

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

AUGUST 7, 2007

1. Call to Order – The regular meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Chairperson.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – The chairperson led the flag salute.
3. Roll Call - Present: Cmmr. Dist. 1 – Lynda Ring Erickson; Cmmr. Dist. 2 – Tim Sheldon; Cmmr. Dist. 3 – Ross Gallagher.
4. Correspondence and Organizational Business
 - 4.1 Correspondence
 - 4.1.1 The Pacific County Commissioners are seeking confirmation of the re-appointment of Bob Hall to the Timberland Regional Library Board to fill a complete term, which ends December 31, 2014.
 - 4.1.2 Pei Komsak expressed concerns regarding a claim she filed with the County in March, 2007.
 - 4.1.3 The Washington Finance Officers Association announced that Karen Dowling has earned the "Professional Finance Officer Award" for the State of Washington. (Copy to Public Works)
 - 4.1.4 Donald R. Stacy is seeking appointment to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. (Copy to Utilities & Wastes Management.)
 - 4.1.5 Brad Sele of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife submitted comments regarding the Allyn/Belfair Stormwater Drainage Plan. (Copy to Public Works and Planning.)
 - 4.1.6 The Mason County Auditor's office announced that the proposition to voters regarding the establishment of a Public Hospital District No. 2 will appear on the November 6, General Election ballot.
 - 4.1.7 Congressman Norm Dicks is seeking assistance in addressing the concerns raised by a constituent, Susan Remmele, regarding water runoff on her property. (Copy to Public Works.)
 - 4.1.8 The Skokomish Tribal Council expressed their concerns regarding the adoption of proposed amendments to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.
 - 4.1.9 The Washington State Liquor Control Board sent notice of Application for Added Privilege for the Model T Pub & Eatery in Hoodspport.
 - 4.2 Staff Recognition of all those who have received a Green Star to Date: Tom Moore; Terri Byrd; Dawnell Campagna; Carol Spaulding; Amy Georgeson; Cindy Waite; Arleen Hyatt; Rose Swier; Amanda Reynolds; Penny Orth; Debbera Coker; Terry Ryan; Mick Uffleman; Charell Holcomb; Ben Ramsfield; Shelly Bellisle; Genie McFarland; Rebecca Hersha; Stephanie Pawlawski; Barbara Robinson; Diane Zoren; Carl Olson; Jesse Weston; Ernesto Pinon; Robert Chavis; Caleb Dobey; RaeGene Churchill; Dick Arnold; Joyce Arnold; Bonnie Cap; Greg Hering; Karen Dowling; Amy Braakman; Kelle Medcalf; Rick Brush; Jim Smetzler; Bob Thuring; Doug Ellingson; Lloyd Sundberg; David Clevenger; Kim Griggs; Ron Enger; Larry Forsman; Allan Eaton; Lurleen Smith; Matt Stull; Jennifer Radcliff; Katie McHugh; Bill Tabor; and Joan Bennett.
 - 4.3 Equipment Rental & Revolving Fund Manager Dave Loser announced the post for quotes for aluminized steel culvert for Public Works was awarded to Pacific Corrugated Pipe Company of Eugene, OR in the amount of \$6,854.27 plus tax.
 - 4.4 A News Release was read announcing that Mason County is in the final phases of securing required permits to proceed with the renovation of the boat launch, pier and float at Latimers Landing.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input
 - 5.1 Clay Long voiced concerns about the fees that are being charged for hearings. He felt the hearings should be free. He asked if he could meet with staff to discuss this further.

Betty Wing offered to introduce Mr. Long to Mark Core, Building Official.

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6. Adoption of Agenda – **Cmmr. Gallagher/Sheldon moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.**
7. Approval of Minutes – **Cmmr. Sheldon/Gallagher moved and seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes for June 5 and June 26, 2007 and briefing minutes for the week of July 23, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.**
8. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - 8.1 Approval of the resolution authorizing a sales and use tax at the rate of 1/10 of 1% for 911 emergency communications system and facilities be placed on a ballot as authorized by RCW 82.14.420. **Resolution No. 92-07 (Exhibit A)**
 - 8.2 Approval to award the bid to Husky Trucks of Seattle, WA. to furnish Mason County with one used yard truck for the Department of Utilities and Waste Management. Total cost \$60,554.09 plus tax.
 - 8.3 Approval of the Interagency Agreement IAA08025 between Mason County Juvenile Court and the Administrative Office of the Courts for the 2007-2009 biennium. This is an on-going agreement to provide funding for BECA Bill services. The amount is \$105,499 per year for a total of \$210,898.
 - 8.4 Approval of the Interagency Agreement IAA08053 between Mason County Juvenile Court and the Administrative Office of the Courts for the 2007-2009 biennium. This is an on-going agreement to provide funding for the Court Appointed Special Advocate Volunteer Coordinator (CASA) for the child abuse/neglect cases. The amount is \$75,053 per year for a total of \$150,106.
 - 8.5 Approval of the Application Authorization Memorandum with the Washington State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for grant applications for Mason County Recreation Area (MCRA) field improvements and Sandhill Park field improvements.
 - 8.6 Approval of Veterans Assistance Fund applications for: George Roberts - housing \$100.00; Francis Diamantine - food \$200.00; Louis James Smith - food \$200.00; Joshua Westerfield - housing \$500.00 and Scott Kaylor - food \$300.00 for a total of \$1,300.00 as recommended by the Veterans' Screening Advisory Committee.
 - 8.7 Approval to adopt a resolution setting a hearing with the Hearings Examiner on Tuesday, August 28, 2007; 1:00 p.m. to consider public comment on the petition for vacation of all Brigham Court, lying in Government Lot 1, Section 25, Township 20 North, Range 3 West, W.M. **Resolution No. 93-07 (Exhibit B)**
 - 8.8 Approval to adopt a resolution setting a hearing with the Hearings Examiner on Tuesday, August 28, 2007; 1:00 p.m. to consider public comment on the petition for vacation of all Alder Street, lying between Lots 1 through 8 inclusive, in Blocks 1 and 2 of "Lakewood Plat A", according to the Plat thereof recorded in Volume 2 of Plats, Page 29, records of Mason County, Washington. **Resolution No. 94-07 (Exhibit C)**
 - 8.9 Approval to concur with the re-appointment of Bob Hall to the Timberland Regional Library Board of Trustees representing Pacific County.
 - 8.10 Approval of Warrants

Salary Clearing Fund	Warrant #s 169342-169897	\$1,589,047.80
Claims Clearing Fund	Warrant #s 126330-126712	\$ 616,347.31
 - 8.11 Approval to reject the one bid received for the Rustlewood Treatment Plant Upgrade as recommended by Utilities and Waste Management staff because it exceeded the engineer's estimate.

It was asked that Consent Agenda Item 8.1 be held for further discussion.

Cmmr. Gallagher/Sheldon moved and seconded to adopt Consent Agenda Items 8.2 – 8.11. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.

Discussion on Consent Agenda Item 8.1

Ray Jenne, Citizens Committee to Support the 1/10 of 1% Tax, voiced concerns about the proposed resolution authorizing a sales and use tax at the rate of 1/10 of 1% for 911 emergency communications

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system and facilities be placed on a ballot as authorized by RCW 82.14.420. He studied the proposed resolution and shared his concerns to the commissioners by email. The resolution calls for 1/10 of 1% \$500,000 approximately to be used for the primary funding source for emergency communications. It does not talk about enhancing or improving the communications, but supplanting the general fund, which exists in today's environment. Public safety pays a certain amount for every call and that is how the funding is derived from both Mason County and Shelton. He was concerned about how this will be represented to the taxpayers that will be voting on this.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated the resolution is prepared by the Prosecutor's office and in accordance with state law.

Mr. Jenne stated that he is aware the Board did meet with the Prosecutor. It does not clearly define any enhancements or improvements to the public communications system nor does it guarantee that one funding source will not be used to supplant another fund.

Cmmr. Sheldon clarified that Mr. Jenne is on the committee to support the 1/10 of 1% tax. He stated what the County is trying to do is work with the Prosecutor's office to write a ballot issue. The Prosecutor writes the ballot issues. The County is trying to respond to the public need and the opportunity to put this on the ballot. They are looking at RCW 82.14.420 and getting this out to the ballot.

Mr. Jenne stated that nowhere in the document does it talk about enhancing 911. He would like to add that it is enhancing the existing 911 system.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated that RCW 82.14.420 is specific that money received by any tax imposed on this section shall be used solely for the purpose of providing funds for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, re-equipping and improvement of emergency communication systems and facilities.

Cmmr. Gallagher stated he looked at it as an improvement to the facilities. The facility is in existence.

Denny Temple, Citizens Committee to Support the 1/10 of 1% Tax, also stated they are citizens that would like to see this tax passed. They had some questions and that is why they are present. They met with the City of Shelton John Tarrant and Dave O'Leary. The concerns are that they are asking to go out and sell this to the voters. They believe the services are more than needed. They are asking that the money that is being generated and going into the user fee from the county and city stay in there for a period of time. The 911 staff are overworked and understaffed and they need more help. They want to support this tax.

Jeff McHargue , Chair of Citizens Committee to Support the 1/10 of 1% Tax, the term "primary" in the document is a concern. A stable and sustainable source of funding is better.

Cmmrs. Gallagher and Sheldon voiced they are in support of the resolution.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated she does not know if the Board has questioned the bill from Shelcom. She believes there is a regional communication center through Shelcom. It provides dispatch for the County, City and Fire. She did not expect this amount would cover the cost of operating the 911 system. This is an opportunity to have a more equitable funding source. It transfers the full burden of the system to a balance between property tax, general fund money, and the people who visit here through a contribution of their sales tax.

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Cmmr. Sheldon/Gallagher moved and seconded to approve the resolution authorizing a sales and use tax at the rate of 1/10 of 1% for 911 emergency communications system and facilities be placed on a ballot as authorized by RCW 82.14.420. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye. Resolution No. 92-07 (Exhibit A).

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

- 9.1 Public hearing to consider Utility Franchise Applications between the Timber Lakes Community Club, Clifton Beach Tracts Co-op, Paradise Service Associates, Lakeland Village Water Company, Inc., and Triton Head Community Water Systems.

Bill Tabor, Public Works, explained that the purpose of the utility franchise agreement is to allow public and private utilities to occupy county road right-of-way to operate and maintain their facilities. This is a hearing to consider agreements with the six above noted utilities.

Cmmr. Gallagher/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve the Utility Franchise Applications between the Timber Lakes Community Club, Clifton Beach Tracts Co-op, Paradise Service Associates, Lakeland Village Water Company, Inc., and Triton Head Community Water Systems. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.

- 9.2 Public hearing to consider the exchange of real property between Mason County and North Mason School District.

Rick Brush, Right-of-Way Manager, explained that the land exchange was for the purpose of providing land for the North Mason School District to expand its campus and would also provide a location for Public Works, sometime in the future, to build a new North Mason road maintenance shop. The Public Works Department and School District are considering new terms to this exchange. It was recommended that the hearing be continued for one week.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Gallagher moved and seconded to continue the public hearing date to consider and approve the exchange of real property between Mason County and North Mason School District from August 7, 2007 to August 14, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.

10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials) - None
11. Board's Reports and Calendar – The board gave highlights of meetings attended the past week and announced their calendars for the week ahead.
12. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

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MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Lynda Ring Erickson, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

Ross Gallagher, Commissioner