

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

October 13, 2009

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – 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 Washington State Department of Health has reclassified a portion of Annas Bay commercial shellfish growing area from prohibited to approved.
 - 4.1.2 The National Association of Counties confirmed Ross Gallagher's appointment to the Finance and Intergovernmental Relations Steering Committee.
 - 4.1.3 Mike Wittenberg submitted comments regarding the St. Edward's Church building.
 - 4.2 Cmmr. Ring Erickson congratulated Commissioner Gallagher on his appointment to the National Association of Counties Finance and Intergovernmental Relations Steering Committee.
 - 4.3 Sheriff Casey Salibury read a news release announcing the passing of former Mason County Sheriff and Mason County Commissioner Bob Holter. Mr. Holter passed away on October 11, 2009 at the age of 73. A memorial service is planned for October 24, 2009.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input – There was no citizen input.
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 – briefing meeting minutes for September 14, September 21 and September 28, 2009.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted a correction to the briefing minutes of September 28, 2009. The last page states "The Board announced they would be sending a letter to the Port announcing the termination". What was announced at the meeting was that the Board would be voting on sending a letter to the Port of Shelton announcing the termination.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to approve the briefing meeting minutes for September 14, September 21 and September 28, 2009 with the noted correction to the September 28, 2009 briefing minutes. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.

8. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - 8.1 Approval of the agreement for the Mason County Recreation Area (MCRA) attendant with Rory McCracken. The attendant lives on-site and this is a two-year contract.
 - 8.2 Approval for the Chair to sign a contract with the Washington State Department of Corrections to provide inmate labor for Mason County Parks and Trails Department through July 31, 2015. Cost to Mason County is \$1.50 per offender/per hour and \$.55 cents per mile/per day or the current state of Washington mileage reimbursement rate for transporting offenders to and from the work site.
 - 8.3 Approval of contract #G1000278 between Mason County and the Department of Ecology to provide \$303,702 for water quality monitoring, septic records research and the scanning of

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those documents into a database. The match requirement is \$101,235 over a 3 ½ year cycle and is budgeted in 2010.

- 8.4 Approval to set a public hearing on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. to consider the franchise agreement between Mason County and Aquarius Utilities, LLC.
- 8.5 Approval to set a public hearing on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. to consider the Master Road Use Permit between Mason County and Mason County Department of Utilities and Waste Management.
- 8.6 Approval to amend the scope and fee schedule for the Consultant Services Agreement with Gray and Osborne to update the Hartstene Pointe Water System Plan for an amount not to exceed \$9,213.69.
- 8.7 Approval for Public Works to select and enter into an agreement with a consultant from the Professional Services Roster to design the water system for the new Public Works Facility.
- 8.8 Approval to set a public hearing on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. to consider the adoption of the Belfair Future Roads Map into the Belfair Sub Area Plan.
- 8.9 Approval to set a public hearing on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. to consider adopting zoning for properties previously and incorrectly determined to be part of the Olympic National Forest.
- 8.10 Approval to set a public hearing on November 3, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. to take public comment on the transfer of the Hartstene Pointe Water and Sewer system assets to the Hartstene Pointe Water and Sewer District.
- 8.11 Approval of the Veterans Assistance Fund applications for: Larry M. Tunno - Utilities \$165.07 as recommended by the Veterans Assistance Fund Screening Committee.
- 8.12 Approval to award the Belfair Wastewater Conveyance Project to Ceccanti Inc. of Puyallup, WA for \$10,634,495.00 plus sales tax and to authorize the Chair to sign all documents related to this award.

Brenda Hirschi had questions regarding items 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3.

Sandy Tarzwell had questions regarding item 8.7.

Cmmr. Sheldon commented on item 8.12. The ribbon cutting took place yesterday and the contracts have been approved for other parts of the project. This will be something very special for Belfair.

Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve Consent items 8.4, 8.5, 8.6 and items 8.8 through 8.12. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.

Ms. Hirschi asked the cost for item 8.1 and if it is budgeted.

John Keates answered that there is no cost because there is no salary paid. The caretaker acts as site security and in turn they get the rental of an apartment and utilities.

Ms. Hirschi asked how item 8.2 would impact the 2010 budget.

Mr. Keates responded that the corrections people are being used on an experimental basis. If it works well they will be used more in 2011. It is currently pretty low scale, so the affect on the budget would be minimal. The total cost would be \$200-\$300 for the year.

Ms. Hirschi asked if the match for item 8.3 would be coming from the Current Expense Fund.

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Vicki Kirkpatrick responded that about 30% of the match will come from Current Expense and the balance will come from operation and maintenance fees and the onsite septic management plan grant. The grant also addresses a statutory mandate for counties that requires counties to create a database of all septic systems. It will allow the department to eventually post the database online so citizens will be able to get their septic records online.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked about the wording of the contract. He asked if the grant were for \$250,000 or less would it still have to be matched with cash.

Debbie Riley replied that if the grant were for \$250,000 or less they would be able to use volunteer hours. However, the grant is over \$250,000 so it is all cash.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked if .09 monies are being used for match.

Ms. Riley answered that .09 money is not being used for match, however it is being used to purchase half of the equipment for the scanning task. It is not actual match, it is for the purchase of equipment and software.

Ms. Tarzwell asked for more detail about the project in item 8.7.

Charlie Butros explained that when the systems were designed for the facility the City's utilities design hadn't been completed. The intent has always been to tie into City sewer and reclaim the water. They ended up designing a system that would be adequate on an interim basis and waiting until the City's system was close enough to completion to tie into their sewer and reclaimed water. The water system in item 8.7 would be the permanent connection to the City's system. The existing distribution system in the facility will remain the same, but the connection to the supply will change. The connection to the City will probably take place in the next year.

Ms. Tarzwell asked if this would have an impact on the 2010 budget.

Mr. Butros answered that it would and it is already included in the budget. He doesn't remember the exact amount.

Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve Consent items 8.1, 8.2, 8.3 and 8.7. 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 a supplemental appropriation to the 2009 budget for the Abatement Repair and Demolition Fund in the amount of \$81,500; to the WSU Extension/Noxious Weed Program Fund in the amount of \$17,500; and to the WSU Extension in the amount of \$20,000.

Barbara Adkins, Department of Community Development Co-Manager, stated this is a supplemental appropriation for the 2009 budget and there are three funds combined into the order. Bob Simmons will discuss the WSU Extension funds. The fund she is discussing is the Abatement Repair and Demolition fund. The request is to revise that fund's budget by increasing it \$81,500. A month ago the fund was revised to allow the Department of Community Development to have more flexibility on how the money is spent to include staff time. What is being asked for at this point is to amend the budget so the 2009 budget for the fund reflects the actual amount of money in the fund. The 2009 budget shows \$192,700 and the unencumbered amount to date is \$181,558. The actual cash on hand in

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is \$251,598. The appropriation being asked for is \$81,500, which would bring the cash balance to \$263,000. She would like to change the budget to reflect the money that is actually in the account.

Questions for Staff

Sandy Tarzwell asked for clarification.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated that the Abatement Repair and Demolition fund is funded through fines and fees and the Board took action to allow the use of these funds to reimburse personnel.

Ms. Adkins clarified that the department was given the ability to do that, but they have not transferred any money at this time. This is a follow up to that action because they do have the ability to reimburse for personnel and it was discussed that \$45,000 would be the minimum in the account. The remaining balance of \$207,000 would then be available to transfer. They cannot transfer the \$207,000 because that amount of money isn't reflected in the budget for the account. Even though there is \$251,000 in the account, the budget says there is \$181,558. The budget needs to be amended to reflect the actual amount so it can be transferred out.

Annette McGee asked if this is just a transfer not a supplemental appropriation.

Ms. Adkins responded that nothing is being transferred at this point. The fund's balance is just being changed because there is revenue that is not being reflected.

Ms. McGee stated that this is not a supplemental appropriation.

Ms. Adkins replied this is the procedure she was following because it is considered unanticipated revenue.

Ms. McGee commented that a budget could only be supplemented with unanticipated funds or for an emergency.

Cmmr. Sheldon clarified that the fund has collected money over a number of years and this is the accounting detail that adjusts the budget so it can be transferred.

Brenda Hirschi asked if the point is to get the budget changed so that money can be transferred out to DCD.

Ms. Adkins answered yes, they are just trying to get the fund balance to reflect the cash on hand.

Ms. Hirschi asked how much will be left after \$200,000 is transferred.

Ms. Adkins stated that when they decide to transfer money they would leave at least \$45,000 in the account.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked how much of the money in the fund would be transferred to the department.

Ms. Adkins responded that the amount hasn't been determined. It would be a maximum of \$207,000, but that much may not need to be transferred.

Ms. Hirschi stated that when the 2009 budget was put together there was \$192,7000 budgeted. She asked what happened to add the \$81,500.

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Ms. Adkins replied that it wasn't an unexpected event, she doesn't know exactly where it all came from.

Ms. Hirschi asked if this \$81,500 was not anticipated to be additional revenue.

Ms. Adkins answered that is apparently what happened, she doesn't do the revenue projections.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted that it would be better to see this in some columns with some history. It will be difficult to vote on this without more information.

Ms. McGee asked if this is a separate budget from Current Expense.

Cmmr. Sheldon responded that this is to move the money into Current Expense.

Public Testimony

Brenda Hirschi commented that it is a key point that these revenues aren't being estimated correctly. There was \$192,000 budgeted for revenue in 2009. Another \$81,500 is a large amount. Her concern is that Community Development needs systems in place to ensure that revenues will exceed expenditures. The Board has already agreed that they can take the money. She is not getting the impression that controls are in place to anticipate revenues and expenditures. There should have been an immediate answer as to why there are additional revenues. There is more work that needs to be done before the 2010 budget can be approved by the Board. The citizens need more insurance that there are controls that have been put in place.

Mark Core, Department of Community Development, addressed the additional monies in the Abatement fund. When the budget was set for 2009 this was an anticipated amount based on the amount of previous enforcement actions. In the last year the department received numerous citizen complaints that resulted in enforcement beyond what was anticipated. The economic downturn may explain why there are additional enforcement actions. Due to lack of money, some people have chosen to build without permits and more people are calling to complain, which has resulted in more enforcement and money in the fund. When the budget is set it is the best anticipated guess based on the past. In the last year there has just been more enforcement cases.

Annette McGee stated that if this money isn't needed in 2009 it could just be put in the 2010 budget.

WSU Extension

Bob Simmons, WSU Mason County Extension, stated the appropriation is from unanticipated revenue from the US Forest Service, which is stimulus money that will allow the department to do noxious weed control for National Forest Lands and County lands adjacent to those forest lands. The department is receiving more than this, but this is the portion to be used for 2009. He would like to amend the budget to reflect that revenue coming in. The Extension office is also receiving unanticipated funding through the Department of Ecology. There are two separate grants to Public Works and the Mason Conservation District funded through the Department of Ecology. Those departments have decided to contract with WSU Extension to do the education and outreach on stormwater management and water quality work. It was not anticipated this year and it will be at no cost to the general fund.

Questions for Staff

Ms. Tarzwell asked for clarification on the second appropriation.

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Mr. Simmons explained they are grants that the Department of Public Works and the Mason Conservation District received from the Department of Ecology and they have chosen to contract with WSU Extension to do the educational elements of the programs.

There was no public testimony.

Cmmr. Gallagher moved to approve the supplemental appropriation to the 2009 budget for the Abatement Repair and Demolition Fund in the amount of \$81,500; to the WSU Extension/Noxious Weed Program Fund in the amount of \$17,500; and to the WSU Extension in the amount of \$20,000.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked if Commissioner Gallagher would divide the question and consider the appropriations separately for clarification.

Cmmr. Gallagher withdrew his motion

Cmmr. Gallagher moved to approve the supplemental appropriation to the 2009 budget for the Abatement Repair and Demolition Fund in the amount of \$81,500.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked for clarification. The documents say this is a transfer out to Current Expense. She would like to know if this is a transfer from the Abatement Fund into Community Development for operations, not unanticipated revenue.

Ms. Adkins clarified that this action is just to revise the budget. No money is being transferred. It is just adjusting the budget to reflect the actual amount in the fund.

The motion died due to a lack of a second.

Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve the supplemental appropriation to the WSU Extension/Noxious Weed Program Fund in the amount of \$17,500; and to the WSU Extension in the amount of \$20,000. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye. Budget Order (Exhibit A)

9.2 Public hearing to consider amending the Mason County Parks and Trails Department Fee Schedule to include boat launch fees.

John Keates, Park Director, stated this public hearing is to consider the possibility of instituting boat launch fees at three boat launches: Union Boat Launch, Latimers Landing and Mason Lake County Park. County Park staff and The Parks Advisory Board are recommending the implementation of boat launch fees for these launches on January 1, 2010. Historically, boat launch users have not been charged to launch their boats at County facilities. The proposed fees will be used to offset operations and maintenance and to replace port-a-potties at the sites. The recommended fees for commercial users are \$15 per day, \$75 per month or \$700 per year. Recreational users would be charged \$7 per day or an annual fee of \$75. He arrived at these fees by looking at current boat launch fees in place at other counties' facilities. This is not something he really wants to do, but it would be beneficial in order to return valuable services back to the public. The biggest benefit would be to put sanitary facilities back these sites.

Questions for Staff

Cmmr. Gallagher asked how the fees would be collected.

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Mr. Keates answered that iron rangers have already been installed at the facilities. An iron ranger is a device that the money goes in and there would be envelopes that users would put their vehicle number on. The department would also issue yearly passes.

Cmmr. Gallagher asked how a vehicle would be identified as paid.

Mr. Keates responded that there would be a receipt that would be attached to the dashboard.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked if there is any penalty for someone who doesn't pay.

Mr. Keates answered that the user would just be left a note asking them to pay.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated that the State Parks tried to implement a \$5 fee and it was widely unpopular. They collected about 6 million dollars and it cost about 4 million to do the collection. They also had a lot of other problems with collecting. He asked if more people would just go to the boat launches that don't charge.

Mr. Keates stated the system they are proposing isn't perfect and it is possible that people will go to a different launch. State launches do charge and it is likely that more and more launches will be charging in the future.

Sandy Tarzwell asked if people are asking for the portable toilets back and stated she would like clarification on the fee amounts.

Mr. Keates replied that people are asking for the toilets back. There is a \$15 per day fee for commercial users and a \$7 fee for recreational users.

Lisa Frazier noted that the fees would need to be collected every 24 hours per RCW.

Tom Moore asked if any portion of these fees would be used to augment weed control at Mason Lake.

Mr. Keates answered that the fees would not be used for weed control at this point.

Bob Simmons asked there are any County boat launches that would not be included in the proposal.

Mr. Keates responded that there are boat launches such as Jacoby Park and Shorecrest that he is not recommending fees for.

Mr. Simmons stated it is his understanding that it is illegal to charge separate fees for commercial and recreational users. He asked if that has been researched.

Mr. Keates stated the only thing he has heard is you cannot charge people based on where they live, but you can charge for different types of uses.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked if tribal fishers could be charged.

Mr. Keates answered that he didn't know.

Annette McGee asked if the facilities to collect the money have already been installed.

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Mr. Keates responded that the iron rangers were put in earlier in the year. They were free of charge and they were installed to collect donations.

Ms. Tarzwell asked if there was an estimate of what has been collected so far from donations and what is expected to be collected from the proposed fees.

Mr. Keates answered that they have collected about \$300 to date from donations and they expect to collect between \$10,000-\$15,000 annually from fees.

Greg Skinner asked if Mr. Keates has already talked with the regular commercial users of the facilities regarding the proposed fees.

Mr. Keates responded that he has talked with Taylor Shellfish and Seattle Shellfish.

Brenda Hirschi asked what the cost of collection and administration would be.

Mr. Keates replied that it would cost about \$1,000-\$2,000 annually.

Ms. Hirschi asked if the procedures and internal controls have been developed for this.

Mr. Keates answered that those have already been put in place with the other fees the department collects.

Mr. Simmons asked if there has been a survey of what other facilities in the county charge.

Mr. Keates stated he primarily talked to the State Parks. He has not talked to the Ports.

Public Testimony

Port of Grapeview Commissioner Bob Allen stated they too are being asked to look into this. The cost of maintaining the system is prohibitive for a one launch facility. Other Ports are having difficulties collecting the fees. There is no enforcement and there are people who steal. It is his understanding that you cannot charge a higher rate for commercial users. The problem is that the locals do not want to pay and they want to charge out of towners, which is illegal. The Port of Allyn has a security unit that collects fees on a daily basis and they have yet to break even. The recreation office wants to charge for facilities to help defray costs. Their facilities are now coming directly out of taxpayer's dollars. If the County were to move ahead with this he hopes it is consistent with the rest of the facilities that are charging. The fees should be similar so there is balance in the community.

Peter Ridel commented that he lives on Mason Lake and it bothers him that this would make it so the lake wouldn't be available for everyone. Younger families and fishermen do not have money. A fee would prohibit people from enjoying the lake.

Sandy Tarzwell stated it seems there are still some questions remaining and there needs to be more research before this moves forward. Continuing a donation box may be a better way to go about this. If the majority of the usage is the commercial sector they already have the means of getting around the lack of port-a-potty facilities. She questions the \$7 fee based on what is being charged at other facilities in the area. She carries little cash and would be surprised to go out to a facility and have to pay. This will limit the local users that are strapped for cash.

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Cmmr. Sheldon commented that he thinks this needs a lot more work. Small business people would need to put out \$700 upfront to get into the water. Many of these people are not from large companies. In his experience with the State it was a big expense to collect the money. Most of these ramps were already paid for with taxpayer's dollars and it wouldn't be fair to collect fees on top of that.

Cmmr. Gallagher noted that Mr. Allen brought up some good points. He was out at Latimer's Landing a while back and the commercial users did take up a lot of time. Mr. Keates tends to research things pretty well, but he would like to revisit this to consider more options.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson would like to see more research on enforcement and she would like more comments from the public. She has no problem with the voluntary donations.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted it is important to check with the tribes as well.

Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to continue the hearing to consider amending the Mason County Parks and Trails Department Fee Schedule to include boat launch fees to November 24, 2009. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.

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

10.1 Charlie Butros announced that the weight restrictions have been lifted on the North Shore Road and this concludes the work on that road.

10.2 Sheriff Salisbury announced that they have raised funds for a K-9 tracking unit. The goal is two dogs over a two to three year period. He also announced that the Sheriff's office has entered into a corporate sponsorship with Safeway in Belfair. It is not a full time office and it is also available to other local law enforcement agencies. They really appreciate the contribution.

10.3 Vicki Kirkpatrick read a news release regarding the H1N1 vaccine. A small amount of vaccine will be available next week. Vaccine will be made available to the target groups first.

10.4 Cmmr. Sheldon asked for an update regarding the Request for Proposals for consultant services for budget forecasting.

TJ Martin responded that the Request for Proposals was published and there are currently three applicants that are being checked to be sure they meet minimum requirements. As soon as the minimum requirements are confirmed they will be presented to the Board for review.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked about unemployment insurance. He would like to know if there are any projections on what elected officials and department heads should be budgeting for unemployment costs for 2010.

Mr. Martin answered that he has worked with the Assessor's office to compile a range of options for the department heads and elected officials. The rainy day unemployment fund is set to be depleted by the end of this year because of a large number of displacements. The projections he came up with range from a very conservative scenario of 10 employees being displaced, up to a worst case scenario of 40 to 50 employees. He went with the number of 40 to 50 displacements, which is similar to what occurred in 2009. The maximum amount would be \$1,899 per employee that each department would need to factor into their budgets.

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He presented the Board with a copy of the unemployment fund options. Based on the Board's recommendation in July, he went with the maximum amount to be on the safe side. There is no guarantee that things will improve with the economy and it is better to be cautious so there is adequate unemployment funding. This is only a recommendation. He doesn't have a budget background so he has worked with the Assessor on this.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson clarified that Mr. Martin worked with the Auditor's office on these projections.

Cmmr. Sheldon commented that the County is not self insured, so it does not bear the total burden of this. There are 13 other counties in the pool.

Mr. Martin noted that if the County were to be self insured there would need to be a large reserve and a third party administrator.

An audience member asked when the RFP position would be filled and what the person would do.

Mr. Martin answered that he hopes to fill position as soon as possible. The position would be responsible for assisting the Board on budget projections for 2010.

Judge Sheldon asked for clarification regarding pooling with other counties for employment security.

Mr. Martin responded that rather than being a self insured entity, the County pools with other municipalities to keep costs as low as possible.

Bob Sauerlender stated that the projection of 40 to 50 layoffs would represent a 2.5 million dollar reduction in salaries for the County. He asked if that reduction is reasonable and how it was projected. He is concerned that budgeting for that type of unemployment would create the layoffs that are feared.

Mr. Martin replied that a lot of the projections are predicated on how much money is coming into the County. The projection he put forward is the worst case scenario. He hopes the economy bounces back because the County can't afford to lay more people off with the way unemployment costs are now.

Judge Sheldon commented that the estimated number of layoffs in Mr. Martin's analysis is from July 2009 through June 2010. She asked if it is expected that there will be another round of cuts after June 2010. She would like to know why the whole year wasn't budgeted at the same time.

Mr. Martin answered that it was to be a snapshot of what is being paid on a quarterly basis over a four quarter period. It isn't a calendar year calculation.

Judge Sheldon stated the time period selected has passed. She asked the exact number of layoffs since these numbers have been put together.

Mr. Martin responded that there have been approximately 5 or 6 layoffs thus far. He can get the exact numbers. He recommended that the Commissioners prepare for the worst so there is an adequate reserve.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked what the employee count currently is.

Mr. Martin responded that there are currently 349 employees.

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Cmmr. Sheldon commented that it is difficult to make these estimates because the departments and elected officials would need to layoff people in order to cover the estimated unemployment costs. It will take time to see if individual's unemployment benefits have expired and if there will be a possibility for Federal extensions. Fulfilling the RFP will be essential to getting solid numbers.

Mr. Martin agreed and noted he is not a financial expert so he has worked with the Auditor to put together the best numbers he could.

Vicki Kirkpatrick stated that she believe her department's 2010 budget proposal already includes the higher unemployment amounts.

Cmmr. Sheldon responded that some departments have already done this and some are holding off.

Mr. Martin noted that medical premiums are actually at an 8% increase not 11% as he mentioned in his briefing.

10.5 Consider setting a public hearing to reconsider the Mason County Garbage and Recycling program.

Cmmr. Sheldon commented that he has had several constituents call to express concerns about the mandatory recycling program. He thinks the one size fits all program hasn't worked as well as it might. He would like to hear the public's concerns and see if alterations can be made to accommodate the citizens.

Cmmr. Gallagher stated he would like to review the program since it has gone through a cycle. It wouldn't necessarily be a hearing because a hearing calls for action and he doesn't want to see any action. He would like a report from the Utilities department and Mr. Fredrickson on how the program is working and how they might be able to answer the needs of the senior citizens.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted she would like to see a workshop format where people have the chance to ask questions and make comments.

Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to hold a public workshop to review the Mason County recycling program, date to be determined. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.

10.6 Mike Rutter reported on an emergency at the jail. The hot water boiler has lost control of temperature. The boiler supplies hot water to the inmates, the laundry and the kitchen. Proper temperature is being maintained to the dishwasher, per health regulations. Under Mason County Code 3.48.010 there is an emergency purchase of equipment. The new equipment would have a higher energy rating and better longevity.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked if this would be on a future consent agenda.

Mr. Rutter stated he would put it on next week's consent agenda.

10.7 Judge Sheldon commented that there have been 3 fires outside of the modular courtroom over the summer. Whatever assistance she could get would be appreciated. She also wanted to discuss the unemployment compensation issue. She urges the Board to have continued discussions on the issue. There needs to be an expert to report on the issue. Her budget is impacted by 12 times the amount of 2009. In order to absorb the cost she would need layoffs. It is the most important issue to her budgeting. There are two options for the County. The County can go into a pool or

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make payments in lieu of contributions. In the second option the County would be billed and be reimbursed. She hasn't seen any indication that the County has pooled with anyone. Of these two options the County can change every year. It should be an ongoing process. Rather than planing for layoffs the County should plan not to layoff at all.

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 11:12 a.m.

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MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Tim Sheldon, Chair

ATTEST:

Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

Ross Gallagher, Commissioner