

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

JANUARY 6, 2009

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
 2. Pledge of Allegiance – Undersheriff Jim Barrett 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. 4.1 Correspondence
 - 4.1.1 The Washington State Liquor Control Board sent notice of a new liquor license application for Tobaccos World in Belfair.
 - 4.1.2 The Belfair Water District #1 Commissioners expressed their gratitude for the pledge of support towards their Inter-tie project.
 - 4.1.3 Georgia Moran is seeking appointment to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council.
 - 4.1.4 Glen Hudson is seeking appointment to the TIPCAP.
 - 4.2 Election of 2009 Chair.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to appoint Commissioner Tim Sheldon as the 2009 Chair. Motion carried. RE-aye; S-aye; G-nay.
 - 4.3 David Baker presented the news release for free Christmas tree recycling that is available through the end of January.
 5. Open Forum for Citizen Input – there was no public comment.
 6. Adoption of Agenda – **Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.**
 7. Approval of Minutes – regular meeting minutes for December 9, 16 and 23, 2008 and special meeting minutes for December 18, 2008. **Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to adopt the December 9, 16 and 23, 2008 and special meeting minutes for December 18, 2008, it was noted that Cmmr. Ross Gallagher did not attend the December 18, 2008 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.**
 8. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - 8.1 Approval to enter into project agreements with the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for the Latimers Landing Planning Project and the Mason Lake Boat Launch Renovation Project.
 - 8.2 Approval of contract #0963-53334 between Mason County and the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to provide \$100,000 for Medicaid outreach, dental and immunization programs.
 - 8.3 Approval to award the bid for 2009 Towing Services, Auto/Light truck Zone 1 to Tommy's Towing of Shelton, Auto/Light truck Zone 2 and 3 to Jim's Towing, Heavy Truck Zone 1 and 2 to Bethel Towing of Port Orchard and Heavy Truck Zone 3 to Jim's Towing of Shelton.
 - 8.4 Approval of Warrants

Claims Clearing Fund	Warrant #s 151784-152211	\$1,251,452.76
Salary Clearing Fund	Warrant #s 2123-2160	\$311,044.25
 - 8.5 Approval of Veterans Assistance Fund applications for: Andrew Goodwin - housing \$600.00; Billie C. Ralstin - utilities \$118.30 & food \$359.19; Merrill J. Perkins - utilities \$126.82 & food \$54.30; Ray C. Herrera - food \$600.00; Guy Parsons rent \$144.00 & food \$456.00; Charles T. Underhill - rent \$600.00 for a total of \$3,058.61 Clerk's note – following the meeting, Cmmr. Sheldon asked that Mr. Parson's 2008 income be verified.
 - 8.6 Approval of the resolution authorizing the County Road Load Restrictions/Emergency Closing Orders for the 2009 winter season. **Resolution No. 01-09 (Exhibit A)**
- At the request of an audience member, Item 8.1 was removed for discussion.

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Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve Consent Items 8.2 through 8.6. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.

John Keates, Parks & Trails Department, addressed Consent Agenda Item 8.1. The purpose is to award grant funds from the boating facilities program at the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) at the state. Mason County would have a 25% match for funding. For the Mason Lake project there are Options A and B. At the next Park Advisory Board meeting, Mr. Keates will be recommending Option B which adds parking, condenses the ramp to a single ramp, and provides for a boat rinse-off station with a water collection system. There will also be ADA improvements to the restroom and the dock will be improved. He has met with citizens of the area and understands there is concern with noxious weeds and he is trying to mitigate that. This option also includes a site for a park host. This action today will allow Mason County to enter into the project agreement and we have two years to complete the project.

Cmmr. Sheldon clarified that the funding can be used for only this project.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson confirmed the 25% match is coming from REET 2 funds. She asked Mr. Keates to review the Latimer's Landing project.

Mr. Keates stated that an additional 2.4 acres has been acquired. They are working on a design to increase parking.

Cmmr. Gallagher asked if there will be changes to the angle of the Mason Lake boat ramp.

Mr. Keates stated the ramp will be changed so it's easier to launch a boat and they will excavate a small portion of the sediment. He noted the Parks Advisory meeting is January 13th in the Commission Chambers.

Ellie Nevers stated the residents worked hard to form the Lake Management District for Mason Lake and there is nothing that says all the boats will be washed.

An audience member stated they have seen a lot of improvements and he is concerned that the rules are enforced. He wants the boat launch fixed or shut down. He also requested that a plan be available for public review before it is implemented.

The question was asked, how many additional transient boats the improvements will bring to Mason Lake.

Mr. Keates stated he has no way of knowing of how many additional boats may come in. On busy weekends, the lake has high usage and the improvements will provide additional parking. Currently there is no designated parking and the park may handle 20 vehicles, the improvements will accommodate 35 to 40 vehicles.

Undersheriff Jim Barrett spoke in favor of the improvements. He pointed out that in order for the boating officer to provide enforcement and safety education, a safe parking area is needed.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson commented that the Latimer's Landing improvements have not necessarily brought in additional boats but provide safe parking and makes it easier to use.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to approve Consent Agenda Item 8.1, enter into project agreements with the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for the Latimers Landing Planning Project and the Mason Lake Boat Launch Renovation Project. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.

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

9.1 Public hearing to consider amending the field use fees for Mason County Recreation Area (MCRA) and Sandhill Park.

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John Keates, Parks & Trails Director, stated the purpose of this hearing is to consider a fee rate increase for MCRA and Sandhill Parks. It has been at least 15 years since the fees have been increased. The proposed fees are lower than market rate compared to other counties with like facilities. The Parks Advisory Board has reviewed and recommends approval of the revised rates. Mr. Keates reviewed the amended rates and anticipates that in 2009 the revised rates will bring in about \$12,000 additional revenue, if the usage is the same as 2008. He has also informed the user groups of the amended rates.

There was no public comment.

Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve the updated field use fees for 2009 and 2010. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.

- 9.2 Public hearing to consider amending Mason County Code Title 15 section 15.09.050A eliminating the requirement of a staff recommendation to the Hearing Examiner.

Kell McAboy, Planning staff, explained this revision will eliminate the requirement for staff recommendation to the Hearing Examiner on type III reviews. These are permit applications such as shoreline permits, that go before the Hearing Examiner. It would be effective immediately upon approval.

There was no public comment.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted that the Commission asked staff to do a technical review of these permits and the Hearing Examiner should make the final legal review.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to adopt the ordinance amending Mason County Code Title 15 section 15.09.050A eliminating the requirement of a staff recommendation for type III reviews to the Hearing Examiner. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye. Ordinance 02-09 (Exhibit B)

10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials)

John Keates announced that copies of the Mason County recreation map are printed and available for distribution.

11. Board's Reports and Calendar -The Commissioners reported on meetings attended the past week and announced their upcoming weekly meetings.

12. Adjournment - the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Tim Sheldon, Chair

Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

Ross Gallagher, Commissioner