy. The designation of Open Space shall in no way violate or void any private property ownership rights and does not imply or create access to Open Space property.

Cmmr. Kamin stated the trails plan is just a framework that will be used to develop the master plan.

There was no public comment on the open space chapter.

Mr. Steve Goins presented Chapter VIII Transportation element. Mr. Goins presented it to the PAC and they recommended several changes to the language. Most of them were in the context of evaluating policy on how projects are prioritized. The PAC agreed better land use and transportation decision-making should be interfaced between themselves and the Transportation Improvement Planning Advisory Committee (TIPCAP). The PAC recommended creating a new committee that would help with the interface and to assist with integrating some of the trail policies into the transportation element. Mr. Goins stated that he was not ready to present all of the recommended changes to the Board. He will make the changes, give a copy to the Board and

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also have them available for the public to review for another week. He requested the Board continue the hearing to November 22, 2005 at 2:30 and to not open for public testimony until then.

The Board will open the transportation element for public comment on November 22, 2005 at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Fink presented the Population Projections and Allocations element. To update the Mason County Comprehensive Plan to a 2025-planning horizon, an important determination, is the allocation of population to the county's urban areas. The PAC has made its recommendation to adopt an allocation of population that would preserve a status quo of the existing urban growth area boundaries. The reason for the decision was due to each urban area being different. The Belfair urban area boundary was adopted less than a year ago, and is still under review by the Growth Management Hearing Board. The City of Shelton and Mason County have been working for over a year on joint planning for the urban area of Shelton. At this point they are not ready to move forward with recommendations for changes to the urban area until the issues that surround the changes have been looked at thoroughly. Mr. Fink stated that a projected allocation has been determined at 10,500 people for the allocation of Shelton, which would match the capacity that was calculated by the city, that the Shelton urban area would serve. It is recommended not to be a final number but subject to further planning and investigation. He feels it is a suitable number within a range of desecration of the county. Mr. Fink stated it is the County's responsibility to adopt the urban growth area allocation and also to take action on the Comprehensive Plan by December 1, 2005, rather than wait until some of the critical issues of the allocations could be addressed. There has been a local planning group working for a number of years to develop the detailed plans for the sub area of Allyn. Although they have considered some alternatives for expansion of the urban area they are not to a point yet for action on changing those boundaries. The proposal that was agreed upon by the PAC and county staff was to develop an allocation to preserve the status quo of the urban areas. There was an individual request for a change to the Belfair urban growth area by Mr. VanBuskirk, which has been considered separately under the rezones.

The public comment was opened.

Mr. Jeff Carey, President of Allyn Community Association stated it would have been nice to have the population allocation numbers at the beginning of the year and not the end of the year. He requested that next year there would be a critical path laid out for the public so they could have more input and be able to see the bigger picture earlier in the year.

Terry Jefferies, of the Association of Realtors stated their association would like to see a balance of road funding allocated to both the rural and urban road systems. She also stated that she understood the difficulty of getting the updated Comprehensive Plan done in one year but she agreed with Mr. Carey that it would be nice to have the population numbers in the beginning to work with and make decisions based on them. Ms. Jefferies commented on the population element. She believes it will need to have housing and land supply targets in the element that would correspond to the population allocated. The Association of Realtors would like to be involved in the population element update next year to be able to work with the housing and land supply portions.

Cmmr. Kamin asked Mr. Fink to clarify where the population numbers come from and asked if the numbers were not available to the Board prior to them being released.

Mr. Fink replied that the numbers from the state were available earlier in the year and they could have been released earlier because it is up to the county to come up with the population numbers

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but it would have been in a dictated form. It was the planning department's decision to involve the city and the public to develop the numbers. The city of Shelton and the other communities all have been working on their allocations in the PAC meetings. He said there is a certain level of difficulty in allocating the population. He gave a brief description of the process and an explanation of the complex decisions that still have to be made.

The public comment was closed.

Mr. Goins stated the PAC recommended the adoption of the Health and Humans Services element.

Cmmr. Kamin stated the Health and Humans Services element was a new element added to the Comprehensive Plan. The element was created to provide leadership and vision to improve access to local, affordable, quality health care and human service community-wide.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Barbara Adkins presented the Shoreline Master Program. The regulations have not been changed they have been reorganized. The PAC has given it their approval and it has been available to the public for several weeks.

There was no public comment.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to continue the public hearing to November 22, 2005, accept written testimony for all items heard today until close of business November 21, 2005, and table further consideration on these matters until the November 22 public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; K-aye.

It was noted that the Board meeting would be held at 2:00 p.m. on the November 22, 2005 to allow for a longer than usual meeting.

Recess from 10:10 a.m. to 10:17 a.m.

- 9.2 Hood Canal Coordinating Council presentation of homeowner survey results regarding Hood Canal water quality and sewage treatment. Staff: Mr. Dave Christensen, Water Program Manager presented a survey of homeowner attitudes regarding Hood Canal water quality and sewage treatment. The survey represented 1,500 residents surrounding Hood Canal. There were 500 from each county, Mason, Jefferson, and Kitsap. A complete copy of the presentation is on file.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted that the presentation showed that the survey captured the attitudes and thoughts of the people in Mason County. It does show that the people in Mason County do take great pride, and are willing to make changes because they care deeply about Hood Canal.

Mr. Christensen stated the next survey would be done on the Hoodspout area. The survey will be targeted to the issues of Hoodspout and would be much shorter than the last survey sent out. The survey will be mailed out the first of the year to avoid the holidays.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson excused herself from the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

Mr. Scott Brewer, HCCC gave a presentation on the Summer Chum Salmon Recovery Plan. The overall plan goal is to protect, restore and enhance the productivity, production and diversity of Hood Canal summer chum salmon and their ecosystems to provide surplus production sufficient to

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allow future directed and incidental harvests of summer chum salmon. Mr. Brewer explained to the Board how Mason County would benefit from the plan if it were accepted to receive federal funding to support it. A complete copy of the presentation is on file.

The Board thanked Mr. Christensen and Mr. Brewer for their presentations.

10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials)

10.1 Appointment of Coroner position

Cmmr. Kamin stated the Board had chosen Mr. Wes Stockwell to appoint as the Mason County Coroner to fill the remainder of the term. Judge Sawyer administered the oath of office.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to appoint Mr. Wes Stockwell as the Coroner to serve the remainder of the vacant term ending December 2006. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; K-aye.

Judge Sawyer administered the oath of office for Mr. Wes Stockwell as the Coroner.

The Board welcomed and congratulated Mr. Stockwell.

Mr. Stockwell stated he was very honored to be selected to fulfill the duties of the Mason County Coroner.

11. Board's Reports and Calendar – The Board reported on meetings they attended the past week and announced their calendars for the upcoming week.

12. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Jayni L. Kamin, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

Tim Sheldon, Commissioner