

**BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS**

**DECEMBER 12, 2008**

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the special meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
2. Mayor Tarrant led the pledge of allegiance
3. Roll Call - Present: Cmmr. Dist. 2 – Tim Sheldon; Cmmr. Dist. 3 – Ross Gallagher. Absent: Cmmr. Dist. 1 – Lynda Ring Erickson.
4. Consider adopting a resolution to place on a special election ballot the issue of annexing the City of Shelton into the Timberland Regional Library District.

Mayor John Tarrant addressed the Commissioners. He explained the City of Shelton is requesting this ballot issue so quality library services can be continued. Currently the City contracts with Timberland Regional Library (TRL) for library services for City residents. The 2009 contract has increased and with the economic downturn, the City would like to be annexed into the TRL district. This would be placed on the February 3, 2009 ballot so voters can decide if they want to be included in the TRL district and then the City would not have to contract for services.

Cmmr. Gallagher asked if the library services would remain the same.

Mayor Tarrant understands if the ballot issue passes, the residents wouldn't see any services change subject to what the TRL Board of Trustees decides to do. He understands they are going for a levy lift because the TRL district is also facing a financial hardship. The city owns the library building and they have negotiated to continue to provide maintenance of the building on a contract basis. If the vote is not positive, the city commission will have to review the options, which include resubmitting to the voters. They City is prepared to give the one-year termination for the current contract, which would be effective January 2010. He is hopeful the vote will pass.

**Cmmr. Gallagher/Sheldon moved and seconded to adopt the resolution authorizing the Mason County Auditor to call and conduct an election that will be held in the City on February 3, 2009 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City for their approval or rejection of Proposition No. 1, City annexation into the Timberland Regional Library District. Motion carried unanimously. RE-absent; S-aye; G-aye. Resolution No. 130-08 (Exhibit A)**

Mayor Tarrant thanked the Board for holding the special meeting and adopting the resolution.

5. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Tim Sheldon, Chair

Absent

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Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

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Ross Gallagher, Commissioner