

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

March 21, 2006

1. Call to Order – The regular meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by the Chairperson.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – The chairperson led the flag salute.
3. Roll Call - Present: Dist. 1 – Lynda Ring Erickson; Dist. 2 - Tim Sheldon and Cmmr. Dist. 3 – Jayni L. Kamin.
4. Correspondence and Organizational Business
 - 4.1 Correspondence
 - 4.1.1 The Washington State Liquor Control Board sent notice of a new application for liquor license from Olympic Bakery & Deli in Shelton and notice of a special occasion license application from Backcountry Horsemen of Washington in Shelton.
 - 4.1.2 Lauren Stevens Hundley submitted her resignation from the Mason County Historic Preservation Commission effective immediately.
 - 4.2 Staff Recognition – Ms. Pat Swartos, Mason County Clerk announced the retirement of Ms. Beverly Lanphear and acknowledged her as a dedicated, honest and hard working member of the Clerks Office in the past twenty four years.

The Board presented Ms. Lanphear with a gold engraved tower and thanked her for twenty four years service to Mason County.
 - 4.3 Proclamation – Mr. Roger Newman, Corresponding Secretary for the Washington State Genealogical Society presented a Genealogical Society Days Proclamation. The Washington State Genealogical Society promotes the preservation of, and access to, public and private genealogical and historical information. The Society sponsors an annual conference with nationally known speakers and mini sessions to encourage and assist members and others in the pursuit of genealogical research. The Olympia Genealogical Society will host the Washington State Genealogical Society's Annual Conference and Business Meeting on April 7-8 2006, at the Olympia High School.
 - 4.4 Proclamation – Ms. Betty Wing, Central Operations Director presented the Proclamation of American Red Cross Month. Each year during the month of March the American Red Cross is formally recognized for its essential humanitarian role in the community. This year is the 125th anniversary of the first American Red Cross. She also honored the contributions of the American Red Cross Mount Rainier Chapter in making our community, and America, a stronger, safer, and healthier place. For more than 108 years, the American Red Cross Mount Rainier Chapter has led the effort in our community to prevent, prepare for and respond to disasters. As American Red Cross Month all residents are urged to prepare their families for emergencies, take time to learn first aid and CPR, and continue to support the American Red Cross Mount Rainier Chapter.
 - 4.5 News Release – Mr. Tom Moore, Utilities & Waste Program Manager, announced the Spring Cleanup and Free Dump Vouchers will again be available to Mason County residents. Distribution of the 500 free dump vouchers begins at 8:00 a.m. until noon or when they are all distributed, on Saturday April 1st. They can be picked up at the Utilities & Waste Office, Building II and at the Theler Community Center in Belfair. The vouchers can be used between April 1st and May 31st, and may be redeemed for one pickup sized load. Other yard debris and recyclable metals can be recycled free. For a complete list of information on the solid waste, household hazardous waste, or recycling program residents can call the Mason County Utilities & Waste Office.
 - 4.6 Announcement that a post for quotes award was made to Independent Trailer & Equipment of Yakima, WA for a new service body and installation on vehicle #240 for Public Works in the amount of \$12,913.67.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input –

Mr. Rick Hoss is representing the Annas Bay Music Festival. He stated that he understood the Annas Bay Music Festival had arisen after the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee's (LTAC) deadline to submit an application for Lodging Tax funding. He was aware that their application was submitted and had been

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received after the deadline to be considered for Lodging Tax funds by the committee. He requested the Board review the Annas Bay Music Festival application as a new opportunity and to consider approving funds for the music festival.

Ms. Debra Rayse is a Board Member of the Annas Bay Music Festival and Chairman of the Citizen Advisory Board for the festival. She presented a petition signed by 101 Mason County citizens in support of the music festival. The petition they signed was in support of the Annas Bay's Lodging Tax grant application receiving funding. It also stated they all agreed the Annas Bay Music Festival could be a significant boon to the community and greatly aid Mason County's efforts to strengthen the economy through tourism. The Annas Bay's grant requests funding for joint marketing efforts that will reach out to tens of thousands of affluent tourists throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Mr. Matthew Blegen is starting the Annas Bay Music Festival. He requested the Commissioners support and explained why the funding is so critical to the music festival. The Annas Bay Music Festival is proposing to build something that is a large regional tourist destination here in Mason County. He has had several productive conversations with other possible funders outside of the county who are all very excited about the festival and see a need. The King County classical music supporters have all evangelized on behalf of the Annas Bay group in terms of how important a festival like this is to the entire northwest arts community. The one thing they have been unable to demonstrate is county and community support, other than the grass roots level in terms of several hundred people that have signed up to become members. He presented a list of 156 names that have signed up to support the Annas Bay Music Festival. He stated he understood that there are a lot of people that would love to have the county's support on their event and that the Lodging Tax funds need to be distributed among them. He requested the Commissioners support the Annas Bay Music Festival and award them Lodging Tax funds to support the festival.

Mr. Blegen presented a letter in support of the Annas Bay Music Festival addressed to the Commissioners from Stan Kott, General Manager of Alderbrook Resort & Spa. Mr. Kott's letter stated he had witnessed the effect of the music festival firsthand on Sunday, January 29th, when more than 300 people visited Alderbrook on a very dark and rainy afternoon for an inaugural performance and informational reception that was hosted for Annas Bay Music Festival. He stated Annas Bay's target audience members were exactly the kind of multi-day visitors that they are all working so hard to reach. He felt the enormous synergy between Annas Bay's efforts and the county's tourism-building goals, everyone should be doing all they can to work together to rebrand Mason County as one of the Northwest's premiere cultural tourism destinations.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked what is the time frame for Annas Bay.

Mr. Blegan stated the goal is to open in 2006. The first festival would be launched in six months. The first series would open August 31st. The practical timeframe for marketing would need to be started in the next sixty days. They plan to sell 4,000 to 5,000 tickets for the 2006 opera series. A decision will be made in the next two to three weeks as to whether they can go forward for the 2006 series, which is dependant upon the level of support they can generate locally. He stressed they are in a unique position to take whatever local support they can generate and double, triple and quadruple it with funding that they can get from other places. It is crucial to start with the funding from the county to showcase they have a community behind them and the county government behind what they are doing.

Cmmr. Sheldon commented he felt there is a great community support around the Annas Bay Music Festival. He stated he would review the Annas Bay application. He also stated he had looked at the Lodging Tax funds and said that in 2005 the revenue was up 68% over 2004. He stated it was due to Alderbrook generating about 60% of the lodging taxes. He stated he liked to work with the generators of the taxes because without them the revenue would not be there.

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Cmmr. Kamin stated she is the Chair of the LTAC Board. She is thrilled at the idea of having a music festival that would draw talent from across the country and is very supportive of the Annas Bay Music Festival. She stated that while revenues are up this year, the local governments have all signed a Mutual of Understanding stating that they would work together, nurture, encourage and support tourism as a very viable economic tool that brings new dollars into the community. She reviewed the guidelines and structure under which the Lodging Tax funds is set up under.

Cmmr. Kamin stated the Annas Bay's application has not been reviewed by LTAC. She believes there is a lot of potential for the music festival but because the application had been received after the deadline it would need to be reviewed by the committee before the Board could act on it. The next LTAC meeting is not until May.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated he appreciated Cmmr. Kamin's comments about the Lodging Tax structure, but stated he was aware the Commissioners were the ultimate vote on the use of the funds. He also noted that on the agenda item 8.8 allocates an additional \$2,000 to the Mason County Forest Festival from Lodging Tax funds. He stated he would like to consult with the legal department before taking action on the Annas Bay application and would like to make a decision in the next Commission meeting.

Mr. Charles Johnson is a member of the Annas Bay Community Advisory Board. He has twenty-five years working with the performing arts and the Annas Bay group is the first that he has encountered that truly is as much, or more concerned about what it can do for the community then what the community can do for it. The Annas Bay group is focused on how it can enrich the community and with that said he would hope that some support could be given to them. He would hate to see the festival not happen because the process is more important than the goal. The goal is to enrich Mason County.

Ms. Valarie Johnson encouraged the Commissioners to give serious consideration to the application.

Ms. Johnson talked about the Dalby waterwheel relocation project in Union. She announced there would be a dedication ceremony on April 29th, 11 a.m. at Alderbrook Resort & Spa. She invited the Board to come to the dedication.

Cmmr. Sheldon expressed how proud he was of the community for the dedication and hard work the groups have done to relocate and restore the Dalby waterwheel.

Ms. Johnson announced that the Hood Canal Improvement Club would receive the State Historic Preservation Officers award.

6. Adoption of Agenda – **Cmmr. Sheldon/Kamin moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.**
7. Approval of Minutes – **Cmmr. Kamin/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve the special meeting minutes of January 31, 2006 and regular meeting minutes of February 28, 2006. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; K-aye.**
8. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - 8.1 Approval to appoint Susan Baker and Paul Hunter to serve 4-year terms on the Mason County Noxious Weed Control Board.
 - 8.2 Approval of the contract with KING Associates for a performance review of the Mason County Jail Operations, not to exceed \$15,000. Work to be completed by April 30, 2006.

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- 8.3 Approval to set a public hearing on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. to take public comment on the adoption of RCW Chapter 70.160, Clean Indoor Air Act, which was revised by voter approved Initiative 901 in November 2005.
- 8.4 Approval of the agreement between Mason County and Construct Inc. for building revisions to Building #1, #5 and #9 in the amount of \$167,500.
- 8.5 Approval for Utilities & Waste Management Department to secure telephone or written quotes for the repair and resurfacing of the Solid Waste Export Transfer Station tipping floor. The estimated costs are expected to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000.
- 8.6 Approval for Utilities & Waste Management Department to purchase proprietary filter media from Aqua Aerobics for the effluent filters at the North Bay Water Reclamation Facility. The total cost of the media cloth is \$9,834.24 plus freight and tax.
- 8.7 Approval of the resolution to establish 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.
- 8.8 Approval of the interlocal agreement between the City of Shelton and Mason County for Local Economic Development Grant Funds for the Shelton Area Regional Water and Wastewater Project in the amount of \$2,079,360 plus interest for a 20-year period.
- 8.9 Approval of Veterans' Assistance Fund applications for: Robert Plant - utilities \$150.12; Carl Christiansen - housing \$250; Larry King - housing \$ 600; Calvin Becker (Rubie Becker) - utilities \$363.05; Arthur James Stephens - food \$600; and Roy Walter Bailey - utilities \$ 142.45 for a total of \$2,105.62 as recommended by the Veterans' Assistance Fund Screening Committee.
- 8.10 Approval to appropriate an additional \$2,000 to the Mason County Forest Festival event from Lodging Tax funds for a total amount of \$3,000 in 2006.
- 8.11 Approval to appoint Peggy Johnson to the Timberland Regional Library Board of Trustees to complete a term expiring December 31, 2010.
- 8.12 Approval of the Annual Certification for Calendar Year 2005; Certification of Expenditures for Traffic Law Enforcement – 2005; and, Certification of Expenditures for Fish Passage Barrier Removal – 2005, to be included in the annual submittal to the County Road Administration Board by the Department of Public Works.
- 8.13 Approval of the interlocal agreement with the City of Shelton for Geographic Information (GIS) Services.
- 8.14 Approval to award the contract for 2006 Manufacturing & Stockpiling of Mineral Aggregate, to Miles Sand & Gravel Co, Inc., for their bid amount of \$175,504.64, and authorize the Chairperson to execute the contract and all other pertinent documentation.
- 8.15 Approval to award the contract for CRP 1851, Beeville Road, Mp 2.09, to OMA Construction, Inc., for their bid amount of \$137,468.00, and authorize the Chairperson to execute the contract and all other pertinent documentation.
- 8.16 Approval for the Equipment Rental & Revolving Fund Manager to call for bids to furnish Mason County with a new John Deere 1445 with accessories for Parks Department. Approximate cost \$25,000 plus tax. Date and time of opening to be April 12, 2006 at 8:30 am.
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| Claims Clearing Fund | Warrant #s | 102620-103249 | \$876,090.13 |
| Salary Clearing Fund | Warrant #s | 155844-156113 | \$234,574.00 |

It was requested that item 8.7 be tabled for one week. Items 8.2, 8.4, 8.7, 8.8, and 8.10 for discussion.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Kamin moved and seconded to approve the agenda items 8.1, 8.3, 8.5, 8.6, 8.9, and 8.11 through 8.17 as read. Motion carried. K-aye RE-aye; S-aye.

Item 8.2 was discussed. The Board has been working with the Sheriff on Budgetary items. They have agreed to contract with Mr. John King to review the jail operations for efficiency. Mr. King is a specialist that has recently retired from the State Department of Corrections.

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Cmmr. Sheldon/Kamin moved and seconded to approve consent agenda item 8.2 as presented. Motion Carried. K-aye; S-aye; RE-aye.

Item 8.4 was discussed. Mr. Mike Rutter, Facilities & Grounds Director explained the remodel work that will be done.

Cmmr. Kamin/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve consent agenda item 8.4 as presented. Motion Carried. K-aye; S-aye; RE-aye.

Item 8.7 was discussed. Ms. Ione Siegler, Director of Budget & Finance requested to table consent agenda item 8.7 for one week.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Kamin moved and seconded to table consent agenda item 8.7 as presented until March 28, 2006. Motion Carried. K-aye; S-aye; RE-aye.

Cmmr. Sheldon discussed and explained consent agenda item 8.8. He explained the two million dollars that the county has pledged for the Shelton Area Regional Water and Wastewater Project would be spread over a twenty year period. The total cost of the project is approximately thirty-three million dollars.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Kamin moved and seconded to approve consent agenda item 8.8 as presented. Motion Carried. K-aye; S-aye; RE-aye.

Cmmr. Kamin discussed and explained consent agenda item 8.10. Several weeks ago the Mason County Forest Festival Committee requested the Board to reconsider the Lodging Tax award for the Forest Festival. They originally requested \$5,000 from the Lodging Tax funds. The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee recommended to the Commissioners an award of only \$1,000. The Commissioners have reconsidered their request for additional funds and after careful review they are being awarded an additional \$2,000.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Kamin moved and seconded to approve consent agenda item 8.10 as presented. Motion Carried. K-aye; S-aye; RE-aye.

9. 9:30 a.m. Public Hearings and Items Set for a Certain Time - None

10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials) –

Ms. Theresia Ehrich, Chief Accountant for the Auditor's Office, spoke on behalf of Mr. Al Brotche, Auditor, in regards to consent agenda item 8.7. Ms. Ehrich stated she had spoke with the State Auditor's Office about the resolution to establish 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. She did forward a copy of the opinion from the State Auditor's Office to the Board and had asked if they received it.

The Board announced they had received it but have not had time to review it. They stated they would review it before making a decision on the resolution to establish the fund.

Ms. Betty Wing, Director of Operations, gave a reminder of the Celebration event.

11. Board's Reports and Calendar – The Board shared highlights on some of the meetings attended the previous week and announced their calendar for the upcoming week.

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12. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:18 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