

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

DECEMBER 4, 2006

1. Call to Order – The regular meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Chairperson
2. Roll Call - Present: Cmmr. Dist. 1 – Lynda Ring Erickson; Cmmr. Dist. 2 – Tim Sheldon; Cmmr. Dist. 3 – Jayni L. Kamin.
3. Public Hearing – 2007 Mason County Budget

Ione Siegler, Budget & Finance Director, presented the staff report. She noted that the 2007 preliminary budget does not contain anything new. The goal is to preserve and maintain what the county has. The property taxes are budgeted at a 1% increase over 2006 property taxes. There are no wage and benefit increases for county employees in the 2007 preliminary budget because the county is still negotiating with the unions regarding 2007 wage and benefits. There is a 3% increase budgeted for all elected officials (with the exception of the judges in District Court and Superior Court) as required by Mason County policy.

The budget is not ready for adoption at this time. The final adopted budget will include many new accounting funds, departments and programs. Also being required are the Capital Improvement Plan and fee increases which will be included in the adopted 2007 budget.

Victoria Meadows, District Court Judge, requested \$48,000 for a second District Court public defender position.

Denny Temple spoke in favor of providing resources for training and facilities for officers on the street from the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Whybark questioned if there is still time to have meetings with the Board regarding some of the issues. Sheriff Whybark and Sheriff Elect Casey Salisbury would like to meet with the Board

The Board responded, yes. The Board has the initial numbers and has made some adjustments to begin to address how they will come up with a balanced budget. The Board thanked staff and everyone for their input.

It was noted this is the only public hearing. There needs to be more work done to ready the budget for adoption. The Board will adopt the budget in a regular meeting.

4. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

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MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Lynda Ring Erickson, Chair

Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

Jayni L. Kamin, Commissioner