

## BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

JULY 8, 2008

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – The flag salute was led by Ken VanBuskirk.
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 Economic Development Council of Mason County submitted their second quarter report.
    - 4.1.2 The Port of Allyn is seeking assistance in securing property immediately north of the waterfront park in Allyn by transferring jurisdiction of the portion of Ebhart St. that lies between SR3 and Case Inlet to the Port District.
    - 4.1.3 Patty and Barry Garland are seeking assistance in enforcement of Belfair Sign Code Chapter 17.34.
    - 4.1.4 The Clifton Ridge Association, the North Mason Chamber, Judy Scott and Crown Auto Sales offered their support of the recent request from the Belfair Water District #1 for funding from the 2009 Sales Tax Fund.
    - 4.1.5 Mike Hovind is seeking appointment to the Mason County Planning Advisory Commission.
  - 4.2 News Release – Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) - David Baker read aloud the announcement that applications are being accepted until vacancies are filled.
  - 4.3 News Release – McLane Cove Bridge Opening - Charlie Butros, Public Works Director read the notice of the bridge opening ceremony to be July 21, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the new bridge. The Board suggested the notice be posted in the fire station in the area.
  - 4.4 News Release – Mason County Roads Restriping Project - Public Works Director Charlie Butros announced the restriping projects for July and August that that motorists should expect delays.
  - 4.5 Announcements of County Road Closures – Bear Creek Dewatto Road and Island View Road -- Charlie Butros read the notice of upcoming road closures starting on July 14, 2008
  - 4.6 Announcement of purchase of the aeration blower for the North Bay Water Reclamation Facility. The award is to Correct Equipment of Redmond, WA in the amount of \$13,366.67 -- Tom Moore reported the purchase of the aeration blower.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input - None
6. Adoption of Agenda – **Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.**
7. Approval of Minutes – briefing minutes for the weeks of June 16, 23 and 30, 2008. (date correction on 6/16/08 refers to July 5<sup>th</sup> should be July 29). **Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to approve the briefing minutes for June 16, 23 and 30, 2008 with correction on June 16<sup>th</sup> minutes. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.**
8. Approval of Consent Agenda:
  - 8.1 Approval to designate the Director of Central Operations as the public records officer for the Board of County Commissioners, for Mason County and for the volunteer boards appointed by and reporting to the Board of County Commissioners.
  - 8.2 Approval to appoint Jerry Myers as the alternate member to the Mason County Board of Equalization.
  - 8.3 Approval to add the Port of Hoodspout Feasibility Study project to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Project (CEDS) List for 2008-2009. **Resolution No. 88-08 (Exhibit A)**

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- 8.4 Approval of Veterans Assistance Fund applications for: Allan Brownawell - utilities \$111.87; Arthur R. Smith - utilities \$247.43; and Richard Nelson - food \$300.00 for total of \$659.30 as recommended by the Veterans' Assistance Screening Committee.
- 8.5 Approval of the request for funding from the Mason County Rural County Sales & Use Tax Fund (.09) submitted by the Mason County Public Health Department for \$200,000 in 2009 for the Oakland Bay Shellfish Protection District.
- 8.6 Approval for the Deputy Director/County Engineer to execute Supplemental No. 2 to the Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement between HWA GeoScience, Inc. and Mason County Public Works, for slide investigation and repair design.
- 8.7 Approval of Warrants  
Claims Clearing Fund    Warrant #s 143152-143596    \$572,422.88

Cmmr. Sheldon asked to have more discussion regarding Item 8.5. This is almost one-third of the money received from the sales tax fund for rural counties. He felt it is important to continue to protect the shellfish resources in the area. If the taxpayers had to shoulder the burden, it would be considerable. The sales tax fund (Mason County Rural County Sales & Use Tax Fund) comes to all rural counties and there is an opportunity to work cooperatively with the homeowners in the industry, local governments and tribes in protecting the resource. It is a very important expenditure.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson added it is significant as this is the first time people have come together to look at a source of funding from sales tax which helps share the burden for people who live here, but also the many people who come to the county to see clean water. There are a lot of other counties looking at how this was brought together and how it was funded. It has been positive in terms of Mason County.

Cmmr. Gallagher added it shows to the state and nation that people can come together and solve a problem. There can be a study. When people come together to try and solve the problems with the help of Public Health Services staff things are turning around in Oakland Bay. With the funding, this will continue.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated it is a fund that comes to the rural counties. It is not an increase in Mason County resident's taxes. It is money that would be remitted to the state. It is part of the 6% state sales tax and a small portion remains with the county for these types of projects.

**Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda items 8.1 through 8.7. 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 adoption of amendments to Mason County Comprehensive Plan Appendix: Belfair Urban Growth Area Plan.

Kell McAboy , Planner, stated this is a follow-up to the amendment back in April for Title 17, Chapter 17.20 through 17.35 of the Mason County Code. Redesignating Residential 3 (R3) zoning in the Belfair Urban Growth Area to Residential 4 (R4) zoning with an allowable and restricted development density of four (4) dwelling units per net acre. It required the county to update the Mason County Comprehensive Plan Appendix: Belfair Urban Growth Area Plan 2004 for consistency with the development regulations. All the amendments are limited to reclassifying R3 to R4.

Questions for staff:

Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked for clarification about the allowable and restricted development density.

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Ms. McAboy replied it means a minimum of four (4), but a maximum of four (4). In some zones you can do less than that. Because of the sewer plan they are required to have the maximum.

Mr. Hansen asked how many residents do they need before they can be incorporated up there.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated they need 2500 residents in an urban growth area before you can apply for a review.

Mr. Hansen asked how many residents there are now in Belfair.

It was noted there are approximately 500 residents.

Ken VanBuskirk added that at one time the UGA was larger than it is now.

Public testimony

Ken VanBuskirk stated four (4) units per acre seems intense. This is right across the road from his farm. In part from R-3 to R-4 was to secure funding for the sewer as it should be. Mr. Fink will confirm that the R-3 designation originally drew up in the Urban Growth Plan was a compromise. Some members of the planning group wanted much more intense development in the Union River Valley and they worked out a compromise. Most of what was R-3, if you look at the maps, was reflective of steep slopes, streams and wetlands. CH2M Hill has recognized these. He hoped that these changes and other changes that have happened in the Urban Growth Area will be reflected in future amendments.

**Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to adopt the amendments to the Belfair Urban Growth Area Plan. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye. Ordinance No. 89-08 (Exhibit B)**

10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials)
  - 10.1 Vickie Kirkpatrick, Public Health Director, recognized the County Commissioners for taking a bold approach to committing to funding and helping the County and all of the many partners involved in working on cleaning up Oakland Bay and ensuring they have a good solid economic shellfish industry well into the future. The shellfish industry is one of the county's largest employers.
11. Board's Reports and Calendar – The Board gave reports of meetings attended the past week, July 1 – 8, 2008 and announced their calendars through July 15, 2008.
12. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Tim Sheldon, Chair

ATTEST:

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Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

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Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

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Ross Gallagher, Commissioner