

## BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

FEBRUARY 28, 2006

1. Call to Order – The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 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; Cmmr. Dist. 3 – Jayni L. Kamin.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated he had to leave at approximately 6:30 p.m. and he asked that Item 8 be addressed before the other items.

**Cmmr. Sheldon/Kamin moved and seconded to move Item 8 at this time. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.**

### 4. Correspondence and Organizational Business

#### 4.1 Correspondence

- 4.1.1 The Alderbrook Resort and Spa requested support and expedited consideration of Annas Bay Music Festival's application for a Mason County Lodging Tax Grant.
  - 4.1.2 The Timberland Regional Library asked if the Mason County Commissioners concur with the Thurston County Commissioners appointment of Judy Weaver to the Timberland Regional Library Board to fill the Thurston County position held by Gene Weaver, whose term ended January 31, 2006.
  - 4.1.3 Mike and Dorothy Barfield inquired if there was a public hearing or grievance action they could take in order to rezone their property. (Copy to Community Development.)
- 4.2 Introduction of 2006 Mason County Rodeo Queen & Court --Lissa McClanahan introduced Leanne Gunter who is the 2006 Mason County Rodeo Queen.

She explained they have some old things and some new things coming back. The new thing is the Washington State Shooters; something old is the American made drill team which will be coming back. They are raising money and will be having a Shindig on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be a live and silent auction from 6 – 10:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Cmmr. Kamin expressed appreciation of the work of the Mason County Queen, members of the Rodeo committee and volunteers who work to support and promote the event and Mason County.

Cmmr. Sheldon added the community events are great and bring people into the county.

It was noted that the Rodeo Queen and members are required to earn the money for their outfits and pay gas. They ride their horse and all expenses that go into that.

### 5. Open Forum for Citizen Input

- 5.1 Bill Barron expressed an interest in what will happen to the current fairgrounds. He was concerned about the condition of the kitchens.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted there have been a series of repairs at the fairgrounds that have been recommended to the Commission. They are currently in the process of deciding which repairs they will fund. They recognize the current fairgrounds have a limited period of time for use. The Commissioners are trying to make good use of people's money.

Cmmr. Kamin added it is her understanding there will still be allowed use of the warming oven and some baking. The only restriction is on the deep fryer. This Commission will do the best they can to

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make sure people who hold the events at the fairgrounds will be able to use the kitchen as in the past. The county commission is committed to maintaining use of the facility.

Cmmr. Sheldon there are rumors in the community. This Commission is committed to a fairgrounds and a better fairgrounds than we have. The County has purchased property on the Dayton Airport Road and Highway 101 with good access. It will take a few years to make a change.

Mr. Barron also was concerned about the smoking on the fairgrounds being prohibited. Anyone that wants to smoke will have to go out to Highway 101. That will be a real problem.

Cmmr. Kamin responded that she will be talking with the Public Health Director to define what the county leased property boundaries are located and smoking is prohibited.

- 5.2 Doug Crummey , President of North Mason Little League, voiced appreciation for the authorization of approximately \$1 million to upgrade the fields at Sandhill Park. He expressed concern the fields will not be finished. They have met with county staff who has been great to work with and coming up with contingency plans in the event the fields are not complete. They have only one field to use.

Betty Wing, Interim Parks Director, clarified she did meet with Mr. Crummey, Little League PeeWee and the fast pitch coaches. Baseball and softball are very important activities for the youth. They set some records in December and January for rainfall, which has set the contractor back considerably. They have been getting a lot done in the last two to three weeks. They are trying to pour concrete and get everything done with the rainy season. They will do everything they can to get ready to open the fields on April 22. They need to have a little warmer weather to get the new grass to come back.

- 5.3 Paul Eveleth, Mason County Rodeo Director, asked if the rodeo will go with fairgrounds move and how soon it might happen.

The Board responded yes, they would be included in the transition. The Board will start looking at the process in the next couple of weeks.

- 5.4 Terri King, Washington Sea Grant, announced they are having a gathering of shellfish growers at the Little Creek Casino on Monday, March 6 & 7. They will be talking about issues of new advancements in nursery techniques, settling out single oysters, growing new species, talking about marine debris issues and how aquaculture agents get the material off the beach. There are two people coming out from Virginia to attend the conference. There are a number of growers coming from Canada to talk about some of their new techniques, microbubbling to help with fecal pollution. This is a time for growers to talk with each other, as shellfish is a big business in Mason County.

6. Adoption of Agenda - **Cmmr. Kamin/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-absent.**
7. Approval of Minutes – **Cmmr. Kamin/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes February 14, 2006. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-absent.**
8. Approval of Consent Agenda:
- 8.1 Approval of the 2005 Oath of Inventory for Mason County machinery and equipment and request staff to deliver it to the Mason County Auditor as required by RCW 36.32.210.
- 8.2 Approval of the resolution amending Mason County Code Chapter 3.24 Lodging Excise Tax to agree with guidelines issued by the State Auditor's Office and State Statutes. **Resolution No. 13-06 (Exhibit A)**

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- 8.3 No objection to the special occasion liquor license for Faith in Action West Sound, Belfair, WA; Date: March 18, 2006; Time: 5 – 11 p.m. Place: Victor Improvement Club, 51 E Victor Road, Belfair
- 8.4 Approval of resolution appointing Tim Sheldon as Mason County's representative to the Washington Counties Risk Pool. **Resolution No. 14-06 (Exhibit B)**
- 8.5 Approval of the ordinance amending the Airport Overlay Zone Chapter number in the Mason County Code from Chapter 17.40 to Chapter 17.60. **Ordinance No. 15-06 (Exhibit C)**
- 8.6 Approval to award \$120,000 to the Port of Shelton for the Belco Waterline project from the Mason County Distressed Area Capital Fund (.08). This is item #8 on the 2005-2006 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) list.
- 8.7 Approval of the 2006 agreement with the Mason County Economic Development Council to provide the County with economic development services in the total amount of \$23,200.
- 8.8 Approval of the following caretaker contracts for Mason County Parks: Lawrence Meyers, Foothills Park; Joy Smith, Truman Glick Memorial Park; Keith & Karen Visser, Union Park. These are annual contract renewals with the existing caretakers.
- 8.9 Approval of the Public Works Trust Fund Loan Application in the amount of \$106,175 for the Rustlewood Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade plans and specifications.
- 8.10 Concur with the appointment of Judy Weaver to the Timberland Regional Library Board representing Thurston County.
- 8.11 Approval for the ER&R Manger to purchase a new Motorola Repeater unit for Public Works on a sole source basis from the Western States Contracting Alliance Public Safety Communication Equipment contract and have the repeater installed by Day Wireless, our current radio service contractor. Total cost, approximately \$15,000.
- 8.12 Approval of the resolution allocating \$16,000 from the SHB 2060 Low Income Housing Fund to the Cold & Hungry Coalition to operate emergency cold weather shelters in Shelton and Belfair. **Resolution No. 16-06 (Exhibit D)**
- 8.13 Approval of Country Road Project 1866 for the County-wide Major Collector Safety Improvement Project. **Resolution No. 17-06 (Exhibit E)**
- 8.14 Approval of the supplemental appropriation to the 2006 Current Expense Fund – Fairgrounds/Convention Center budget in the amount of \$91,423 from the Lodging Tax Fund for tourism promotion. The public hearing was held on 2/21/06. **Order (Exhibit F)**
- 8.15 Approval of Warrants:  
Claims Clearing Fund      Warrant #s 102015-102479      \$374,750.30
- 8.16 Approval for the Chairperson to execute the Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement with Barbara A. Levette for strategic planning, organizational development, grant writing, and management consulting services for 2006.
- 8.17 Approval for the Chair to sign the agreement with Gray and Osborne Inc. to update the Hartstene Pointe Water System Plan for an amount not to exceed \$24,000.
- 8.18 Approval of the inter-governmental Memorandum of Understanding for Mason County Tourism Development with the City of Shelton, Port of Shelton, Port of Allyn, Port of Hoodport, Squaxin Island Tribe and the Skokomish Tribal Nation and designate Cmmr. Jayni L. Kamin to sign as the representative for Mason County.
- 8.19 Approval to set a public hearing on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. to take public comment on Mason County assuming the special land use lease permit formerly between the Port of Tahuya and the Department of Natural Resources for the property known as Menard's Landing.

It was requested that Item 8.14 and 8.18 for be removed for further discussion

**Cmmr. Sheldon/Kamin moved and seconded to approve items 8.1-8.19, excluding 8.14 and 8.18. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.**

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Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked that Deputy Prosecutor TJ Martin comment on a recent ruling on the use of LTAC dollars. She did not think it affects this particular kind of use, but would like comment before voting on Item 8.14.

TJ Martin responded that the recent attorney general opinion issued approximately February 6, 2006 pertaining to LTAC money going to non-governmental entities for tourism. He did not think that it would affect Item 8.14 as this is going to the fairgrounds/convention center. Under the definition, it would be owned and operated by the municipality. He stated he would have no objection to the appropriation of this money from a legal standpoint.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked the Budget Director if Item 8.14 was previously approved in the county budget.

Ms. Siegler responded the award from the Lodging Tax was approved by the Commissioners. When they approve the budget amendment it will be placed in the county budget.

**Cmmr. Sheldon/Kamin moved and seconded to approve item 8.14. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.**

Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked if Item 8.18 draft has had any amendments. She noted she had read a previous draft. She was concerned as it says tourism is a private process. As drafted, it is only government signing it.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated this is the process that was suggested by the consultant. The first memorandum of agreement sets up a process of working together in collaboration for the Port of Hoodspout, Port of Shelton, City of Shelton, Mason County and both tribes. There is no dollar amount.

Cmmr. Kamin noted the MOU is intended to describe how the partners share a collective vision of the visitor industry in Mason County, Washington, and hold a common understanding as to the value of tourism and agree to cooperatively nurture its growth and development. It is basically recognition of the value of tourism and an agreement to work together in fostering tourism as one form of economic development.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated she does not have any problem with the concept. If we were encouraging private enterprise it seems that private enterprise would be at the table the first go around.

Cmmr. Kamin commented it is a document that came out of the consulting contract at the county with Destination Development to do an assessment of the tourism industry. It is basically a document for government to agree to work together.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted this is a first step in the development of a more comprehensive policy for the county.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated she had no problem with the concept. As worded it left her confused as to who the players were.

**Cmmr. Kamin/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve Item 8.18 as presented. Motion carried. K-aye; RE-nay; 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

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11. Board's Reports & Calendar – The board shared reports of highlights from the last weeks meetings attended. They also announced their calendar for the upcoming week.
12. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Lynda Ring Erickson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

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Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

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Jayni L. Kamin, Commissioner