

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

FEBRUARY 7, 2006

1. Call to Order – The regular meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by the Chairperson.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – The chairperson led the flag salute.
3. Roll Call - Present: Dist. 1 – Lynda Ring Erickson; Cmmr. Dist. 2 – Tim Sheldon (left meeting 9:18 a.m.); Cmmr. Dist. 3 – Jayni L. Kamin.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Kamin moved and seconded to address Consent Agenda Item 8.4 at this time. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.

Ken Van Buskirk asked that the Board defer the decision to award VIC monies in the North Mason community until after the County Commissioners' next quarterly meeting in Belfair so they can dialogue with the community. He noted that six members of the community attended a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) meeting in January to suggest that the VIC money be left at Theler Center. He said they were not allowed to speak. Currently, two members of the LTAC live in Allyn and he felt they do not represent what the Belfair community wants. He questioned if there may be a potential conflict of interest because of the involvement with the Pacific Northwest Salmon Center. Of the two former executive directors of the North Mason Chamber of Commerce; one chairs the Salmon Center's tourism committee and the other is an administrative manager. He urged the County Commissioners to leave the VIC money with Theler Center.

Bob Harris also asked the County Commissioners to reconsider the appropriation of VIC money in north Mason. He submitted a picture of the North Mason Chamber of Commerce with a spinner rack 24" X 60". There is no controversy at Theler Center. The community is standing being Theler Center. He noted that Theler Center will continue promoting tourism. They came to the advisory committee meeting and were turned away without input.

Cmmr. Kamin explained the reason there was no discussion at the last LTAC meeting, on this subject, was because the previous meeting they had discussed this and made the recommendations. At that time, there were people that were bringing forward Theler Center's request. They specifically invited the director to sit at the table with the rest of the LTAC as they reviewed the different applications for VIC. She suggested there may be some confusion between a visitor information center and a tourist attraction. The way the money was awarded this year was really to put the emphasis on dispensing visitor information. They are willing to work with Theler Center in improving that as a tourist attraction. One thing they are really looking to do is concentrating the tourism money where they are able to promote the entire county and less dependence on visitor information centers.

Margie Benson, North Mason Tahuya River Valley, also spoke in favor of the VIC money staying at the Theler Center. She felt the North Mason Chamber of Commerce is already crowded with traffic, gas station, Dept. of Licensing, Sheriff's substation, building permits. She was concerned that big rigs could not park there.

Cmmr. Sheldon commented that people with large motor homes are planning their trips long in advance. They are very careful about where they drive the vehicles because they can be up to 40' long. He stated he liked to make decisions after substantial input and investigation. He viewed the Theler Center as an attraction. The North Mason Chamber of Commerce has the opportunity to improve their facility to make it a better VIC. The Chamber has an interest in promoting their member activities and also working together with the community. Working together they can help the Theler Center succeed as an attraction. He did not see the connections between the salmon center and other entities. The Commissioners need to do what is best with the public's money.

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Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated they read the proposals. They have read the law and the Commissioners are sworn to uphold the state law. She appreciates the passion that the north Mason area has for the Theler Center. The Commissioners have to look at the proposal that gives the best benefit for tax dollars.

Cmmr. Kamin added that one of the goals in the economic component of the Comprehensive Plan was increasing tourism as an industry. They did spend a lot of time looking over the different proposals made from both the North Mason Chamber of Commerce and the Theler Center. The County recently hired a tourism consultant to look at how to move the tourism forward in the county. One of the suggestions was to put more of the tourism support money into website and product development. In looking at the different proposals, the proposal that they receive from the North Mason Chamber of Commerce emphasized more product development and moving tourism forward as an industry.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Kamin moved and seconded to approve Item 8.4. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.

(Cmmr. Sheldon left the meeting following the above action)

4. Correspondence and Organizational Business
 - 4.1 Correspondence
 - 4.1.1 Linda Lee Gruer suggested encouraging high tech. companies to come to Mason County rather than NASCAR
 - 4.1.2 John & Virginia Quier are seeking advice and directions from the Commission on how to resolve the delinquent assessments on their Hanks Lake property. (Copy to Public Health Services, Treasurer)
 - 4.1.3 Sue Barwick, Diane Crabtree, Julie Scholer, Elizabeth Custis, Lydia Buchheit, Selena Myers, and Julie Powers all wrote in support of the County's new tobacco policies.
 - 4.1.4 The Mason County Treasurer supplied a list of depositaries currently approved for use to hold public funds as published by the State of Washington Public Deposit Protection Commission.
 - 4.1.5 The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration sent their Final Environmental Impact Statement for the State of Washington Final Forest Practices Habitat Conservation Plan, Volume I and Volume II.
 - 4.1.6 State of Washington Department of Ecology requested written documentation to reappoint Drew Noble as Mason County Water Conservancy Board Commissioner, or to appoint a new commissioner, as Drew Noble's term will expire July 22, 2006.
 - 4.1.7 Jean Blacker would like a plan from the Parks department for a marked swimming area and improved shore access on Phillips Lake. (Copy to Parks)
 - 4.1.8 The Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, Office of Manufactured Housing sent a copy of ESHB 1640: Manufactured/Mobile Home Landlord-Tenant Disputes. (Document and Data Supplement on file with Clerk of Board)
 - 4.1.9 The Port of Allyn wrote in response to Commissioner Ring Erickson's January 17, 2006 letter regarding the Port's request for .08 funding for expansion of their water system.
 - 4.1.10 Department of Natural Resources sent their Projection of Income from State Forestlands in Mason County. (Copy to Budget and Finance.)
 - 4.2 2005 Annual Year-End Report. Treasurer Lisa Frazier read aloud the 2005 Annual Revenue Collections Report including the property tax, real estate excise tax, gambling tax, investment earnings, unencumbered current expense balance. Included in the report were comparisons for the past five years.
 - 4.3 News Release – Forest Practice Permits -- Barbara Adkins, Planner, announced that the county will be issuing permits for some forest practices instead of the Washington Department of Natural Resources beginning on February 15. The effect of the change will be that the public will no longer have to deal

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- with two agencies for these timber harvests. They will need to go to the county for the necessary approval.
- 4.4 Employee Recognition – The Commissioners recognized Larry Forsman, Road Supervisor, with an Above & Beyond Award. Greg Hering, Human Resources Director, explained this is for extraordinary effort on the part of a public employee in support of the safety of citizens. He read the submission by one of the co-workers. That Mr. Forsman while on late night/early morning call out for ice heard about an accident on the North Shore Road which came across his personal scanner. It became evident that the accident victims did not know where they were located. He slowly drove the North Shore Road with his emergency lights on and located the accident scene, notified dispatch and directed the rescue personnel. The accident was a single vehicle that left the road and landed on the beach approximately 30' below the road. One person was trapped in the car, one was ejected, and the tide was coming in. It was felt that Mr. Forsman's action prevented the accident from becoming a fatality.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input – None
6. Adoption of Agenda – **Cmmr. Kamin/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to adopt agenda as published. Motion carried. K-aye; RE-aye; S-absent.**
7. Approval of Minutes – **Cmmr. Kamin/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve the briefing minutes for week of January 16 and 23, 2006 and regular meeting minutes of November 8, 22, and 29, 2005 and January 24, 2006. Motion carried. K-aye; RE-aye; S-absent.**
8. Approval of Consent Agenda:
- 8.1 Approval for the Sheriff's Department to purchase a replacement boat, motor and trailer for the Sheriff's boating program. The approximate cost is \$39,500 for a new Triumph 21' boat from Verle's in Shelton, Washington. Funding to be provided from the boating program, Equipment Rental & Revolving reserves and trade-in of the 20' Grady-White boat.
- 8.2 Approval of Veterans Assistance Fund applications for: Rodney Gorm - utilities \$600; Bobby Gullotto - housing \$400, food \$200; James Robert Stevens - housing \$600; Chip T. Proctor - utilities \$352.12; Melissa J. Morris - food \$600; Charles David Walker - food \$200; Earl L. Vaughan - food \$300; Tommy Thombs - utilities \$461.02, food \$138; Mariana F. Ruiz (Gil Ruiz) - utilities \$535.18, food \$64.82; Patricia Lynn Fair - food \$300; Donald L. Hannah - food \$600; William A. Crall - food \$200; Charles P. Scharpe - utilities \$112.30; Doe Bridge - mileage reimbursement \$85.36; Billy D. Emerson - housing \$400, food \$200; Kathleen Dorcy (Stephen R. Kelley) - burial \$600; Kimberly M. Mougous - housing \$600; Alex Grzybinski - housing \$200, food \$400; and Jerry Basnett-Kemple - housing \$600, for a total of \$8,748.80.
- 8.3 Approval to adopt a resolution setting a hearing on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, 9:30 a.m. to consider public comment on the petition for vacation of the east half of Seattle Street adjacent to Lot 24 of Block 12; the north half of Pine Street adjacent to Lots 21, 22, 23 & 24 of Block 12; the east half of Seattle Street adjacent to Lot 46 of Block 9 and south half of alleyway adjacent to Lot 46 of Block 9 of the Plan of Grays Harbor & Union City Railroad Addition to Union City; as recorded on June 23, 1890 in the Mason County Auditor's Office Book of Plats, Volume 2, Page 1. **Resolution No. 06-06 (Exhibit D)**
- 8.4 Approval of the 2006 Lodging Tax awards to provide visitor information services in the amount of \$12,000 to the Shelton-Mason County Chamber of Commerce for the Shelton Visitor Information Center; \$12,000 to the Shelton-Mason County Chamber of Commerce for the Hoodspout Visitor Information Center and \$12,000 to the North Mason Chamber of Commerce for visitor information services in Belfair. **Resolution No. 03-06; 04-06 & 05-06 (Exhibits A – C)**
- 8.5 Approval of the professional services contract amendment #1 between Mason County Department of Health Services and Eunice T. Santiago for the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 for Behavioral Health Services.

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- 8.6 Approval of contract amendment #6 between Mason County Department of Health Services and Amelia Cobb extending the contract through December 31, 2006 to provide support to the Maternity Support Services program.
- 8.7 Approval of the Coordinated Prevention Grant Regular Cycle Agreement, Grant No. G0600247, between the Department of Ecology and Mason County for the solid waste enforcement program.
- 8.8 Approval of a contract with the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development for a \$35,000 grant to assist the county in updating the stormwater policies and regulations.
- 8.9 Approval of the resolution setting a public hearing on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. to consider a supplemental appropriation and a budget transfer in the 2006 Current Expense Fund budget in the total amount of \$190,227. **Resolution No. 07-06 (Exhibit E)**
- 8.10 Approval of the supplemental agreement No. 5 to the interagency agreement with Oregon Corrections Enterprises providing additional mapping services for the GIS program for a cost of \$316,300.
- 8.11 Approval of the Intergovernmental Request and Agreement for Reimbursable Work by the Mason Conservation District to provide environmental services, as needed, for 2006.
- 8.12 Approval to set a public hearing on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. to consider revisions to the Annual Construction Program to reflect overlay changes.
- 8.13 Approval of Warrants:

Claims Clearing Fund	Warrant #s 100940-101236	\$711,345.52
Salary Clearing Fund	Warrant #s 154511-155083	\$1,489,271.23

Cmmr. Kamin/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve consent agenda items 8.1 through 8.13, with the exception of 8.4 which was approved by separate action. K-aye; RE-aye; S-absent.

- 9. 9:30 a.m. Public Hearings and Items Set for a Certain Time
 - 9.1 Public hearing to consider approval of the franchise application for the installation of a water line by the Port of Shelton within the County right-of-way on John's Prairie Road.

Charlie Butros, Public Works Director, recommended approval of the Port of Shelton's application to allow installation of 1880 feet of water line along John's Prairie Road. The proposed application has been verified that it does not conflict with the right of way safety features and road uses. The Port will restore the road shoulders and area following installation of the line at the appropriate depth.

Matt Matyoshi, EDC Director, commented the water line extension to Belco Forest Products will facilitate the retention of 45 jobs in the forest products industry and also facilitate adding an additional 14 jobs at Belco. The project would save the company an estimated \$46,000 of transportation costs that they are currently incurring with their inability to expand their operation and having to outsource a portion of their process. He asked that the Board approve of this franchise application.

The public hearing was closed.

Cmmr. Kamin/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve this franchise application for the installation of a water line within the county right of way on the Johns Prairie Road. Motion carried. K-aye; RE-aye; S-absent.

- 10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials) - None
- 11. Board's Reports and Calendar – The board reported on some of the meetings they attended the past two weeks and announced appointments for the upcoming week.
- 12. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

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MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Lynda Ring Erickson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

Jayni L. Kamin, Commissioner