

## BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

January 26, 2010

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Charlie Butros 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 Brenda Hirschi submitted a list of questions for the January 26, 2010 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting.
    - 4.1.2 Thomas Bloomfield is seeking appointment to the Oakland Bay Clean Water District Advisory Committee.
    - 4.1.3 Christine Erica Marbet is seeking appointment to the Stormwater Implementation Task Force.
    - 4.1.4 Mason County Fire Protection District No. 8 appointed Crystal Stanley as their primary representative to the Mason County EMS Council and Darrell Stanley as their Secondary representative.
    - 4.1.5 The Belfair American Legion Post 200 requested permission to submit requests for assistance through the County Veterans Assistance Board.
    - 4.1.6 Ken VanBuskirk is seeking a letter of support for the State Route 3 widening project and the Belfair bypass.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input –
  - 5.1 Andrew Graham commented regarding the Board's calendar announcements. Several weeks ago he heard Commissioner Sheldon announce a meeting with the Grays Harbor Chamber of Commerce and he wondered if it had to do with County business. He understands that it is important for the Board to disclose all of their meetings even if they aren't County business. Last week Commissioner Ring Erickson announced that she would be paying the costs to travel to an out of state meeting with the Washington State Association of Counties. All of the Commissioners wear multiple hats and it is important to know which hat is being worn at any particular time. In the interest of transparency, he asks that when the Board announces their calendars they also announce which meetings aren't County business and who is paying for them.
  - 5.2 Brenda Hirschi commented that Commissioner Gallagher sat as Chair of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee today. On January 18<sup>th</sup> she hand delivered a list of questions and a summary of her analysis of the Lodging Tax applicants. She understood that the public wouldn't be allowed to ask questions or make comments at the Lodging Tax meeting. She wanted Commissioner Gallagher to do that on her behalf and it wasn't done. She doesn't understand how a citizen can get their voice heard and get their questions answered. Her questions weren't unreasonable. It appears that the Lodging Tax money is merely pass through tax dollars. Now that she understands how it works she will know how to operate in the future. She is very disappointed and she would like to know where in the process she will get answers to her questions.

Cmmr. Gallagher responded that his role on this Committee is to run the meeting. It is the Committee's meeting. Any questions should be brought up when the applications are submitted to the Board. When that time comes Ms. Hirschi can ask her questions.

**BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS**  
**January 26, 2010 - PAGE 2**

Ms. Hirschi provided examples of her questions that she doesn't believe would be answered in a Commission meeting. She doesn't believe this is a level playing field.

6. Adoption of Agenda - **Cmmr. Sheldon/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.**
7. Approval of Minutes – January 12 and 19, 2010 regular meeting minutes and January 11, 2010 briefing meeting minutes.

Cmmr. Gallagher noted spelling corrections to pages 1, 2 and 8 of the January 12, 2010 regular meeting minutes.

**Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve the January 12 and 19, 2010 regular meeting minutes and January 11, 2010 briefing meeting minutes with the noted corrections. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.**

8. Approval of Consent Agenda:
  - 8.1 Approval of the Veterans Assistance Fund applications for: Wesley F. Whitish – Housing \$400.00 & Utilities \$200.00; Kenneth Bopp – Utilities 299.26; Larry W. Kennedy – Housing \$600.00 for a total of \$1,499.26 as recommended by the Veterans Assistance Fund Screening Committee.
  - 8.2 Approval of Amendment #4 to the Interlocal Agreement between Mason County Public Health and Thurston County to continue Dr. Yu's services as Mason County's Health Officer. The maximum amount payable is \$51,145 and is budgeted.
  - 8.3 Approval of the Grant Agreement #G1000392 between Washington State Department of Ecology and Mason County for the Mason County Solid Waste Program. The grant provides funding up to \$56,959 for 18 months with a 25% match requirement of \$18,986. The match is provided by solid waste tipping fees. The grant amount and the match are budgeted.
  - 8.4 Approval of the agreement with the North Mason Little League (NMLL) to develop a batting cage facility and grass infield on field #6 at Sandhill Park. There will be no cost to the County for these improvements.
  - 8.5 Approval of the Centennial Clean Water Grant Agreement with the Department of Ecology (DOE) for the construction of the Belfair Wastewater Reclamation Project. The grant amount is \$904,850.
  - 8.6 Approval of the resolution approving an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Recovery Loan and Recovery Act Forgivable Principal offer from the Department of Ecology (DOE) for the construction of the Belfair Wastewater Reclamation Project. DOE has awarded the County a Recovery Act Loan of \$1,575,057 (Loan #L1000026). In addition, DOE has granted the County a Recovery Act Forgivable Principal Loan of \$4,316,829(Loan #L10S0026). Total proceeds from the Recovery Act are \$5,891,886. The loan part of the offer is at an interest rate of 2.8% and the repayment period is 20 years. **Resolution No. 05-10 (Exhibit A)**
  - 8.7 Approval of an agreement with Wessen & Associates, Inc to perform cultural resource monitoring and reporting for the Belfair Sewer project. The rate is \$85 per hour plus per diem and travel to the site and the total cost of this agreement shall not exceed \$10,000.

Cmmr. Sheldon had a question on item 8.6.

**BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS**  
**January 26, 2010 - PAGE 3**

Emmett Dobe explained that this is a formality. The grant was approved on December 22, 2009. The EPA and Department of Ecology have been under scrutiny from the Federal Government to make sure these funds are being used properly. A resolution needs to be passed to acknowledge these items.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked if the loan could be refinanced later on if the rates go down.

Tom Moore responded that it is possible, but unlikely.

Ms. Hirschi asked what the money would be used for in item 8.3

Debbie Riley explained that it is a two year grant and it is used for solid waste enforcement.

Cmmr. Gallagher had a question about item 8.7. He would like to know if it includes mileage and per diem.

Mr. Moore explained that monitoring is required at 5 stream crossings. The per diem and time that was anticipated should cost around \$5,000 to \$6,000. That doesn't include discovery so he set the maximum amount at \$10,000 in case any further analysis needs to take place.

Cmmr. Gallagher asked if this is standard practice.

Mr. Moore responded that this is required whenever Federal funds are used on projects of this nature. He doesn't anticipate any discovery. All of these streams are contained in culverts so previous activity has already taken place.

Mr. Dobe added that the costs are all grant eligible.

**Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve Consent items 8.1 through 8.7. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.**

9. 6:30 p.m. Public Hearings and Items Set for a Certain Time. – There were no public hearings scheduled.

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

10.1 Cmmr. Ring Erickson noticed a Boy Scout in attendance and asked him to introduce himself.

Ryan Taylor stated he is here working on environmental science and communications.

10.2 Charlie Butros announced that the Belfair-Tahuya Road and the Satsop-Coquillum Road were both reopened last Friday.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted that there has been an agreement with the State Department of Transportation regarding stormwater. She asked Mr. Butros to look into the matter and update the Board at a future meeting.

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 6:44 p.m.

**BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS**  
**January 26, 2010 - PAGE 4**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ross Gallagher, Chair

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Sheldon, Commissioner