

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 11, 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 Washington State Department of Natural Resources sent notice of a public hearing to provide information and receive testimony on the proposed Lake Cushman trust exchange.
 - 4.1.2 Mrs. Helen Tietz and Ms. Rosemary Olsen expressed their concerns about the Trails End Lake water district.
 - 4.1.3 Bob Love, Chair of the Economic Development Council of Mason County, recommended Matt Matayoshi to fill the vacancy on the Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council Board.
 - 4.1.4 The Liquor Control Board sent notice of a new application for liquor license for Cameo Boutique in Union and notice of a liquor license up for renewal on July 31, 2006 for Lake Cushman Resort in Hoodspport.
 - 4.1.5 Ben Trowbridge expressed his concern about the interview process for the Timberland Regional Library Board of Trustees.
 - 4.2 News Release – Mason County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee – It was announced that applications are being accepted for the committee.
 - 4.3 Tom Moore, Utilities & Waste Management announced the post for quotes award for the Solid Waste Transfer Station tipping floor repair and resurfacing. The award is to K&K Asphalt for a total amount of \$6,720.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input
 - 5.1 Jerry Richert – Introduced some of the petitioners from Skokomish Valley asking for formation of a Diking District in Skokomish Valley: Patty Johnson, Shelloy Johnson, Joe Bourgault, Jerry Richert, Evan Tozier, Herb Baze and others.
 - 5.2 Marley Young stated in March 2004 a petition was sponsored asking if the people would entertain a Diking District in the Valley. By law that petition only needed 10 signatures of landowners. Mr. Richert secured 11 signatures. He also prepared for the Board's review at that time, thoughts on what a Diking District in the Skokomish Valley might accomplish. A list of the petitioners was submitted to the Board, at that time, along with a parcel number to show they were legal to vote. The petitioners believe it would be a service to the County if a diking district were formed and these people were able to be commissioners of the district and devote their energy and enthusiasm to the task of making the diking district work. The diking district boundaries is proposed to be the same boundaries as the Skokomish Flood Control Zone District. By law the petition has to be accompanied by a \$5,000 bond (cash) to cover the costs of Mason County to check the petition for its accuracy. A year ago representatives of Skokomish Valley asked the County if they would consider creation of this diking district by putting up the 5,000 bond. That decision has not been final. The residents are, again, asking the County to reconsider by helping to create the diking district.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated he was not sure the County can put up the bond. The County would have to research to determine if they legally can put up the bond.

Mr. Young the bond is to cover the costs of the county checking on signatures of petitioners within the boundaries.

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The question was raised as to the population within the diking district if following the proposed current boundaries of the Skokomish Flood Control Zone District.

Mr. Young responded, he could not answer that. The diking district would go into the drainage basin of the valley which includes part of Lake Cushman and part of the south wall of the Skokomish Valley.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked if a diking district tax everyone on an equal basis regardless of their assessed value.

Mr. Young noted they have not decided that at this time.

Cmmr. Kamin understood the intent of the diking district is to implement what the comprehensive flood hazard management plan says regarding the construction of setback dikes and berms, etc.

Mr. Young concurred that is the first goal, to take the plan that exists and implement what can be implemented.

It was noted there will be a community meeting on May 24, 2006. They would like to share with the community on what has been worked on by the county the last two to three years that will affect the residents of the Skokomish Valley.

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 March 21, 2006. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.**
8. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - 8.1 Approval to adopt a resolution setting a hearing on Tuesday, May 9, 2006; 9:30 a.m. to consider public comment on the petition for vacation of the westerly half of Hannegan Street adjacent to Lot 30, up to the previously vacated northerly half of Haller Avenue adjacent to Lot 1, Block 80 in the Plat of Union City as recorded on March 16, 1889 in the Mason County Auditor's Book of Plats, Volume 1, Page 9. **Resolution No. 24-06 (Exhibit A)**
 - 8.2 Approval to adopt a resolution setting a hearing on Tuesday, May 9, 2006; 9:30 a.m. to consider public comment on the petition for vacation of the southerly half of Pine Street adjacent to Lot 13 & Lot 14, Block 15 in the Plan of Grays Harbor and 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. 25-06 (Exhibit B)**
 - 8.3 Approval of the Letter of Agreement with the Department of Corrections for the Cedar Creek Corrections Center (CCCC) to provide the Mason County Fairgrounds with adult inmate services to perform general labor work. This agreement is from 3/1/06 to 2/28/07.
 - 8.4 Approval to adopt a resolution setting a hearing on Tuesday, May 9, 2006; 9:30 a.m. to consider public comment on the petition for vacation of portions of Kaufman, Fife and Wade Streets along with portions of the alleyway between Blocks 32 and 33, and the alleyway between Blocks 34 and 35 in the Plat of Allyn, Washington. **Resolution No. 26-06 (Exhibit C)**
 - 8.5 Approval of Veterans Assistance Fund applications for: Claude H. Elder - housing \$350.00; Scott E. Kaylor - housing \$600.00; Michael G. Cline - food \$492.75; Susan Workman - housing \$600.00 and Ronald J. Simpson - housing \$600.00; for a total of \$2,642.75, as recommended by the Veterans Assistance Fund Screening Committee.
 - 8.6 Approval to award to the Day Wireless Systems of Olympia the bid 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.

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- 8.7 Approval for the Equipment Rental & Revolving Fund Manger to replace the dump bodies of two 1997 Mack dump trucks utilizing the Washington State contract. Approximate cost is \$36,000 plus tax per truck.
- 8.8 Approval for the Geographic Information System (GIS) Manager to purchase hardware and software for the GIS Internet Mapping Site. The total cost is \$18,000.
- 8.9 Approval of County Road Project 1873, Bear Creek Dewatto, for culvert replacement at milepost 0.97.
Resolution No. 27-06 (Exhibit D)
- 8.10 Approval to appropriate \$25,000 and sign an agreement for the promotion of the Annas Bay Music Festival subject to a \$25,000 match by the Annas Bay Music Festival group. This will be paid on a reimbursement basis, from the Current Expense Fund.
- 8.11 Approval of a Professional Service Contract with Robert W. Droll to provide consultation for the design of the repairs necessary to restore the Latimer Landings boating facility. The cost is \$50,000 and the work to restore the facility will occur this summer.
- 8.12 Approval of a Professional Service Contract with BOLA to provide consultation for the development of a Master Plan for the restoration of the historic Mason County Court House.
- 8.13 Claims Clearing Fund Warrant #s 103952-104216 \$584,443.53
Salary Clearing Fund Warrant #s 156114-156610 1,376,680.18

It was asked that Items 8.10 & 8.12 be removed for further consideration.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Kamin moved and seconded to approve agenda items 8.1 to 8.9; 8.11 and 8.13. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.

Cmmr. Kamin spoke to Item 8.10. She noted there is an established fund for promotion of tourism and a process to look at the tourism funding projects. There is the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee which was established to help give direction and protect the government entity from misappropriation of funds or conflicts of interest. She has been very supportive of this worthwhile event; however, due to a lack of quorum of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee they have not made a decision on this event. The next meeting is established in May and this could be looked at during that meeting. She concluded she did not feel Current Expense Fund is an appropriate fund for this event.

Cmmr. Sheldon voiced that he felt this was appropriate use of Current Expense funds and not a conflict of interest. He felt the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee needs to be reappointed as there is not an active committee at this time. He noted that Alderbrook is the generator of lodging taxes in this county. He felt it is appropraite to spend the tax money that has been collected. He felt that some of the money could be reimbursed later on from LTAC. He stated he likes to see new groups get started and succeed in the county. This money can be paid back in the amount of sales tax that they bring.

Cmmr. Kamin stated the purpose of the LTAC Fund is a 4% tax on lodging establishments for each booking that they take in. The larger establishments such as Alderbrook charge more for their room so they pay more for the tax. The purpose of taxing themselves in an equal proportion was to market the county and promote for the good of all.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked when is the next meeting of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Cmmr. Kamin responded it is May 6 or 11. The members terms are up and the County has put out an announcement.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted that since there is no LTAC this is a reasonable action to give this organization a chance to take advantage of the opportunity.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked when was the last quorum of the LTAC.

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Cmmr. Kamin responded it was in January.

Matthew Blegen, General Director of Annas Bay Music Festival, noted they have an enormous amount of support regionally. They have the support to develop that, but they need to show the ability to engage with the county in an efficient way. They are proposing something that could be the west coast version of Tanglewood and Ravenia. They have the entire support of the west coast classical community. They also have some tight timeframes in terms of matching funds they are pursuing. They are hoping in the next three or four weeks to approach another group of eight or nine foundations to make whatever funding they are able to obtain locally to go further by matching funds.

Mr. Blegen stated that the Paul Allen Foundation told them they would be evaluated in three areas: grass roots support; business community support; and the ability to engage county government.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted Mr. Blegen is knowledgeable of the benefits and secondary impacts to visitors of the county. It does translate into tax revenue for the county.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve Item 8.10. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.

A question was raised as to the contract amount.

It was noted that the Community Development Director is gone for a few weeks and they don't have the information needed at this time to make a decision.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Kamin moved and seconded to table Item 8.12 until next week. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.

9. 9:30 a.m. Public Hearings and Items Set for a Certain Time - None
10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials) - None
11. Board's Reports and Calendar – The Board gave reports on highlights of meetings attended during the previous week. Also the Board announced calendar items for the upcoming week.
12. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Lynda Ring Erickson, Chairperson

Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

Jayni L. Kamin, Commissioner