

## BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

October 20, 2009

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Frank Kenny 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 Liquor Control Board sent notice of a new liquor license application for Seabeck Pizza in Belfair and notice of establishments with liquor licensees due to expire on January 31, 2010.
    - 4.1.2 Rhoda Pykonen and the Group to Save Saint Edwards Building are asking the County to stop the demolition of the Saint Edwards Church Building.
    - 4.1.3 The Lower Hood Canal Watershed Coalition wrote concerning Mason County Environmental Health's plan to proceed with two grants in relation to the North Shore of Hood Canal.
    - 4.1.4 Washington State Dept. of Ecology submitted grant Amendment No. 2 to the Washington State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Loan No. L0800017 for the Belfair Water Reclamation Facility Design Project
    - 4.1.5 Letters were received from John E. Woodring and Darin Barry regarding locating recreational park trailers on water ward property that is part of Robin Hood Village.
    - 4.1.6 The Mason County Housing Coalition wrote in support of the request by Habitat for Humanity of Mason County to purchase three surplus lots from the County.
    - 4.1.7 The Davis Family Association wrote concerning their request for Open Space application.
    - 4.1.8 The Evergreen Forest County Group submitted a Memorandum of Agreement in support of the Group's ongoing efforts to Sustain Rural Schools (SRS) Funds and increased Payment In Lieu of Taxes to participating counties.
    - 4.1.9 Several individuals submitted letters asking that state road money levy be shifted with a higher amount of dollars going to the general fund; to set more public hearings for the 2010 budget; and the mandated offices be held at current or higher level of staffing.
    - 4.1.10 The League of Women Voters of Mason County thanked the Commissioners for scheduling time on October 5th & 6th for public comment and questions on the proposed 2010 budget.
  - 4.2 Staff Recognition – Sheriff's Office. The Board and Sheriff Salisbury recognized Irene Moffatt for her 31 years of service to Mason County.
  - 4.3 Proclamation – United Way. Jeannie Gruber read a proclamation declaring October 2009 as United Way Month in Mason County.
  - 4.4 Staff Introduction – WSU Extension Office. Bob Simmons introduced two Americorp members, Cameron Demster and Erin Caldwell, who will be providing support for 4-H after school programs.
  - 4.5 News Release – Public Health. Vicki Kirkpatrick read a news release announcing that Mason County Environmental Health Manager, Debbie Riley, has received a scholarship to attend a National Environmental Public Health Conference in Atlanta, GA.
  - 4.6 Commissioner Ring Erickson read a news release announcing that Taylor Shellfish and Seattle Shellfish have provided a sponsorship to pay for portable toilets at Latimers Landing and Union Boat Ramp.

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5. Open Forum for Citizen Input –
  - 5.1 Frank Kenny, North Mason Chamber, thanked the Board for the Belfair Wastewater Reclamation facility project and gave an update on local tourism.
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 October 6, 2009.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted a correction to the minutes. On page 5 it reads, "Commissioner Sheldon responded that the insurance costs approximately \$100,000". He clarified that he thought it costs approximately \$100,000, however it costs approximately \$14,000. He would like the actual cost of the insurance added to the minutes.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted that it should be clear that the actual amount was added to the minutes after the fact.

**Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes for October 6, 2009 with potential corrections. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.**

8. Approval of Consent Agenda:
  - 8.1 Approvals for Public Works to advertise, interview, and hire an engineering and construction manager for Mason County Department of Public Works. This is a vacant position.
  - 8.2 Approval for the Public Works Director to advertise, interview, and hire a Stormwater Coordinator. This is funded through the Ecology Stormwater Management Implementation Grant Program FY2008 (Grant No. G0800631) and is a temporary position that will end June 30, 2011, or sooner, depending on funding status.
  - 8.3 Approval of the Veterans Assistance Fund applications for: Walter Diebold - Food \$100.00 and Dale Carrell - Utilities \$53.06 for a total of \$153.06 as recommended by the Veterans Assistance Fund Screening Committee.
  - 8.4 Approval for the Equipment Rental & Revolving Manager to request proposals to expand the telephone system at the Public Works facility. Proposals are required by November 20, 2009 at 11:00 am. The estimated cost is \$17,000 plus tax.
  - ~~8.5 Approval of the professional services contract between Mason County Public Health and Mason County Public Hospital District No. 1 to provide H1N1 vaccinations to people who are uninsured and do not have the ability to pay. This contract will be paid by the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Response Influenza Grant. REMOVED~~
  - 8.6 Approval of the professional services contract between Mason County Public Health and Professional Health Care LLC to operate H1N1 influenza community vaccination clinics to meet the mandate of the Federal Pan Flu Funding. This contract will be paid by the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Response Influenza Grant.
  - 8.7 Approval for the emergency replacement of the hot water boiler in the Mason County Jail. Replacement cost is \$17,000 from the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET 1) fund to Stout Plumbing.

Betty Widing asked that items 8.4 and 8.7 be removed for further discussion.

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Ms. Widing commented that item 8.4 is an expansion of a phone system for a total of \$17,000. That is a great deal of money and she would like to know if it is really necessary. That money could be applied to cover nearly half of a deputy's salary and she believes safety should be a primary priority.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated that he didn't believe this particular fund could be used for deputies' salaries. He asked Charlie Butros to elaborate.

Mr. Butros clarified that the funding is limited to a specific application. Equipment and systems were relocated to the new Public Works building and this was a system that was used for Emergency Management. It has a limited capacity and it needs to be expanded to provide response in the event of a declared emergency. If there is a declared emergency they need to accommodate State and Federal emergency workers. At this point the capacity of the system doesn't have the capability to provide those services.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted that while this money couldn't be used for deputies, it is in fact being used for a public safety application.

Cmmr. Sheldon explained that this money is coming from the Equipment Repair and Revolving Fund. Those monies can only be used for equipment, not for salaries.

Ms. Widing commented that it is important for citizens to understand where the money comes from and why it can only be spent on certain things. In these times the citizens want to make sure their families are safe and they deserve to know the laws and rules that apply to these funds.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated that the funding for item 8.7 comes from Real Estate Excise Tax. There are two funds for Real Estate Excise Tax and this fund comes from the sale of property. The seller pays 1.78% on all real estate transactions and the County gets a portion of that. That portion has to be spent on equipment.

Ms. Widing commented that it is sad that so many people can't afford hot water and the County is giving it to the people who have broken the law.

Mike Rutter stated that hot water is an essential function of the Mason County Jail. The Jail runs 24 hours a day and it is a health issue. It is used for the kitchen and showers for inmates and jail staff. The REET funds are designated for certain purposes. The fund is down now so he is not looking for new projects, but this is an emergency situation.

Sandy Tarzwell asked for clarification on item 8.1. She would like to know how long the position has been vacant.

Mr. Butros answered that the position has been vacant for 4 months.

Ms. Tarzwell asked if it is the intent to start the interview process this year and if it will impact the 2009 budget.

Mr. Butros responded that it will be advertised this year and it is a budgeted position that was vacated.

Ms. Tarzwell asked if someone has been filling in for the position in the interim.

Mr. Burtos stated that Bob Thuring, who is the County Engineer, and other staff have been picking up these tasks.

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Ms. Tarzwell asked if this would impact the 2010 budget.

Mr. Butros replied that it is budgeted in the 2010 budget.

Ms. Tarzwell asked what projects the construction manger would be working on.

Bob Thuring went over the projects the construction manager would be responsible for over the next few years.

Ms. Tarzwell asked what the salary is for the position and what the impact would be of not filing the position.

Mr. Butros stated that the position is range 35, but he didn't remember the range limits. He explained that this is one of the key positions in the organization. One set back the vacancy has created is that it has spread out the department's resources and staff has been taken away from their usual tasks. It has pushed back planning and design work for future projects.

**Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve Consent items 8.1 through 8.7, with the exception of item 8.5, which has been removed. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.**

9. 9:30 a.m. Public Hearings and Items Set for a Certain Time. – There were no public hearings scheduled.

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 10:01 a.m.

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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