

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 18, 2008

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Superior Court Judge Jim Sawyer 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 Ronald and Joyce Forbes, Jane Quick and Margie and Walt Benson suggested that the Sheriff's office should be moved to the building on 3rd and Pine Street.
 - 4.1.2 Leigh Bacharach has submitted her resignation from the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.
 - 4.1.3 The Washington State Department of Transportation provided a DVD, "Hood Canal Bridge: Past, Present and Future", to share information about the upcoming Hood Canal Bridge project.
 - 4.1.4 The Washington State Liquor Control Board sent notice of establishments in Mason County with licenses due to expire on June 30, 2008.
 - 4.1.5 Olympic Mountain Lodge #23, Fraternal Order of Police, expressed concerns regarding the Sheriff's office pay, benefits and facilities.
 - 4.2 Judge Jim Sawyer announced he will not be filing for re-election for the position of Superior Court Judge when the filing date opens in June. This will give those that want to run for the office of Superior Court Judge an opportunity to prepare for the vacancy, which will be occurring. He stated his relationship with the Board of County Commissioners has been very good. He became the first Mason County Superior Court Judge in 1987 and before that he served as Mason County District Court Judge from 1979-1987.
 - 4.3 Staff Recognition – Sheriff Casey Salisbury read off the names of the following employees who were nominated for Green Star Awards: Detective William Adam; Correction Officers Anita Watts and Sgt. Sue Chaplain; Chief Deputy Dean Byrd; Deputy Ted Drogmund; Deputy Nathan Birkliid; and Deputy Jason Sisson. The Sheriff briefly explained what each employee did to be nominated for this award. The Board then congratulated and gave each employee a green star.
 - 4.4 Spring Clean Up was announced by David Baker, Parks & Trails Director – He read aloud the news release which outlined the days, times and locations for disposing of yard debris and recyclable metals at no charge during the month of April, 2008.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input
 - 5.1 Shannon O'Sullivan introduced herself as a sophomore at Shelton High School who is participating in Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and Mason County Drug and Alcohol Prevention (MCDAP) Board. She mentioned that alcohol use among children and adolescents starts early and increases rapidly with age. A higher percentage of youth age 12 – 20 use alcohol than use tobacco or illicit drugs making underage drinking a leading public health problem in the United States. She explained the federal government's Interagency Coordinating Committee for the prevention of underage drinking is supporting a series of town hall meetings and invited the county commissioners to a town hall meeting that will take place on Wednesday, March 26, 2008; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the S.O.C.K. Youth Center. The meeting will give the opportunity to educate parents, teachers, officials, youth and other community members about the impact of underage drinking and allow the development of possible solutions.
6. Adoption of Agenda – **Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring-Erickson moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.**
7. Approval of Minutes – **Cmmr. Ring-Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to approve the February 11, 2008 briefing minutes as circulated. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.**

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8. Approval of Consent Agenda:
- 8.1 Approval of the food concession services contract with the Mason County Youth Baseball for the MCRA Park. The County will receive 10% of the gross receipts per month.
 - ~~8.2 Approval for the Parks and Trails Director to call for bids for Mason County Recreation Area Maintenance Shop Project. The bid opening is Friday, April 11, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. REMOVED~~
 - 8.3 Approval of the Sandhill County Park attendant agreement with Anna White and Joseph Goff.
 - 8.4 Approval of the Mason County Recreation Area (MCRA) park attendant agreement with Dick and Joyce Arnold.
 - 8.5 Approval of the agreement with the Skokomish Tribe for address issuance to provide consistency in the County's addressing system and clarity for the 911/SHELCOM system.
 - 8.6 Approval of Veterans Assistance Fund applications for: Chris Greiner - food \$300.00; Patricia Derrah - housing \$600.00; Randy Wimbley - housing \$600.00; Donald Benninger - food \$300.00; Pou Noa - food \$300.00; Vincent Weber - food \$600.00; Cheryl Gurley - housing \$600.00; Mark Parr - utilities \$592.49; Joe Laudenback - housing \$600.00 for a total of \$4,492.49 as recommended by the Veterans' Assistance Screening Committee.
 - 8.7 Approval for the Chair to sign the Consolidated Contract C14956 Amendment No. 8 between Washington State Department of Health and Mason County Public Health which provides an increase of \$40,341 for the Drinking Water Program and the Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response.
 - 8.8 Approval of the Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey in the amount of \$6,000 for age-dating and related analysis of water samples from Webb Hill Biosolids monitoring wells #1 through #4. Costs are funded through existing Department of Ecology grant G0800485.
 - 8.9 Approval to cancel outstanding and unpaid warrants that are at least one year old in the total amount \$293.77, as recommended by the Mason County Treasurer and authorized by RCW 39.56.040.
Resolution No. 32-08 (Exhibit A)
 - 8.10 Approval to set a public hearing on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. to consider approving the franchise applications between Mason County and Maggie Lake Water System, Bel-Aire Cove Water System, Lynnwood Community Association, and Lake Christine Water System for their water systems and to consider the Private Line Utility Occupancy Permits submitted by Wagon Wheel Estates Improvement Club, Potlatch Beach Mutual Water System, Nelson Waterfront Tracts, and Michael J. Bowie for their water systems.
 - 8.11 Approval of the Primitive Road Resolution, designating certain low volume unpaved access roads be designated as Primitive Roads. **Resolution No. 33-08 (Exhibit B)**
 - 8.12 Approval of the resolution for the County Road Fund to obtain a reimbursable loan from Equipment, Rental and Revolving (ER&R) Fund for the December 2007 Storm Disaster related expenses.
Resolution No. 34-08 (Exhibit C)
 - 8.13 Approval to accept the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner and grant the vacation of a portion Burkhead Way, Vacation File No. 362, as petitioned, subject to the conditions contained in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. **Order of Vacation (Exhibit D)**
 - 8.14 Approval of Warrants
Claims Clearing Fund Warrant #s 137472-137607 \$464,698.13
Salary Clearing Fund Warrant #s 1176-1239 \$302,644.79
Direct Deposit Deposit #s 856-1285 \$591,842.33
 - 8.15 Approval of the contract for marketing services provided by Image In Action Design for the 2008 Mason County Fair & Rodeo in the amount of \$9,000.
 - 8.16 Approval to set a public hearing on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. to consider revising Ordinance 30-08 to consider revisions to the Development Regulations that govern management of sewage in the Belfair and Allyn Urban Growth Areas and revising Ordinance 133-04 to consider revision to Chapter 17.22.100 of the Mason County Code, Belfair Zoning Code changing to R-3 Low Density Residential District to R-4 with a maximum density of four units per acre.

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Cmmr. Ring-Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to approve consent agenda Items 8.1; 8.3 through 8.16. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.

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

- 9.1 Public hearing to consider a budget transfer in the Current Expense Fund from the Ending Fund Balance to Transfers Out, Parks, Juvenile Probation, and Auditor/Financial Services in the total amount of \$490,410.

Ione Siegler, Budget Director, explained the breakdown of transfers being considered. She noted the \$410,000 would transfer out to the Reserve for Accrued Leave Fund \$360,000 and the Civil Litigation Fund \$50,000. These are transfers which were not processed in December 2007 as budgeted and planned.

A total of \$72,289 expenditures were not carried forward in the 2008 budget to Parks. This is for the J. Henderson Donation to the Truman Glick Park for improvements.

There is a total of \$2,420 for an unbudgeted increase in the charge from Equipment Rental & Revolving Fund for communications to Juvenile Probation.

A total of \$5,701 is for Auditor/Financial Services for wage settlement. This settlement was approved by Karen Herr and Human Resources Director T.J. Martin.

Cmmr. Ring-Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to approve a budget transfer in the Current Expense Fund from the Ending Fund Balance to Transfers Out, Parks, Juvenile Probation, and Auditor/Financial Services in the total amount of \$490,410. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye. Budget Order (Exhibit E)

- 9.2 Public hearing to consider adoption of an amendment to revise Mason County Code Title 17, Chapter 17.02.062(6) – Uncertainty of Boundaries.

Kell McAboy, Planner, presented the recommendation to approve the revision to Mason County Code Title 17. It was noted the revision would meet the intent of the Growth Management Act (GMA) by changing how to apply regulations to single parcels that have two or more zoning designations. The amendment will prevent urban densities from developing in the rural areas by applying the specific zoning regulations to each area of the parcel. Currently, the zoning regulations would allow a single parcel that has two or more zoning designations to have the less restrictive zoning apply to the entire parcel.

The proposed new revision is:

“When two or more development areas divide a single parcel, development regulations including density shall apply to the portions of the parcel as they are zoned.”

Cmmr. Ring-Erickson stated she personally was not opposed to the recommendation to extend the urban growth areas to follow the boundaries of properties. It seemed to be more consistent with what they had done every where else in the county and a little easier to understand. She felt they followed the recommendation of the City of Shelton with regard to where the urban growth area boundary remained. She recalled the City did not want to expand the size of the urban growth area.

She hoped the City of Shelton would want to revisit the issue and look at how they can make the lines consistent with roads or parcel boundaries. It is very confusing for a potential buyer or developer to

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find themselves in a position where part of the parcel is urban density and they are asking them to make it as dense as possible and the other part of the parcel is different zoning.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked if an individual's parcel has road frontage the regulation is interpreted differently.

Ms. McAboy stated previously the regulation would have been interpreted differently. If someone had road frontage on the less restrictive side (urban growth area side) the individual could develop the entire parcel per the urban growth area. With the proposed language the zoning would apply as it applies on the parcel regardless of road frontage.

It was noted the normal public hearing notice was given.

The county's master development regulation was found noncompliant with the GMA, because it allowed urban densities in the rural areas. This is a step to proactively prevent that from happening. This is an effort to keep the County in compliance.

Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring-Erickson moved and seconded to adopt the revision to Mason County Code Title 17; Chapter 17.02.062 (6). Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye. Ordinance No. 35-08 (Exhibit F)

9.3 Public hearing to consider adoption of the Mason County Regional Trails Plan.

John Keates, Director of Parks and Trails Department, gave an overview of the process to date. In 2007 they worked with the Mason County Planning staff to prepare the Mason County Regional Trails Plan which was developed with the assistance of a citizens advisory committee. They also had assistance from the National Park Service Rivers and Trails Program and Skookum Peak Consulting. Monthly meetings were conducted throughout the year and into 2008. The Plan was reviewed by the Parks and Trails Advisory Committee, Planning Advisory Commission, and went through a series of public meetings. A survey was conducted during the process and a draft copy of the plan has been on the Mason County website.

They are forwarding the results of the process for the Board's consideration for adoption. The plan is a combination of work done in 2005 by the first Trails Committee and the current work. The plan includes plan development, development policies, review of existing trails and bikeways in the county, community need (based on the survey), key issues and opportunities, design standards and guidelines, trail development recommendations, funding options, and public involvement process.

The plan has partnered with a number of agencies including Green Diamond Resource company, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, United States Forest Service, National Park Service, Tacoma Power, WSDOT, and others.

Cmmr. Ring-Erickson want to make sure the trails are designed to maximize public safety and do not become a corridor for inappropriate behavior.

It was noted the Sheriff was involved in the process by attending many of the meetings and shared similar concerns for safety.

Cmmr. Gallagher questioned if they are seeking grants for funding the program.

Mr. John Keates stated there are some major funding sources they are looking at from the state NOVA, WWIP Trails, and Washington State Bike and Pedestrian program is a possible source; or

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Transportation Enhancement Program. Grants and donations are a major source of what they are looking for. The plan is to try and leverage resources with local sources to stretch the money.

The Mason County Regional Trails Plan will be posted on the Mason County website. It was also suggested to post at the libraries and fire stations.

Dave O'Connell, Member of the Trails Advisory Committee, concurred this has been a long process. He voiced support for the plan and felt it will benefit the community. He offered assistance, as a member of the Washington Trails Association, to begin putting in the trails.

Ken Wilcox, Skookum Peak, mentioned the totals on page 108 of the plan are accurate. The summary statements on page 107 listing estimated costs of \$2.7 and \$2.9 need to be corrected.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated she believes the plan establishes policy as requested from the community survey.

The following individuals are members of the Mason County Regional Trails Committee: Tori Dulemba; John Eaton; Herb Gerhardt; Sam Jarrett; Mike Jensen; John E. Johnson; Thomas Kimball; Dave O'Connell; Anastasia Ruland; Jesse Sims; Jack Sisco; Jim Tobey; Dutch Van Elk; Reed Waite; Don Welander; Ann Whitman.

Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring-Erickson moved and seconded to adopt the Mason County Regional Trails Plan. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye. Resolution No. 36-08 (Exhibit G)

10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials)
 - 10.1 John Keates reported that the Latimer's Landing project's anticipated conclusion is being delayed. The Quigg Brothers have encountered a delay in the dock portion. It could be 3-6 weeks to get the gangway and the dock. They are working to open the facility temporarily until the gangway and dock arrive. The Board asked that the launch be opened temporarily and get the information out to the project on the status.
 - 10.2 Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked Community Development for a status on the danger tree ordinance and also the status of the school district impact fees discussion.
 - 10.3 Sheriff Casey Salisbury thanked the Board for attending the Open House last Saturday at the North Mason attachment as well as Betty Wing, Central Operations Director and Mike Rutter, Facilities & Grounds Director.

It was noted that the property which is being used was donated by the Krueger family for \$1 per month.

11. Board's Reports and Calendar – The Board shared highlights from meetings attended the past week and announced their schedules for the upcoming week.

Cmmr. Sheldon also gave some highlights from the 2008 legislative session as they relate to Mason County: There was an appropriation in the budget to study higher education opportunities in Mason and Kitsap Counties. A new higher education facility, if it is connected with Olympic College, will be located in Kitsap County based on their population.

A legislative bill will be signed into law that divides water resource inventory area (WRIA) 14 which is part of Hood Canal and South Puget Sound, into two pieces. The piece that drains into Hood Canal will be planned with WRIA 16. It is kind of a geographic problem they have dealt with for years.

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Individuals that take wire and scrap metal to dealers must now provide a driver's license and license plate number. They will not be paid in cash.

An aerial search and rescue bill will give the pilots that are participating as volunteers in aerial search and rescue the same immunity from lawsuits as well as the volunteers on the ground.

Mason Transit Center was funded approximately \$265,000 for a community center (Armory Building).

The Senate put in \$500,000 for the tri-party (Skokomish Indian Tribe, PUD #1, Mason County) for additional sewers along Hood Canal on the west side.

There were several provisions passed for County roads. A sheet was passed out for the December 2007 Storm Event 2008 Legislative Response. Mason County had a majority of the road damage from washouts and bridges. Mason County will receive reimbursement for the 12.5% obligated to pay. There are some additional funds for debris removal in the final budget.

They restored any cuts to the Belfair Bypass. State Route 3 there was for approximately \$3 million added to the project for a total of \$18.3 million for widening and left hand turn lane improvements on State Route 3.

There is a \$1.2 million appropriation for the Washington State Patrol to acquire land adjacent to the Patrol Academy for expansion purposes.

They will still have to delay the bid opening for two months on the Purdy Creek Bridge. It is a \$15 million project and will flood proof Skokomish River where US Highway 101 crosses Purdy Creek.

State Route 3 & U. S. Highway 101 funds are still there to complete the interchange. The work should start soon.

12. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Tim Sheldon, Chair

ATTEST:

Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

Ross Gallagher, Commissioner