

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

FEBRUARY 17, 2009

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Department of Community Development Co-Manager Mark Core led the flag salute.
3. Roll Call – Present: Commissioner District 1 - Lynda Ring Erickson; Commissioner District 2 – Tim Sheldon; Commissioner District 3 – Ross Gallagher.
4. Correspondence and Organizational Business
 - 4.1 Correspondence
 - 4.1.1 The Governor reiterated her plans for revitalizing the economy.
 - 4.1.2 June Henderson expressed concerns regarding the closure of North Shore Road and invited the Commissioners to Tahuya to discuss the situation.
 - 4.1.3 Becky Penoyar submitted her resignation as Working Goat Superintendent at the Mason County Fair.
 - 4.1.4 The Washington State Auditor's Office submitted their Accountability Audit Report for Mason County, December 5, 2008.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson commented that Becky Penoyar did a nice job as Working Goat Superintendent and expressed her thanks.

- 4.2 Charlie Butros, Public Works Director, introduced Public Works' new Engineering and Construction Manager, Sandra Gleason.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted this is a critical position partially funded out of road dollars.

5. Open Forum for Citizen Input –
 - 5.1 Stet Palmer commented on Schafer State Park. As a cost cutting measure the State wants to transfer operation of the park to either a local government or a non-profit organization. He would like the Commissioners to oppose this plan. The County does not have the resources to properly maintain and secure the park. Is there a possible cost sharing solution? Neighbors have offered to help correct storm damage and volunteer at the park. The County shouldn't take responsibility for a State park that serves more than just the county population.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted this is a budget issue. There is a very disappointing revenue forecast for the State. If the State were to cut all of higher education, corrections, and all state parks they still wouldn't have enough money. Lake Cushman was transferred to a private operator and it has worked very well. Perhaps private operation would be a good option.

Mr. Palmer stated there are some title problems that could arise from the original donation of the property if it were transferred to a private party.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated she spoke with the Mayor of Montesano who is having similar issues. There are some cost neutral partnership ideas that might work.

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.**

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7. Approval of Minutes – regular meeting minutes for February 10, 2009 and briefing minutes for the week of February 9, 2009.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to approve regular meeting minutes for February 10, 2009 and briefing minutes for the week of February 9, 2009. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.

8. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- 8.1 Approval of the 2009 contract with the Mason County Economic Development Council for economic development services in the amount of \$34,000.
- 8.2 Approval of the request from the Mason County Economic Development Council to fund \$34,000 for economic development services from the Mason County Rural County Sales & Use Tax Fund (.09).
- 8.3 Approval to cancel the March 10, 2009 regular Commission meeting. Cmmr. Ring Erickson will be attending the National Association of Counties (NACO) conference in Washington DC.
- 8.4 Approval of the Veterans Assistance Fund applications for: Gerald A. Cassel, Jr. - Food \$200.00; Curtis M. Jones - Housing \$335.00 & Utilities \$160.00; David R. Coles - Utilities \$169.02 & Housing \$331.00 for a total of \$1195.02 as recommended by the Veterans Assistance Fund Screening Committee.
- 8.5 Approval of Amendment #9 to the contract between Mason County Public Health and Mason Matters to provide assessment and analysis on public health matters in Mason County. This is budgeted in the 2009 budget for \$25,000.
- 8.6 Approval of the Interlocal Agreement with Clark County providing Mason County with \$53,135 in funding to continue HIV Prevention and Case Management efforts.
- 8.7 Approval of a six month contract for professional services between Mason County Juvenile Court Probation Services and Kerri Duke, licensed Social Worker and certified Functional Family Therapist to provide Functional Family Therapy (FFT) services. This is funded from Washington State for the Expansion of Evidence-Based Practices.
- 8.8 Approval of Warrants
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| Claims Clearing Fund | Warrant #s 153418-153551 | \$457,065.36 |
| Salary Clearing Fund | Warrant #s 2253-2308 | \$337,690.82 |
| Direct Deposit Fund | Deposit #s 9954-10353 | \$566,096.56 |

Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve Consent items 8.1 through 8.8. 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 continued from January 13, 2009 to consider a speed limit change on all of Reservation Road, county road number 43130.

Charlie Butros stated this hearing was continued from last month. There was a verbal request from the Skokomish Tribe to reduce the speed limit on Reservation Road. Mr. Butros asked that the Tribe submit a formal written request, but it has not been received. He recommends closure of the hearing with no further action.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated he was disappointed that the Tribe did not follow through.

There were no questions for staff or public testimony.

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Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to close the hearing to consider a speed limit change on all of Reservation Road with no action. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.

10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials) – There was no other business.
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 9:37 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Tim Sheldon, Chair

ATTEST:

Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

Ross Gallagher, Commissioner