

## BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

June 9, 2009

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Rick Brush 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 Pam Kiesel and Herb Gerhardt submitted comments regarding the proposed temporary outdoor public event ordinance.
    - 4.1.2 Mark French expressed concerns regarding the condition of a property on Timber Lane in Tahuya.
    - 4.1.3 The Washington State Department of Ecology expressed their appreciation of the support provided by the Washington State Association of Counties for stationing a permanent, privately funded emergency response tug at Neah Bay.
    - 4.1.4 The Washington State Liquor Control Board sent notice that Bayshore General Store in Shelton did not discontinue sales and service of liquor on January 31, 2009.
    - 4.1.5 The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued the City of Tacoma an order granting extension of time to file design, construction, and maintenance plans for a bridge on the North Fork of the Skokomish River.
  - 4.2 Announcement of Small Works Roster. Charlie Butros announced the invitation to place contractors on the Public Works Small Works Roster.
  - 4.3 Cmmr. Sheldon commented on the County's budget situation. He doesn't believe tax increases will help the budget in Mason County. It would not benefit jobs or the economy. He believes the County should scrub all of the special funds. The public doesn't understand how or why money is found in these funds. He would like to look at all of the special funds to find out if there is any money that can be used for general government. He also does not believe re-organization promotes efficiency or saves money. He think we need to look at grant money and the amount of money on the books because there may be decreases coming from the State. Also, Department Heads and Elected Officials should not be granting compensatory time if it cannot be used. Compensatory time cannot be cashed out at the end of the year. He would like of list of the employees that have compensatory time that expect to be cashed out. He stated we need to keep looking at expenses in the County and take a hard look at where we are.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input –
  - 5.1 Brenda Hirschi stated she was at the Finance Committee meeting yesterday and gathered that \$288,000 will be coming from a metal health fund to offset the general fund. She hasn't been able to get her questions answered. She would like to understand how the account came to have excess in it. Who wasn't served by this money? Were there people that needed help that weren't given help? Who is managing this account? She agrees that it is time to scrub all of these special accounts. Between now and next Tuesday she is hoping she is given the answers to these questions.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated she also has some concerns regarding the use of the funds in the special accounts.

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Cmmr. Sheldon stated he is confident the money can be used for general purposes but he has concerns that there are other funds with excess.

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 – May 25<sup>th</sup> briefing meeting minutes and June 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting minutes.

**Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to approve the May 25<sup>th</sup> briefing meeting minutes and June 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.**

8. Approval of Consent Agenda:
  - 8.1 Approval of the annual professional services contract between Mason County Juvenile Court Probation Services and Kerry Duke, Licensed Social Worker and certified Functional Family Therapist, for Functional Family Therapy services. Compensation for these services will not exceed \$2,325 per family and is funded through the State for the Expansion of Evidence-Based Practices.
  - 8.2 Approval of the Veterans Assistance Fund applications for: Robert D. Rietze - Utilities \$260.98 and food \$100.00; Gary L. Probert - Utilities \$234.59; Merrill J. Perkins - Housing \$335.69; Allan Brownawell - Utilities \$345.11; Greg VanSapp - Food \$50.00; Utilities \$117.54 for a total of \$1,443.91 as recommended by the Veterans Assistance Fund Screening Committee.
  - 8.3 Approval of the WestNET Interlocal Drug Task Force Agreement between Kitsap, Pierce and Mason Counties, and the cities of Bainbridge Island, Bremerton, Port Orchard, Poulsbo, Shelton, the Washington State Patrol and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. This agreement provides a formal organization to centralize supervision and enhance the efforts of the law enforcement agencies to combat controlled substance trafficking.
  - 8.4 Approval of the resolution authorizing a road closure on Grapeview Loop Road (County Road Number 96140) for an improvement and culvert installation project at approximate milepost 2.55 to milepost 2.60, from 8:00 a.m. Monday, July 27, 2009 to 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 18, 2009. **Resolution No. 49-09 (Exhibit A)**
  - 8.5 Approval of the resolution naming the Pickering Road Park N Ride (County Road No. 28855) and the Craig Road Park N Ride (County Road No. 12085). **Resolution No. 50-09 (Exhibit B)**
  - 8.6 Approval of the nomination of the Sunset Farm to the Mason County Historic Register as recommended by unanimous vote at a public hearing held by the Mason County Historic Preservation Commission.
  - 8.7 Approval of Warrants  
Claims Clearing Fund Warrant #s 158084-158458      \$645,194.69
  - 8.8 Approval to reconsider the cancellation of the July 14, 2009 Commission meeting. The Commission meeting will be held at the regularly scheduled time of 9:00 a.m. on July 14<sup>th</sup> in the Mason County Commission Chambers.

Cmmr. Gallagher asked about item 8.1. It lists \$2,325 per family, but it does not say how many families are being helped. He asked what the total amount of the contract is.

Bob Sauerlender, Deputy Administrator for Juvenile Court Services, stated the contract helps approximately 12 families. He can get the total amount if needed.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson commented on item 8.4. The road will be closed after the Water Fest. She thanked the Public Works department for working with the community.

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**Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher 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 to consider comment on declaring a .47 acre parcel of land as surplus that is located on State Highway 102, parcel #42003 41 60010, and selling the property to the State Patrol at a price of \$2,350.00.

Rick Brush, Property Manager, stated the County owns a small parcel of property on SR 102 that is less than ½ acre. It is adjacent to the Washington State Patrol Training Facilities. The State is in the process of acquiring neighboring property in order to expand their facilities and they have approached the County with an offer to purchase this small parcel. The property was originally acquired for the purpose of providing gravel to be used by Public Works. Public Works no longer has a use for the property and given its size and location, he does not see any other County purpose. He recommends that the property be declared surplus and be sold to the State.

Cmmr. Sheldon commented that the property was originally owned by Alvin Hofert. The Hofert family owned over 30,000 acres in Mason County at one time for Christmas Tree production.

There were no questions for staff.

Public Testimony

Tom Lindahl, Washington State Patrol, stated the Washington State Patrol Academy has been a part of the community since the late 1960's. They have operated the piece of property out on Dayton-Airport Road for that period of time. Thousands of cadets have gone through the program. Many people who work at the facility are residents of the community. The space they have is too small and they want to expand in a responsible way. They do firearms training and they are concerned about of the encroachment of nearby residents. They are in negotiations with the Hunter family for the purchase of over 100 acres to the west of the property, which will create of buffer from the firearms range. They found when the property was surveyed there was a little wedge that the County owns. They might use the area for signage or an entrance for the new expanded property. With the new property they can continue to be a good neighbor.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated it is a pleasure to have the Academy in Mason County.

**Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to adopt the resolution declaring a parcel of real property to be surplus to the needs of Mason County and approving the sale of the parcel to the State of Washington at the price of \$2,350.00. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.**  
**Resolution No. 51-09 (Exhibit C)**

10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials) –

- 10.1 Vicki Kirkpatrick, Public Health Director, presented two news releases. First, she announced that there has been a cocaine contamination in the state. Local users may be threatened with a serious health condition if they use contaminated cocaine.

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She also announced that calls from Mason County to the State's tobacco quit line have increased 130% since last year and Mason County's adult smoking rates have declined.

10.2 Bob Simmons, WSU Extension Director, announced upcoming 4-H fundraisers and events.

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 9:53 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Tim Sheldon, Chair

ATTEST:

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Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

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Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

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Ross Gallagher, Commissioner