

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

November 10, 2009

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Chuck Engel 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 Port of Shelton Commissioners responded to a letter they received on October 6, 2009 regarding the decision to terminate the Fairgrounds lease.
 - 4.1.2 Comcast announced that the final step in their network enhancement will take place from December 8, 2009 through December 10, 2009.
 - 4.1.3 Inland Telephone Company is seeking renewal of their franchise agreement with Mason County.
 - 4.1.4 Eric Schallon is seeking appointment to the Parks and Trails Business Plan Development Task Force.
 - 4.1.5 The McLendons expressed concerns regarding Mason County Garbage's Recycling Program.
 - 4.1.6 Mason County Fire Protection District No. 11 submitted their 2010 budget.
 - 4.2 TJ Martin read aloud the US Census Bureau Employment news release announcing temporary, part-time employment opportunities for county residents for the 2010 Census.
 - 4.3 Sheriff Salisbury presented a 30 year award to Dave Sushak for his years of service in the Mason County Jail.
 - 4.4 Vicki Kirkpatrick read aloud a news release on an update of the H1N1 vaccine availability.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input –
 - 5.1 Beverly Godwin requested the Board to rescind the decision to terminate the fairgrounds lease. She requested the county stay in the lease to allow time for the citizens to develop a plan to continue the fair.
 - 5.2 Brenda Hirschi talked about the 2010 budget noting the 2010 budget hearing is less than a month away and she made the following comments: How will the union contract settlements be taken care of, what is the plan? The medical insurance changes are not in the budget and she believes if they are not included in the balanced budget, the budget will not be sustainable. The Parks Department has not sent in a balanced budget and the 2009 Parks revenues are not being realized and she wants to know what will be done. She also noted there have been no changes to the Budget & Finance budget.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated they are making some real progress on the budget. He agrees the union issues are outstanding, the deputy's settlement is with the arbitrator and they can't put numbers in the budget until the contracts are settled. He expressed concern about Parks and noted it was discussed at yesterday's budget workshop.
6. Adoption of Agenda - **Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to adopt the revised agenda. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.**
7. Approval of Minutes – Budget workshop minutes for October 5 & 6, 2009; regular meeting minutes for October 27 and November 3, 2009.

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Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to approve the budget workshop minutes for October 5 & 6, 2009; regular meeting minutes for October 27 and November 3, 2009 with the caveat that the budget workshop minutes are not verbatim and are a summary of what was said. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.

8. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- 8.1 Approval to set a public hearing on Monday, December 7, 2009 at 9 a.m. to consider the 2010 budget. Copies of the 2010 preliminary budget will be available to the public on November 23rd.
- 8.2 Approval to award \$34,000 to the Mason County Economic Development Council from the Rural County Sales & Use Tax Fund (.09) for 2010 funding for business retention, expansion, recruitment project and economic development planning, as allowed in RCW 82.14.370. This is the same amount as 2009.
- 8.3 Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Mason County and Mason County Transit for the development of the Belfair Park & Ride.
- 8.4 Approval of Amendment #19 to Consolidated Contract C14956 to increase the maximum consideration of the contract by \$254,195 to a total of \$2,243,137 for the Pandemic Flu Emergency Preparedness Response. These are reimbursement grants that require no match.
- 8.5 Approval of the grant agreement #GRT10222 with the Washington State Office of Public Defense (OPD) and Mason County for 2010 OPD funding in the amount of \$67,615. These funds will be split equally between Superior and District Courts.

Brenda Hirschi requested items 8.1 and 8.5 be removed for discussion.

Audience member requested item 8.3 be removed for discussion.

Item 8.1

Ms. Hirschi asked if the Commissioners will clear their calendar and allow enough time for all questions to be asked on December 7th.

Item 8.3

Audience member asked where the funding will come from for the park and ride.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated the county is working with Senator Murray and may receive stimulus money for a park and ride in Belfair. He believes this project has to do with stormwater.

Charlie Butros explained Public Works has a grant to retrofit stormwater projects. When they learned transit was looking for a park and ride in Belfair, a partnership was developed that saves money to develop a park and ride and provide stormwater retention. The sites have been identified and it is in negotiation. The stormwater funding is in place, the park and ride funding is through Mason County Transit.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated she is pleased the county is pursuing the partnership and this is an opportunity to maximize funding. A park and ride is needed in Belfair.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated Transit has worked hard on this and noted the ship yard is a big employer for Mason County residents and the park and ride is a great place for the employees to catch the bus.

Item 8.5 –

Ms. Hirschi asked if there is some urgency to this contract.

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Patsy Robinson, District Court, stated the contracts are due back today in order to receive funding and they were received just last week. This is an on-going contract and is for state money that is used for indigent defense.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to approve Consent items 8.1 through 8.5. 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 the franchise agreement between Mason County and Aquarius Utilities, LLC for a private water system.

Charlie Butros, Public Works Director, explained this is an existing standard franchise agreement for water utilities that utilizes the county right of way for distribution lines. This is in the vicinity of Gladwin Road, Larson Lake Road and the lower portion of Mission Creek Road.

Cmmr. Sheldon confirmed that the franchise agreement is basically a contract allowing the private utility to place their utility lines, according to certain standards, in county right of way.

Mr. Butros noted it also provides for protection if there is a failure of the utility line and there is damage to the roadway. The damages can then be collected from the owner.

There was no public testimony.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to approve and execute the franchise agreement between Mason County and Aquarius Utilities, LLC for a private water system. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.

9.2 Public hearing to consider the master road use permit between Mason County and Mason County Utilities and Waste Management for working in the County right-of-way to install, operate, and maintain their utilities.

Charlie Butros, Public Works Director, presented the staff report for the master road use permit for Mason County Utilities and Waste Management to allow for their water and sewer systems in the county right-of-way. This is for all of Mason County Utilities and Waste Management's utilities.

Questions from the public –

How long is the agreement and is it a renewal.

Mr. Butros answered it is a 10 year agreement that covers all of the county and is a new agreement.

There was no public testimony.

Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve and execute the master road use permit between Mason County and Mason County Utilities and Waste Management for working in the County right-of-way to install, operate, and maintain their utilities. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.

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

10.1 There was no other business brought forward.

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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 9:46 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