

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

March 3, 2009

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Christy Buck, Mason County Association of Realtors, led the flag salute.
3. Roll Call – Present: Commissioner District 1 - Lynda Ring Erickson; Commissioner District 3 – Ross Gallagher; Commissioner District 2 – Tim Sheldon - absent
4. Correspondence and Organizational Business
 - 4.1 Correspondence
 - 4.1.1 The Washington State Department of Community Trade and Economic Development is requesting a designation of Mason County's Associate Development Organization.
 - 4.1.2 Stet Palmer forwarded a letter he sent to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission regarding Schafer State Park.
 - 4.1.3 Michelle Callahan expressed concerns regarding changes to the Mason County Recycling Program.
 - 4.1.4 Jean Gall expressed concerns regarding the closure of North Shore Road.
 - 4.1.5 Raymond Stutz expressed concerns regarding law enforcement in North Mason County.
 - 4.1.6 FEMA sent information on floodplain development permits.
 - 4.2 Green Star Recognition -

Cmmr. Ring Erickson presented the Green Star Award to Wes Stockwell, who received a letter from an Olympic College student thanking him for his presentation at the College.

Cmmr. Gallagher presented the Green Star Award to Mark Core and read a letter of appreciation that was sent to the Commissioners from Alliance Homes.

Vicki Kirkpatrick, Public Health Director, read a letter from a constituent regarding Sonja Cochran's outstanding customer service. Commissioner Ring Erickson presented Ms. Cochran with the Green Star Award.
 - 4.3 News Release – Skateboard Park donation from Squaxin Island Tribe – John Keates, Parks Director, presented the news release along with Martin Meyers, Director of Marketing and Business Development for Island Enterprises, and John Eaton, Parks and Trails Advisory Board.

Commissioner Ring Erickson and Commissioner Gallagher thanked Mr. Martin and Mr. Eaton for their help and support in these tough times.
 - 4.4 News Release – Countywide Stormwater Management Strategy Plan. Charlie Butros, Public Works Director, presented the news release.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson commented that this program was primarily funded by state grants.

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5. Open Forum for Citizen Input –

- 5.1 Louis Coffoini commented on an article he read in the Belfair Herald regarding a recent incident that the Sheriff's office responded to. Chief Deputy Dean Byrd commented in the article that there is a spike in crime in Mason County and his deputies have been accosted. Mr. Coffoini hopes the Commissioners look favorably on increases in the Sheriff's budget. It is not a good idea to thin out the Sheriff's department since it is a rural county and they have to travel so many miles to respond to calls. Law enforcement has a tough job and he would not want to face the abuse they take.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated that she was a King County officer for eight years and she found it very rewarding. In the last four years Mason County has added eleven positions to the Sheriff's office and there is over a million dollars more in funding than there was several years ago.

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

7. Approval of Minutes – regular meeting minutes for February 24, 2009 and briefing minutes for the week of February 16, 2009

Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes for February 24, 2009 and briefing minutes for the week of February 16, 2009. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-absent; G-aye.

8. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- 8.1 Approval to sign a letter authorizing the Mason County Treasurer to invest the unencumbered balance in the Veterans' Assistance Fund, Fund #190-000-000.
- 8.2 Approval to set a public hearing on April 7, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. to take public comment on the proposed update to the Mason County Onsite Sewage regulations.
- 8.3 Approval to designate the Economic Development Council of Mason County as the Associate Development Organization to coordinate economic development services for the county under contract with the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development and authorize the Chair to sign the designation form.
- 8.4 Approval of the Resolution approving the Corporate Sponsorship Policy for Mason County Parks and Trails Department. **Resolution No. 19-09 (Exhibit A)**
- 8.5 Approval to implement new sponsorship fees for Mason County Recreation Area and Sandhill Park.
- 8.6 Approval for the Chair to sign the letter authorizing Marty Best as the Applicant Agent and Karen Dowling as the Alternate authorizing representative for Mason County for the January 2009 Storm & Flooding Event, Declared Disaster No. 1817-DR-WA.
- 8.7 Approval of the agreement with Robert Droll to assist Mason County Parks and Trails Department with the planning and design for parking improvements at Latimers Landing County Park. The funding source to complete this project would be from the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Boating Facilities Grant (75%) and REET II Funds (25%). Contract amount will not exceed \$75,000. Once complete, the permits, bid specifications, and design would be complete for construction if funding can be secured.
- 8.8 Approval to accept the bids from Joe's Septic Tank Service in the amounts of \$.165/gallon through March 31, 2009 and \$.197/gallon thereafter, and from AAA Septic LLC in the amount of \$.23/gallon, for the biosolids hauling and disposal contract and authorize the Chair to sign all pertinent documents.

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- 8.9 Approval to award the scrap metal contract to Nutt Construction, pending receipt of required documentation from the contractor. Three bids were received and opened on February 25th.

It was asked that item 8.1 and 8.5 be removed for further discussion.

Ray Hanson asked that the dollar amounts be provided for items 8.1 and 8.5 so there is more information.

Lisa Frazier, Mason County Treasurer, stated that the unencumbered cash balance in the Veteran's Assistance Fund changes on a daily basis. The unencumbered cash balance was about \$500 at the end of January.

John Keates, Parks Director, stated the sponsorship fees are \$300-\$1000 depending on the placement of the sponsorship banner.

Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve Consent items 8.1 through 8.9. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-absent; G-aye.

9. 9:30 a.m. Public Hearings and Items Set for a Certain Time.
9.1 Public hearing to consider supplemental budget appropriations, budget transfers and a budget reduction to the 2009 budget

Ione Siegler, Budget and Finance Director, stated this a public hearing to consider supplemental budget appropriations, budget transfers and a budget reduction to the 2009 budget. These actions would add the following to the 2009 budget: The first supplemental appropriation would be for \$543,000 for Fund No. 125 which is the 911 Communications 1/10 of 1% Sales Tax Fund. The Mason County Treasurer will receive the tax and then transfer the funds to MACECOM per the interlocal agreement. It's necessary to add this to the budget to keep the Fund 125 open for the Treasurer to transmit the money. The second supplemental appropriation is for \$1,767 for the payment of the lease between the Department of Natural Resources and Mason County for the easement of the radio relay facility on Gold Mountain. We were requested to pay this amount and MACECOM will reimburse the County. There is a budget reduction requested in the amount of \$2000 to reduce the Employee Recognition Fund. By reducing the Employee Recognition Fund there will be a reduction in the Current Expense Fund. Also, there is a transfer from the ending fund balance in the Current Expense Fund to reinstate the County's membership in the Hood Canal Coordinating Council. That membership is \$2,500.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated these were basically corrections in the budget.

There were no questions for staff or public comment.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to approve the supplemental appropriations to the 911 Communications Sales & Use Tax Fund in the amount of \$543,000 and the Current Expense Fund in the amount of \$1,767; a budget reduction to the Employee Recognition Fund in the amount of \$2,000; and budget transfers in the Current Expense Fund in the total amount of \$4,500. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-absent; G-aye. Budget Order (Exhibit B)

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- 9.2 Public hearing to consider an amendment and revise Mason County Code and Development Regulations 17.03.030 B, eliminating the provision to allow temporary holding tanks, to comply with the Growth Management Act.

Kell McABoy, Planner, stated this is a public hearing to consider adoption of amendments to the Mason County Code and Development Regulations, Title 17, Section 17.03.030 B. The provisions in the development regulations which currently allow temporary holding tanks in lieu of a sewer connection under certain conditions in the Belfair Urban Growth Area were challenged and brought forth to the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board. The Growth Management Hearings Board did find that the County's development requirements and performance standards are noncompliant, because allowing temporary holding tanks for new development in the urban growth area interferes with the Growth Management Act's sprawl reduction and concurrency goals. Section 17.03.030 B has been revised eliminating the provision to allow temporary holding tanks in the Belfair Urban Growth Area and should now be construed as compliant with the Growth Management Act.

There were no questions for staff or public comment.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated the Growth Management Act wants us to increase our density and development and encourage commercial activity in the urban growth area. The County tried to provide a thoughtful interim solution. She is offended there is so little local control of development and opportunity to help the community. The Hearings Board doesn't understand or care about how the local government works with the community to help it develop. She thanked the staff for coming up with an interim solution.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and second to approve and adopt the amendments to the Mason County Code and Development Regulations Title 17, Section 17.03.030 B. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-absent; G-aye. Ordinance No. 16-09 (Exhibit C)

- 9.3 Public hearing to consider establishing a fee for the required "development permit" under the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Section 4.1-1.

Kell McABoy stated this is a public hearing to consider establishing a fee for the required development permit under the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. The Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance requires a development permit if no other county permit is required when a defined activity occurs within a special flood hazard area. For example, if someone wanted to do an activity that the County doesn't otherwise require a permit for, but because it is within the special flood hazard area, a special development permit would be required. The 2009 Planning Feed schedule does not include a fee for such a permit. A flat fee amount should be established to recover the planning hourly rate based on an average for time spent processing the permit type. Staff is recommending the Board establish a fee equivalent to the planning site pre-inspection fee of \$255.

There were no questions for staff or public comment.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson recommend tabling the hearing for two weeks with no further public comment, because the Commissioner for District 2 is not here.

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Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to table the hearing to consider establishing a fee for the required "development permit" under the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Section 4.1-1 until March 17, 2009. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-absent; G-aye

- 9.4 Public hearing to consider an amendment to the Mason County Code and Development Regulations Title 17 section 17.02.060 relating to the Development Area Maps and eliminating Table A from Title 17.

Kell McAboy stated this a public hearing to consider amendments to the Mason County Code and Development Regulations Title 17 Section 17.02.060 and eliminating Table A. This is in conjunction with adopting the newly developed Mason County Development Areas Map panels 1 through 10. Planning staff has worked with the County's GIS department over the past year and a half in developing a new version of the Official Development Areas Maps to include all of the zoning for the rural areas, RACs, Hamlets, individual ICIA's and designated resource lands (agricultural, long term commercial forest, in-holding lands) with the parcel layer. The entire county is now reflected on a series of nine maps using a scale that shows a decipherable difference in zoning on the smallest parcels. A tenth map was produced to show the Shelton UGA, only map 10 will need to be amended. The planning department proposes to amend the code and development regulations section 17.02.060 and eliminate Table A for consistency with the creation of the new Development Areas Maps. Table A lists over 180 parcels with non-residential zoning in the rural areas. Known as Isolated Commercial Industrial Areas, these individual parcels have now been mapped on the Development Areas Map panels and are no longer needed in the regulations. Zoning changes did not occur as a result of the re-mapping project.

There were no questions for staff or public comment.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to adopt the amendments to revise Mason County Code and Development Regulations Title 17 Section 17.02.060, eliminate Table A and adopt the new official Development Areas (zoning) Map panels 1 of 10 through 10 of 10. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-absent; G-aye
Ordinance No. 17-09 (Exhibit D) and Ordinance 18-09 (Exhibit E)

10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials) – no other business was presented.
11. Board's Reports and Calendar - The Commissioners reported on meetings attended the past week and announced their upcoming weekly meetings.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted that Commissioner Sheldon had bills coming up for vote in the legislature early this morning, which is why he was unable to attend the meeting and is marked as absent.

Betty Wing commented there will be no Commission briefings next Monday and no regular Commission meeting next Tuesday due to the fact that two Commissioners will be out of the area.

12. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Absent

Tim Sheldon, Chair

ATTEST:

Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

Ross Gallagher, Commissioner