

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

JULY 15, 2008

1. Call to Order – Chairperson Tim Sheldon called the regular meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – The flag salute was led by the chairperson.
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 Alan Tahja is seeking appointment to the Planning Advisory Commission.
 - 4.1.2 The Washington State Liquor Control Board sent notice that Lakeside Bistro in Allyn has discontinued sales and service of liquor as of April 30, 2008.
 - 4.1.3 The Washington State Department of Natural Resources is applying for grant funding through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program for land acquisition at Ink Blot Natural Area Preserve and Shumocher Creek Natural Area Preserve.
 - 4.1.4 The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife has applied for grant funds through the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office for the proposed habitat protection projects called the Lynch Cove Estuary Acquisition and the Johns Creek Estuary and Prairie Acquisition.
 - 4.1.5 Effective June 26, 2008, Millennium Digital Media Systems, LLC officially changed its name to Broadstripe, LLC.
 - 4.1.6 Comcast submitted "Preparing for the Broadcast Digital Transition" to help educate local constituents about the Congress mandated analog to digital broadcast change.
 - 4.1.7 Cornell University submitted a copy of a Research and Policy Brief, Retirement Migration in the Countryside, which involves Mason County.
 - 4.1.8 The Port of Shelton submitted a Local Economic Development Program Application to consider the use of .09 monies to identify and reduce unaccountable water loss at Johns Prairie.
 - 4.1.9 The Belfair Water District submitted a Local Development Program Application to consider the use of .09 monies for Belfair Water Intertie Zone 1 and Zone 2.
 - 4.1.10 190 pieces of correspondence were received in support of the Washington Renaissance Faire.
 - 4.2 Staff Recognition – Green Star Award for Department of Community Development staff - Barb Robinson, Community Development Director, introduced Genie McFarland who received an unsolicited positive remark from a constituent.
 - 4.3 Announcement of Road Closure -- Update for Culvert Replacement Project on Bear Creek Dewatto Road. Charlie Butros, Public Works Director, read aloud the notice the road closure is being delayed until Monday, July 21, 2008 and will reopen on Friday, October 24, 2008.

Also, traffic delays will occur on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 on Belfair Tahuya Road to pave the approaches to the temporary bridge over the Tahuya River. The decking on the bridge was repaired last week. It is anticipated delays could last up to one hour. The paving will be done in the afternoon from 1 –4 p.m.

The McLane Cove Bridge opening celebration is scheduled for 3 pm on Monday, July 21, 2008.
 - 4.4 News Release - Mason County Invites Community to Celebrate Progress toward a Healthy Hood Canal in Belfair --Emmett Dobey, Utilities & Waste Management Director, read the news release for the event on July 19, 2008.

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5. Open Forum for Citizen Input
Herb Gerhardt announced the groundbreaking of the Harrison Clinic in Belfair on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 for Hospital Dist #2. He thanked the Commissioners for the support.
6. Adoption of Agenda – **Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.**
7. Approval of Minutes - None
8. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - 8.1 Approval of Warrants

Salary Clearing Fund	Warrant #s 1557-1612	\$306,829.20
Direct Deposit Fund	Deposit #s 4376-4819	\$612,836.38
 - 8.2 Approval of Amendment #10 of 2007-2011 Consolidated Contracts with Washington State Department of Health which increases Contract #C14956 by \$65,895 for Drinking Water Group B and Tobacco Prevention and Control Program funding for a maximum consideration of \$1,107,772.
 - 8.3 Appointments to the Mason County Planning Commission: Don LeMaster to fill term until July 31, 2012 and reappointment of Tim Wing for another four-year term through July 31, 2012.
 - 8.4 Approval to set a special meeting on Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. to conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of modifications to the Capital Facilities Chapter of the Mason County Comprehensive Plan regarding the development of sewers in the Belfair UGA in response to a Compliance Order issued by the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board.
 - 8.5 To consider temporary license application under Mason County Code Chapter 5.12 for the Renaissance Faire.

It was asked that Item 8.5 removed.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson commented on Item 8.2. Sometimes people look at the budget and say the county increases it all year long. It does not mean the County is increasing the internal expenditures. When grants are received they have to be put into the budget and it reflects as an increase in the budget.

Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve Consent Agenda Items 8.1 – 8.4. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.

Item 8.5 - To consider temporary license application under Mason County Code Chapter 5.12 for the Renaissance Faire.

Cmmr. Sheldon explained that he was at a hearing on Monday, July 14, 2008 at the Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources. There was a moratorium that has been placed on any permits.

Monty Cobb, Deputy Prosecutor, explained that Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) issued a Notice to Comply with an attached Notice of Conversion Activities regarding a portion of the 206 acres that Pope Resources has entered into a lease with Renaissance Fair and Ron Cleveland.

Mr. Cleveland with his attorneys filed notice of appeal with DNR and that hearing was held on Monday, July 14, 2008. There is a very informal appeals process under the administrative procedures. Mr. Cleveland appealed DNR's finding that conversion activities had taken place on the property.

When Dept of Natural Resources sends notice to the County of conversion activities, the County is required by state statute to impose a moratorium on those properties. The moratorium precludes the county from issuing any licenses or permits on that property. At the hearing, the officer has ten days to

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issue an opinion. He was advised this hearing was taking place. The presiding officer intends to affirm the notice to comply which was originally issued by Dept. of Natural Resources. The county does not have the final decision of the presiding officer.

Questions and comments were received from an audience of over 50 people with some comments in support of the application and some opposed to the Renaissance Faire.

Safety was an issue for the event with limited access on public right-of-way going to the site.

Fiaer Licorish was present to obtain information for the event. She submitted a petition with 321 signatures in opposition to the event's proposed location. She stated the proposed site's access is not healthy for traffic. She felt there were fire danger issues.

Ron Cleveland, CEO of Washington Renaissance Fair, stated the Fair has been around for eleven years. It draws over a three week period, six days total, between 78,000 – 80,000 people. They moved to the Belfair location area primarily because they had outgrown the Gig Harbor site. They were under supplied for parking at their location. State Route 302 had 25,000 cars per day and they added their 3,000 cars per day which complicated the situation. They did not back traffic up until they ran out of parking spaces and then State Route 302 became a parking lot. They have done traffic analysis and studies. They have worked with fire and safety, police departments to be able to come up with strategic plans to move traffic as effectively as possible. They have been given a series of permits to accomplish. The permits have been submitted and approved up to the point the County can give approval.

The Renaissance Fair is a theatrical fair. They bring professional performers from all over the nation. The event provides an economic engine to the community. They generated approx.\$5.8 million to Gig Harbor economy. This is a tourism device. He asked that they have the right to hold the event.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated Mason County cannot grant the right to hold the Fair. The Department of Natural Resources has initiated this action. They were kind enough to give advance warning. Mason County is more than willing to work with Mr. Cleveland on other venues if their proposed site cannot be used at this time. This could avoid confusion as they are still advertising for the event as well as selling tickets for the event. The most likely outcome is that the moratorium will remain.

Mr. Cleveland stated it is a possibility the moratorium will remain. To be able to move to a new location it takes two weeks to set up stages and sets. He questioned how they tell the people, that since last year, that they were planning on the move. They cannot reach everyone to say they are moving to another location.

Cmmr .Sheldon noted they cannot invite someone to a piece of property where there is not a permit for public safety, traffic or liquor permit.

Mr. Cleveland noted they are moving ahead on the assumption that things would move ahead. Planning has moved them forward and continued to request more information. They have provided everything they have asked for, grading plan. They are at a transition point either they succeed in accomplishing this or they cannot do it this year.

Cmmr. Sheldon commented the County is not responsible for their issues about loosing money or traffic.

Joann Wilkinson said the main issue is the location chosen is not appropriate for that type of a fair. The roads in the area cannot take that volume of traffic. This area is also used by the people that live

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there. Those people that live in the area have family and friends that come out and utilize the property, beaches and lakes during the proposed three weekends in August. She was concerned that in order to get to Bremerton she would have to go the backway through Seabeck. The roads will be a bottleneck. The inlet to the area is between two blind corners where there have been multiple accidents. There is no way to see around corners. It is not a feature that can be done. If they use back roads on Old Belfair Highway there is no place to get off. She concluded they are not against the fair, just the location. She felt he should have done a little bit of research before attempting to put that kind of project in the area. She did not think they should be responsible for the miscalculations.

Ben Cushman, Rep. Renaissance Fair on permitting issues. He wanted to address two issues:

- 1) The neighbor's concerns about traffic.
- 2) Whether the Board of County Commissioners has power to act. If so, how.

There is a concern in the neighborhood that traffic will be as bad as has been historically in the other location of Renaissance Fair operated. That is why the County imposed and the Fair created a traffic study. As part of the traffic study, there is an agreement by the Fair to hire eight deputies to assist with the blind corners and ensure the traffic flows steadily. There is no good reason to believe the "parade of horrors" from the neighbors will happen. He felt it is an unreasonable basis for the Commissioners to act on the concern in the face of a traffic study by qualified professionals who study traffic patterns and concluded the problems will not occur.

There has been some confusion about how the moratorium comes into place between the county and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). There is a new statute within the last year which places an obligation on DNR to keep an eye out for conversion activities. Conversion activities are defined as activities inconsistent with long term forest use. DNR has interpreted this new obligation as imposing on it the requirement to inform local governments whenever they see an activity which may be inconsistent with long term forest use, even if it is not. DNR is in the process of developing rules and standards for determining when something is a conversion or not. In this interim period they are calling lots of things conversions that ultimately will not be called conversions. He felt that the activities here fall into the interim catch to be safe category. What happens under the new interim period, a notice to comply is issued and they describe what the noncompliance is and what is necessary to comply. They attach to that a worksheet they have developed called worksheet of conversion activities. This describes the evidence they saw on the ground which they think might be consistent with a conversion. The notice to comply would get lifted after compliance.

If Mason County permits are not obtained for this activity, reforestation of approximately 14 acres will be required within three years. They have said they will reforest if they do not get the permits.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked when DNR told them to come to the Commissioners' meeting today.

Mr. Cushman responded, in the Notice to Comply, DNR instructed the operator to go to Mason County.

Under the new statute it says if there is a finding of conversion local governments are barred from issuing permits. That is being referred to as a moratorium. The statutory process does not stop there. They find a conversion and inform the local government to investigate to determine whether the conversion is out of the blue, whether the person is following the local process for conversions. DNR does not regulate conversions as that is a local government function. Their only function is to tell local governments what they see on the ground so there is an opportunity to engage in the regulatory activity.

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The statute has an out. Local governments shall not issue additional permits if there is a finding of conversion unless it determines that the local government standards have been met.

Mason County at the moment is interpreting that as requiring a Hearing Examiner process to issue that determination. He did not see the requirement in the Mason County Code or in the statute. In the Mason County Code there is a process using the Hearing Examiner to issue a determination to lift a moratorium. Specifically to lift the kind of moratorium they had before the new statute. To interpret the statute as requiring to go through the Hearings Examiner process actually disables this board from engaging its political function of making determinations about what appropriate land uses are in Mason County. Ultimately it is the Mason County Commissioners that make those determinations. The Board can consider the application already submitted which is substantial.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated that land use decisions are generally made in a long term zoning hearing. It seems that after receiving the letter they have an option to appeal to the Forest Practices Appeals Board.

Mr. Cleveland stated they are correct if they only look at the DNR side of the documents that have been issued. He felt it is critical for the Board to understand that it is not without power to approve the temporary use permit. This is a temporary use permit and not a zoning application. It is not a request to rezone. It is a temporary permit under the code and if it is compliant with the requirements of Mason County as a temporary use permit this Board has the authority to determine it is compliant. If the Board determines it is compliant. It is now in compliance and outside the scope of the notice to comply and the permit can be issued. All that has to happen is for the Board to do that approval in a two step process. First the board has to determine that the application is complete and proper under the Mason County Code; and based on that determination instruct staff to transmit that information to DNR.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated that the County and state take logging violations very seriously. There was no testimony that refuted the fact that 6880 board feet were logged without a permit and the land was cleared without a permit. Those were the issues before the Hearings Examiner yesterday. They have a case to appeal to the Forest Practices appeals board.

Mr. Cleveland concurs they have an appeal with DNR. They also have a right to continue the permit application and the Board is not without power to issue. He felt the only real solution is for the Board to determine they are in compliance with Mason County Code and transmit that information to DNR and then issue the permit. Two foresters testified that this was not a conversion activity and not an unlawful forest practice.

Eric Nelson, Project Manager with Olympic Property Group, noted that Pope Resources has provided the lease to Mr. Cleveland for his operation. Pope Resources is a division of Olympic Property Group. He stated the Renaissance Fair is a temporary event. He recommended the Board give them a chance with their event.

Cmmr. Gallagher asked if this is the only option for a piece of property that Pope Resources offered.

Mr. Nelson replied they looked at spots that would be out of the way that were not directly on the main road as in the past. They are not in the business of providing fair sites, but are in the business of providing real estate.

Amy Forsyth stated it seems the issue is whether or not the Board has the power to issue a temporary event permit. She urged the Board to look at the ultimate good of the community. What you cannot discount is how the audience reacts to what they do. This provides happiness to people who cannot

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afford to go on big vacations. This is a close vacation that families can take with a very low ticket price. They have had a traffic flow study done.

Marsha Hamilton voiced support of the fair. She lives around the corner of the location. It is three weekends a year. She pointed out the North Mason Chamber of Commerce also supports this by 84%.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated the intent is to be a permanent fixture. He asked if she felt it is necessary to have a zoning hearing for the public to consider.

Mrs. Hamilton felt the County should issue a temporary permit and let the experience happen so they can work out the problems. It would be fantastic to have a winter event.

Cmmr. Sheldon responded Mason County does not give people a temporary permit to operate an event.

Greg Smith stated he is approximately one-quarter mile from the ORV Park. DNR runs a party every weekend with motorcycles and horseback riding. Generally there is never an issue with the people that come out to the area. They make a little noise and take their garbage when they leave. They don't maintain the forest. They come and have a good time. There have been 1500 people for organized events. When you bring any kind of party to an area there will be issues. Mr. Cleveland is looking for a temporary permit. He did not think it is a bad thing.

Herb Gerhart stated he expressed safety concerns previously by email. He urged the Board to consider only the input from taxpayers.

Steve Baxter stated he is a foster parent and talked about the impact the fair has had over the last 8 years on his family. He noted the fair provides an opportunity to volunteer and work and be part of something. This means a lot to his family and children and helps to stay out of juvenile facilities.

LeeAnn Selchow voiced support of the Ren Fair. She has been involved with the fair for 10 years. It too has kept her children out of trouble. She believed a temporary permit should be granted.

Frank Kenny, NMCOC, noted that last time he spoke about the vacant storefronts in North Mason. There are now well over 20 vacant store fronts in North Mason. He felt that if they had a strong business tax base the burden on the homeowners would be quite a bit less. The burden is falling on the property owners without an established support. People need to think about if they can grow the businesses to relieve burden on homeowners.

Cmmr. Sheldon read aloud the letter from DNR.

Monty Cobb, Deputy Prosecutor, stated that he has had discussions with Mr. Cushman. He has reviewed the County Code. He did not believe the Board has the authority to act in the way Mr. Cushman requests that they do today. There is a system in place. They have had extensive discussions.

Break from 10:22 am –10:36 a.m.

Public Comments:

Dan Miller noted he is in favor of the event and has been a resident for 25 years. Also, he spoke as a North Mason Lion that this would benefit their organization. The Lions do a lot of services for the community such as providing glasses, hearing aids, cornea transplants as well as Christmas giving tree. They have approached Mr. Cleveland for the possibility of working the fair in either parking or

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whatever abilities allowed for such as ticket taking. They would like to use the fair as a fundraiser. He urged the Board to allow the fair to go forward. He did not see the traffic is any worse than commuting.

Jeff Carey, President of Allyn Community Association, stated they are in support of the Renaissance Fair. They believe it should follow the proper process. There is a perception that not everything is applied uniformly. They asked that it be uniformly applied. The zoning is 1:20. They seem to have taken six weeks for the conversion. He did not see anything in conflict with the Comprehensive Plan.

Jim Wood stated he has been doing business in Washington for 18 years. They have been supporting and working fairs throughout the state since that time. They have had a lot of hands on with the people in making leather projects.

Anthony Licorish, Mission Lake, voiced his opposition to the Fair. He asked if they are supposed to teach their children to circumvent the rules in place. Tickets were being sold prior to the event. He is not against the fair. He did not like the area the fair is located. They are talking about the money that will be generated in the community. He felt the County must stick to the rules that are in place. He felt that Mr. Cleveland has had more than ample time to put out to the community.

Pam Kissel stated she is not in support of the fair in the present proposed location. She understood Mr. Cleveland has invested a lot of money. He hoped there will be a clear understanding of what the process is when they leave.

Kelly Dunn is currently in the process of relocating here providing the fair comes to the area. She is concerned about safety. If Mr. Cleveland was putting up the fair in an unsafe location she would not go there. The property will be developed one way or another. She said take your pick which development you would like to see there.

Ron Bickle voiced support of the fair. The trees which were cut down were made into fire trails which helped the area.

Rick Sorrels lives in Pierce County. As an independent journalist writing articles for a number of newspapers in Pierce County. No matter what the Board decides there will be voters mad at the commissioners. He felt there were two primary concerns. 1) Is the DNR decision mandatory. The attorney for Ron Cleveland indicated the Commissioners do have discretion. The Board has the authority to modify or overrule. What does the people want. He stated it is an economic engine. He felt it was bad for Gig Harbor to have the Renaissance Fair leave. There are a lot of people that could use minimum wage jobs.

Chris Dreger has been with the Renaissance Fair since the beginning as a site director. He is not part of it this year. He stated that the community received 300 staff and volunteers from this event. This provides jobs and helps in teaching responsibility. They have seen tremendous growth in individuals.

Ken VanBuskirk stated the proposed site for the event has a lot of recently logged slash in the area with young regrowth. The county is going into a burn ban immediately. If the event is not allowed and people come to the area, they need to be aware of the potential impact of wildfire danger. There is a huge holding of wildland properties. There is concern that many of the roads are one way roads and the winds are generally out of the southwest.

Michael Lee asked if the board issue logging permits.

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Cmmr. Sheldon responded the Washington State Dept of Natural Resources (DNR) issues permits on designated forest lands. This is designated forest lands.

Mr. Lee asked if the Board members have been to the site.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated he has been to the site.

Mr. Lee stated it is a question of conversion from a wooded site to wooded site with a temporary use. There are no permanent structures. The Renaissance Fair all goes by tent. A few things are nailed together such as a stage. It is not a permanent installation. He felt a temporary use permit would preclude any temporary structures.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted it is not that simple.

Mr. Lee noted that fire concerns were high at the Purdy site. Mr. Cleveland enforced limited smoking. There were 600 people made up of security staff and performers watching for smokers.

Patrick Meyers stated he is a representative and service manager for First Stop Fire & Safety. They have been a sponsor for the last five years. His responsibility is to ensure fire safety. Prior to the opening of the fair they ensure that each vendor has a fire extinguisher which is a minimum of 140. He provides an additional 75 units. They also have long range fire fighting equipment. Security staff and administrative staff have access to the equipment. They have not had any significant events.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked if the Oysterfest, Allyn Days, and WaterFest go through a permit process.

Barbara Robinson, Community Development Director, responded that typically they are community events sponsored on right-of-way or county property.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson questioned what was different that triggered this permit process for this venue.

Mrs. Robinson stated she does not know the history on WaterFest. There is a chapter in the County Code since 1951. She commented when it comes to any event which will take place and people gather the fire marshal is involved.

Jeff Carey noted that Allyn Days started from nothing and they roped in the Sheriff and Fire Department for public safety.

Betty Wing added she has been with the County for 16 years. Allyn Days and WaterFest events were grandfathered in. They started as a small community event with a few hundred people and over time grew into something. They would end up having discussions with the key people responsible for each of the festivals to make sure they had the necessary permits. In this case, Mr. Cleveland had come to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) to talk about his event. It was at that point the county learned there would be 80,000 people over a six day temporary time frame for the first three weekends in August. That seemed to trigger the permit.

Monty Cobb, Deputy Prosecutor, stated there was an issue on private property in another location of the county unrelated to the Renaissance Fair, which led the law enforcement involvement because of neighborhood noise, underage drinking and other issues. In dealing with that particular issue, the law enforcement community and Prosecutor's office and Board there was initial work in drafting a large event ordinance to address those type of circumstances for what they perceived as gaps in the law. He understood that Mr. Cleveland made contact and was going through the process of trying to follow the not yet adopted large event ordinance in anticipation it would be adopted. They discovered the Mason

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County Code Chapter 5.12 Circuses, Carnivals, and other like enterprises, which was forgotten and predates the staff.

Mr. Cleveland brought the ordinance to the County's attention and it seemed to fit his activity.

A decision was made in talking with the Prosecutor's office, Barb Robinson and the group that it would fall into this Chapter 5.12.

Cmmr. Gallagher stated that following the DNR's appeal hearing on July 14, the Hearing's officer notified the interested parties of the Notice to Comply JHO15 would be affirmed and a formal decision would follow.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated that a lot of this has been rushed. She has done community advocate work and it has been a poor effort to communicate with the public and look at people around the site and know what the impacts. She felt that a lot more public education could have alleviated a lot of the concerns. She is not sure the traffic is a concern. The Board is in a difficult position.

Cmmr. Sheldon commented he has learned a lot about the Renaissance Fair and its successes. He felt it would be good addition to the county. He noted this is a different situation because the property in question is designated forest land. The other festivals do not fall in this category. One-third of the county is designated in forest land. It is a purpose as a tax base and resource base and treated different than property that is zoned commercial or some other category. He believed everyone should abide by the procedures for a cutting permit from DNR. From the beginning, he felt this needed a zoning change. Zoning is new to Mason County and is a necessary tool for the fast growth in the county. With a zoning hearing, the applicant and land owner comes forth and presents the case to the Planning Advisory Commission. There is a recommendation and the Board has public hearings with public notices placed around the property of the zoning changes. It is a long but complete process to make a zoning change. This is a proposal with an ongoing event that does not seem to be temporary. He believed it has to go through a process that is fair to everyone and involves the public.

Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded that the Board of County Commissioners not vote on the temporary event license applied for by Ron Cleveland until such time as the Dept. of Natural Resources's formal decision is issued and then vote only if the formal order results in a release of or modification of the moratorium. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye

Cmmr. Sheldon offered the staff's assistance in trying to come up with a plan to be held at other venues at the county such as the Mason County Fairgrounds. He hoped they will take every effort to consider the people that might be coming.

9. 9:30 a.m. Public Hearings and Items Set for a Certain Time
 - 9.1 Public hearing to consider multiple franchise agreements and private line utility occupancy permits between Mason County and the following water systems: Franchise Agreements with Hartstene Island Estates, Trails End Water System and Clifton Pebble Beach Water System and Private Line Utility Occupancy Permits with Seventh-day Adventist Church, Dan Holman Water System and Hood Canal Highlands Water System.

Rick Hirschberg, Public Works, presented the applications for the Board's approval. He noted with the approval of these there will be 50 franchise agreements in place and 15 private line utility occupancy permits.

It was noted there are more to come.

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It was opened for public comments and no public was present to testify.

Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve the Franchise Agreements with Hartstene Island Estates, Trails End Water System and Clifton Pebble Beach Water System and Private Line Utility Occupancy Permits with Seventh-day Adventist Church, Dan Holman Water System and Hood Canal Highlands Water System. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.

- 9.2 Public hearing to take public comment on the proposal to adopt a Master Site Plan for Oakland Bay County Park.

John Keates, Parks & Trails Director, reiterated that the County and Capital Land Trust purchased the 82 acre parcel Oakland Bay County Park in 2005. The county owns the property and the Land Trust has conservation purposes for the buffer zones along Oakland Bay and Melaney Creek. They worked with a landscape architect to develop a master plan to guide future use and public access to the park.

Herb Gerhardt urged the Board to adopt this. He likes what is happening with the parks.

Steve Bloomfield voiced support as adjoining property owner. He urged the Board to adopt this plan. This is an opportunity for recreation as well as education for the community. He wanted consideration for the problems in Oakland Bay to make sure the system in place is correct. He wanted enforcement for possible increase in poaching.

Cmmr. RingErickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to approve the Oakland Bay County Park Master Site Plan. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye. Resolution No. 90-08 (Exhibit A)

- 9.3 Public hearing to consider an amendment to Mason County Code Title 16 adding new sections 16.36.028 Short Subdivision Alterations and 16.38.058 Large Lot Subdivision Alterations.

Kell McAboy made a staff presentation and recommended approval of the additions. The Planning Advisory Commission recommended approval of the revisions.

There was no public to provide comments.

Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve and adopt the new sections to Mason County Code 16.36.028 Short Subdivision Alterations as described by Attachment A and 16.38.058 Large Lot Subdivision Alterations as described by Attachment B. Ordinance No. 91-08 (Exhibit B)

10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials)
- 10.1 Burn Ban Implemented July 17, 2008 – Craig Haugen, Fire Marshal, announced in conjunction with King, Pierce, Kitsap, and Washington State Department of Natural Resources the county will be implementing a burn ban effective 8:00 a.m. It will allow recreational fires in approved fire pits until extended dry conditions prevent otherwise.
11. Board's Reports and Calendar – The Board gave highlights on meetings attended the past week, July 8 – 15, 2008 and noted their calendars for the upcoming week, July 15 – 22, 2008.

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12. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:49 am

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Tim Sheldon, Chair

ATTEST:

Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

Ross Gallagher, Commissioner