

## DRAFT BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

OCTOBER 7, 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 Louis Cofoni.
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 King County Council has asked Mason County if there is interest in the idea of bringing Washington counties together to discuss the mental health and chemical dependency sales tax. (Copy to Public Health Services)
    - 4.1.2 Mason County Water Conservancy Board Applicant: Charles E. Buschbom (Copy to Utilities & Waste Management)
    - 4.1.3 Belfair Future Roads Map Advisory Committee Applicants: Ken VanBuskirk, Matt Matayoshi, Melvin R. Armstrong, and Dave Tipton. (Copy to Community Development/Planning)
    - 4.1.4 Letters were received concerning the proposed Mason Lake boat launch improvements from Ellie Nevers and Frances Skinner. (Copy to Parks & Trails Department).
    - 4.1.5 A letter of appeal was received from Gregg Paisley concerning denial of permits for two events (Avery Renaissance Festival and Extreme Sports Festival). Also, questions were received regarding two permits, which were denied (EVE2008-00001 and EVE2008-00002). (Copy sent to Community Development.
    - 4.1.6 Mason County Historic Preservation Commission Applicant: Maureen (Mo) MacCracken (Copy to Community Development/Planning)
    - 4.1.7 Correspondence was received from David Haugen and Jean M. Bray relating to the Tahuya River bridge on the Belfair-Tahuya Road. Copy to Public Works.
    - 4.1.8 Mason County Water Conservancy Board Resignation: George Campbell. (Copy to Utilities & Waste Management)

Cmmr. Sheldon noted that the Water Conservancy Board is set up by state law through Department of Ecology. Those that volunteer on the board receive approximately three days of training out of town. Board members hear two sides of the issue and can grant a transfer of a water right. It is a quasi-judicial process.
  - 4.2 Staff Recognition – Information Services -- Betty Wing, Central Operations Director read a letter with an unsolicited compliment regarding Bob Deans and Ben Ramsfield thanking them for the service to the Mason County Children's Dental Coalition. Green Stars were presented to the county staff by the Chairperson.
  - 4.3 Proclamation – United Way -- Betty Wing read aloud the proclamation encouraging community members to support financially, through United Way, the many local community organizations that provide invaluable services for the seniors, families and youth in Mason County.
  - 4.4 News Release – Lynch Road Connector Project Meeting -- Charlie Butros, Public Works Director, announced the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 2009; 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
  - 4.5 2009 County Budget Announcement – TJ Martin, Human Resources Director, read an announcement that the County is in an on-going work to balance the 2009 county budget amid the current economic downturn.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated they have had a series of productive meetings over the past several months. They have had good participation from the elected officials. In the past, they have had excellent support from the elected officials, in terms of looking for efficiencies and economies. They are committed to maintaining staff and services and some are looking for other opportunities to reduce the budget.

**BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
OCTOBER 7, 2008 - PAGE 2**

Cmmr. Gallagher added this county is taking a serious look at all the services provided for the citizens as well as services for law enforcement and criminal justice system. There is also a concern for a good park system.

A question was raised from the audience about the county receiving the alternative tax for Olympic National Forest (payment in lieu of taxes).

Cmmr. Ring Erickson added the new formula approved was more favorable to Mason County. Under the old formula the County was getting about \$300,000 – \$400,000. Under the new formula payment in lieu of taxes was fully funded and Secure Rural Schools and Roads is a diminishing fund, 10% down a year over the next few years until it is gone. Payment in lieu of taxes favors Mason County as the County will be receiving \$719,000. This will help offset the County expenses.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated this is referred to as the rescue bill. The Washington State Association of Counties worked on this issue a long time. There has been ongoing funding since 1909. He agreed that it is a big help to Mason County. This budget will be the toughest in a long time as the circumstances are different this year.

5. Open Forum for Citizen Input

5.1 Louis Cofoni spoke to the issue of a float plan flying to and from Sanderson Field. He stated that on October 1, 2008 a floatplane flew over his house flying from the northeast to the southwest and flew approximately 50' over the tallest tree top. With the tragedy at Lake Nahwatzel this past summer, he is concerned about this matter. He asked what could or cannot be done. He sees planes flying to and from the Port of Shelton Sanderson Field. He was concerned that the plane would not have anywhere to go but into the trees if something should happen that the pilot would have to land. He stated he would go out and record with a video camera the time and date as well as the number on the fuselage.

6. Adoption of Agenda – **Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to adopt the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.**

7. Approval of Minutes – **Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes for July 29, August 19 and 26 and September 16 and 23, 2008 and briefing minutes for the week of September 1, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.**

8. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- 8.1 Approval to set a public hearing on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. to consider supplemental budget appropriations to the 2008 Current Expense Fund Budget in the estimated amount of \$29,813 and the Community Services Support Fund in the estimated amount of \$164,059. **Resolution No. 110-08 (Exhibit A)**
- 8.2 Approval to appoint Charles Buschbom to the Mason County Water Conservancy Board to fill a vacant position that will expire in April 2012.
- 8.3 Approval to purchase playground equipment from Northwest Playground Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$53,189.20, which includes the equipment and installation, for the Truman Glick Park. Funding to pay for the improvements will come from the donation from the estate of Jonathan P. Henderson.
- 8.4 Approval for the Department of Public Works to advertise, interview, and hire an Engineering and Construction Manager to fill a vacant position.
- 8.5 Approval to set a hearing date on November 4, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. to consider the adoption of the Hoodspout Rural Activity Center Stormwater Management Plan.
- 8.6 Approval of veterans assistance applications for: William A. Crall - \$300.00 food; Doris Derrick - \$600.00 housing; Scott Becker - \$386.17 utilities; Eugene (Peggie) M. Lindberg - burial \$600.00;

**BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
OCTOBER 7, 2008 - PAGE 3**

Walter Diebold - food \$200.00 for a total of \$2,086.17 as recommended by the Veterans' Assistance Screening Committee.

- 8.7 Approval to set a public hearing on November 4, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. to modify Ordinance 90-07, Development Regulations, for on-site sewer in the Belfair UGA, to correct the Southern Connection/Long Term UGA Connection Zone language.
- 8.8 Approval to award Case Power & Equipment of Auburn, Washington the bid to furnish Mason County with one 2008, Interstate Model 102SDGN, 50 ton lowboy construction trailer for Public Works. Total cost is \$48,493.01 with trade in.
- 8.9 Approval to spend up to \$50,000 of lodging tax money to pay for advertising, e-mail blasts, and additional web site development for a major Mason County tourism promotion campaign as recommended by the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.
- 8.10 Approval of Warrants

Claims Clearing Fund	147262-148032	\$ 1,316,935.25
Salary Clearing Fund	1822-1858	\$ 280,510.80
Direct Deposit Fund	6570-6998	\$ 628,441.67

Cmmr. Ring Erickson mentioned that Item 8.3 is not money from the general fund but from a generous donation from an estate for the park. The individual also left a vehicle for the county parks.

**Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve Consent Agenda Items 8.1 – 8.10 as read. 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 adopting an ordinance and findings of fact of interim zoning for properties previously and incorrectly determined to be part of the Olympic National Forest.

Kell McAboy, Planning, asked the Board to adopt some interim zoning for property that is mostly around the Lake Cushman area. She has been working over the past year with the Geographic Information System (GIS) Department on making a map showing the zoning with the parcel layer. In doing so, when they put down the boundaries for the Olympic National Forest and the Olympic National Park received from Department of Natural Resources, they recognized there were some parcels around the Lake Cushman area that have always been in county jurisdiction but have always shown up on the past and current zoning maps as being part of the ONF. The Planning Department went through and looked at all the parcels using the Comprehensive Plan and the rural lands chapter and applied the information, depending on the size of the parcels, and are recommending to the Board to adopt the interim zoning as either Rural Residential 5, Rural Residential 10 or Rural Residential 20 as indicated on the map.

The interim zoning will take place, they have up to one year, the County will need to amend the future land use map as shown in the Comprehensive Plan designated as rural lands rather than the current designation of Olympic National Forest. At that time, once they do that they will be able to go through the formal zoning process so all of the property owners will be contacted and notified. Most of the property is owned by the City of Tacoma. There are several individual property owners as well.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated she understood this is not really a change in the use but rather the County has better mapping systems and this kind of got missed in the transition.

Ms. McAboy concurred, they did check with the Assessor's office because they were not sure if it was something that recently came into the county jurisdiction from the ONF. It was determined it was always in the County's jurisdiction and was just missed because of mapping purposes. There is better data.

**BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
OCTOBER 7, 2008 - PAGE 4**

Cmmr. Sheldon noted some of this on the undeveloped side of Lake Cushman and some of the areas that were not brought into the zoning map previously.

No public comments.

**Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to adopt the ordinance and findings of fact regarding interim zoning for properties previously and incorrectly determined to be part of the Olympic National Forest. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye. Resolution No. 111-08 (Exhibit B)**

10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials)
  - 10.1 Vicki Kirkpatrick, Director of Public Health, reminded the public that the second annual Oakland Bay Clean Water District open house is scheduled on October 8, 2008; 4 – 8 pm at the Pioneer Elementary School. There will be food, education booths and speakers to learn what has transpired over the last year in the district.
11. Board's Reports and Calendar – The Board gave reports on meetings attended September 23, 2008 – October 7, 2008. Also, the Commissioners announced their calendars for the week of October 7 – 14, 2008.
12. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:53 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