

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 14, 2006

1. Call to Order – The regular meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.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.
4. Correspondence and Organizational Business
 - 4.1 Correspondence
 - 4.1.1 Ben Trowbridge is seeking appointment to the Timberland Regional Library Board of Trustees.
 - 4.1.2 Steve Levy, County Executive for Suffolk County, New York, announced the formation of the Mayors and Executives For Immigration Reform and is seeking support from local governments.
 - 4.1.3 The Washington State Liquor Control Board sent notice of a liquor license application for Lake Nahwatzel Resort in Shelton.
 - 4.1.4 Janet O'Connor of Grapeview wrote regarding the County smoking policy and recycling bins in Shelton.
 - 4.1.5 Dr. Brian Petersen commented on the Belfair Sewer issues and the timing of the SR 3 project and bypass.
 - 4.1.6 Don Munks, Skagit County Commissioner, sent a follow up letter regarding financial support for Timber Lobbyist, Robert Weidner.
 - 4.1.7 The Washington State Office of Financial Management requested information on the number of judicial districts in Mason County.
 - 4.1.8 Washington Counties Risk Pool sent their 2005 annual report.
 - 4.1.9 The Kitsap County Commissioners asked the Mason County Commissioners to consider volunteering to be a table captain at the Girl Scouts Totem Council Peninsula Leadership Luncheon on May 24th at the Kitsap Conference Center.
 - 4.1.10 The Washington Dental Service Foundation will have its SmileMobile at Evergreen Elementary School from March 13, 2006 through March 24, 2006.
 - 4.1.11 Hood Canal Communications announced that they would have a rate increase which will go into effect April 1, 2006.
 - 4.1.12 Washington State Liquor Control Board sent notice of establishments in Mason County whose licenses will expire on June 30, 2006: Lakeside Bistro, Allyn; Selah Inn, Belfair; Bear Creek Country Store & Feed, Belfair; Belfair Pizza Factory, Belfair; Happy Hollow Grocery, Belfair; Randy's Short Stop, Belfair; El Sombrero, Belfair; Eagle Creek Saloon, Lilliwaup; Lake Nahwatzel Resort, Shelton; Loggers Bar & Grill, Shelton; Royal Order of Jolly Court Jesters, Shelton; and Alderbrook Golf & Yacht Club, Union.
 - 4.2 News Release – March Celebration Event – Betty Wing read aloud the news release inviting the public to an open house to celebrate Mason County's history on Tuesday, March 21st at 4:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. There will be a dedication of a beautiful piece of artwork created by Mason County artist Nancy Moore of Maniyak Metalworks. A reception will follow at the Colonial House.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input
 - 5.1 Louis Cofoni submitted a handout concerning what is happening in Seattle with homeless. He expressed concern about sex offenders using homeless facilities. He felt Mason County should look at the situation to provide homeless people the peace of mind.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted the 2006 legislature made it a priority to adjust laws about sex offenders. It is now a crime to knowingly harbor a person who says they are homeless. The state of Washington appropriated over \$50 million for new prison cells for sex offenders. It was noted that some of the estimates of the number of homeless in Mason County at 2500 is not real.

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Cmmr. Kamin added that Mason County recently completed the homeless count and it was approximately 185.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson also felt it was not right that Mason County had more homeless people than other counties. Come of the concerns expressed by Mr. Cofoni have been addressed through the operation of protocol for the various shelters. There are people that stay up all night and watch the homeless people.

6. Adoption of Agenda – **Cmmr. Sheldon/Kamin moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.**
7. Approval of Minutes – **Cmmr. Kamin/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 21, 2006 and briefing minutes for the weeks of January 9, February 6 and 13, 2006 as published. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.**
8. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - 8.1 Approval of the resolution deleting Budgetary Accounting Fund 300-000-000, Mason County Building Acquisition Fund 1998. All cash and investments are depleted and there is no further need for this fund. **Resolution No. 18-06 (Exhibit A)**
 - 8.2 Approval of the lease agreement with St. Edwards Catholic Church for joint use parking located at the corner of 4th Street and Pine Street for a two-year period at a rate of \$150 per month.
 - 8.3 Approval for Public Works to advertise, set bid opening dates, and award contracts during a regular Commission meeting for County Road Projects 1380-1 (Grapeview Loop), 1821 (Agate Road – Malaney Creek), 1850 (Agate Road – Uncle John’s Creek), 1851 (Beeville Road), 1852 (Creekside Drive), and 1853 (Wivell Road). These are for culvert replacements.
 - 8.4 Approval of Veterans’ Assistance fund applications for: Doe Bridge - mileage reimbursement \$39.16; Robert James (Edith Obiedzinski) - burial \$600.00, utilities \$202.23, food \$397.77; Randy D. Wimbley - housing \$600.00; Robert Kelly Arvine - housing \$600.00; Ronald E. Pollock (Linda Pollock) - food \$300.00; Bob W. Kozel utilities \$179.62; Richard A. Jansen Jr. - food \$600.00; Michael Robert Parsil - housing \$600.00; Alan Reynolds - utilities \$78.37; Roy Oster (Rose Oster) - utilities \$600.00; and Thomas Roberts utilities \$147.80 for a total of \$4,944.95.
 - 8.5 Approval of DSHS agreement number 0663-89123 with Mason County Department of Health Services (DSHS) for the period of January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006 in the amount of \$22,248 to provide the Foster Care Passport (history of medical care) Services to the local DSHS office.
 - 8.6 Approval of the resolution establishing Capital Projects Fund 355-000-000 to receive revenues (interest income earned by the two REET Funds and the .08 Fund) and pay the costs of certain capital projects.
 - 8.7 Approval for the Equipment Rental & Revolving Fund Manager to call for bids to furnish Mason County with radio maintenance services from April 11, 2006 to March 31, 2007, extendable for up to two additional years as requested. Bid opening to be April 6, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.
 - 8.8 Approval to award Harris Ford of Lynnwood, Washington the bid to furnish Mason County with one new 2006 Cab and Chassis with Service Body for the Sign shop. Total cost: \$27,623.23
 - 8.9 Claims Clearing Fund Warrant #'s 102480-102619 \$470,898.75
Salary Clearing Fund Warrant #'s 155349-155842 \$1,349,190.10
 - 8.10 Approval of the resolution to establish a policy for the burial of indigent persons **Resolution No. 19-06 (Exhibit B)**
 - 8.11 Approval of the resolution authorizing \$120,000 from the Mason County Distressed Area Capital Fund (.08) to the Port of Shelton for the Belco Waterline project. **Resolution No. 20-06 (Exhibit C)**

Cmmr. Sheldon/Kamin moved and seconded to approve items 8.1 through 8.11 except item 8.6. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye RE-aye; S-aye.

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Richard Beckman, Mason County Association of Realtors, stated they were unable to get answers before the meeting from staff as to what the capital improvements are and legal issues, related to Item 8.6. He requested the item be discussed later to allow time for review.

The Board stated they would consider tabling this issue.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted the Budget Director is not present. The staff had a little bit of a discussion on this issue. There was an Attorney General opinion, which deals with interest from the funds.

Cmmr. Kamin/Sheldon moved and seconded to table item 8.6 until 3/21/06. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.

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

- 9.1 Public hearing to take 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.

TJ Martin, Deputy Prosecutor, noted that Superior Court Judge Sawyer agreed to dissolve the Port of Tahuya on January 9, 2006. As a result, several groups to assist in the dissolution, including the Port of Tahuya, Washington State DNR, and Mason County. On behalf of the County, he worked with the other groups over the last couple of months. He submitted documentation regarding assuming the full responsibility of Menard's Landing from Port of Tahuya. There would be two separate agreements: Washington State Dept. of Natural Resource assuming that lease until approx. 2021; interlocal agreement with Port of Tahuya conveying parcel of property as well as the aquatic lands enhancement account. The judge asked for assistance in dissolving the Port within 140 days. Currently, they are at approximately 60 days.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked if the Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources tideland lease have any structures.

Mr. Martin responded, no structures that he is aware of.

Betty Matthews, Tahuya, voiced support for keeping Menard's Landing as a local community park. It is close to the canal. She questioned how soon the transfer would be complete.

Mr. Martin replied the agreement with Wash. State Dept. of Natural Resources is set to take effect on April 1, 2006. It is anticipated the Board would sign off on the documents within the week following.

Jerry Hostatter, President of Community Club, stated they will be discussing at their meeting tonight about maintaining the park. They will be getting money from the Port of Tahuya to get it into excellent condition before they turn it over to the county.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson suggested they meet with Betty Wing, Interim Parks Director,

Betty Wing, Interim Parks Director, interjected she spoke with Jean Gall who also expressed the same concern. She has had a few calls asking if the County has big plans to change the park. The answer being, no. Often, the County provides a caretaker for remote parks.

The public hearing was closed.

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Cmmr. Sheldon thanked the Port of Tahuya for working closely with the County in making the transfer. It is a great opportunity to keep the park in excellent shape. It is a great community asset.

Cmmr. Kamin concurred with Cmmr. Sheldon and thanked the community of Tahuya in taking care of the Menard's Landing.

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

- 9.2 Public hearing to take comment on Road Vacation No. 341 for a portion of Seattle Street, Pine Street and Alley within the Plat of Grays Harbor & Union City Railroad Addition to Union City as requested by Dale & Sandy Fassio.

Rick Brush, Public Works, noted that Mr. & Mrs. Fassio have petitioned for vacation of an alley. This is subject to the laws of 1890 that provided for automatic vacation of streets and alleys not opened within five years of a plat's approval. Public Works finds this is the case with this petition. They find no evidence that the streets were opened within the statutory five-year period and therefore recommend approval of this vacation.

The public hearing was opened for comment. No comments were received. The public hearing was closed.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Kamin moved and seconded that the vacation of a portion of Seattle Street, Pine Street and alley within the Plat of Grays Harbor and Union City Rail Road Addition to Union City be approved as requested, subject to any existing easements of record and existing utilities. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-aye. Order of Vacation (Exhibit D)

10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials) - None
11. Board's Reports and Calendar – The Board summarized some highlights from the previous week's meetings they attended and announced the upcoming calendar for the week ahead.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted the Legislature provided for an additional \$2.5 million funding to add to the \$15.2 million for State Route 3 through Belfair. This includes widening of the road, left-hand turn improvements and stormwater improvements. They still have the Belfair Bypass on track with \$15 million in funding as well. He noted there are 276 projects being funded through the new gas tax and license fees.

Cmmr Kamin attended the Governor's Prayer Breakfast. It was a gathering of both state and county local elected leaders along with the governor; She was present at the Mason County Rodeo Shindig; She met with Julianna Miljour, Exec. Dir, Mason County Drug Abuse Prevention. They discussed ways to partner together to help coordinate and develop a comprehensive strategy for the drug issues in Mason County;

Cmmr. Ring Erickson attended the National League of Counties Convention. She met with five of Washington congressional members in both Eastern and Western Washington. They discussed money for Puget Sound and Hood Canal restoration and helping to prepare to be a host community in case of disaster. She also asked Congressman Norm Dicks for additional help with restoration of the courthouse and Memorial Hall.

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12. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Lynda Ring Erickson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

Jayni L. Kamin, Commissioner