

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

February 23, 2010

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Roslynn Reed 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 sent an order reclassifying a portion of the Spencer Cove commercial shellfish growing area from Prohibited and Unclassified to Approved.
 - 4.1.2 Maria Kim expressed support of a proposed motor sports park in Shelton.
 - 4.1.3 The Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging provided notice that a council member for Mason County's term has expired.
 - 4.1.4 Larry Julius is seeking appointment to the Stormwater Implementation Task Force.
 - 4.1.5 Sunny Richwald is seeking appointment to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.
 - 4.1.6 Michael Olsen is seeking appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission.
 - 4.1.7 Myrn Stewart is seeking appointment to the Noxious Weed Control Board.
 - 4.1.8 Harmony Hill Retreat Center thanked the Board for considering their Lodging Tax application, provided additional information regarding their event and noted that they do not support the petition being circulated regarding funding for their event.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input –
 - 5.1 Brenda Hirschi commented that last week she was called out of order when she attempted to question Ken Wilson. She perceived that Mr. Wilson was allowed to lecture her while she attempted to get answers to her questions about the distribution of Lodging Tax dollars. Her question that was left unanswered was how Harmony Hill was denied funding because their event is scheduled in the peak season. 5 other events that fall in the peak season were funded. The reason behind not funding Harmony Hill's Summerfest is inconsistent. Harmony Hill should be funded now and the LTAC decision process should be fixed for next year. She provided the Clerk of the Board with petitions signed by citizens in favor of funding Harmony Hill. She doesn't see fairness in this process because she believes it fundamentally flawed. There isn't a clear and consistent set of criteria for approving or denying a grant request. There also remains the appearance of a conflict of interest that hasn't been satisfactorily resolved. Commissioner Ring Erickson is a Board member of the Shelton-Mason Chamber of Commerce, yet she voted for the Chamber and the Joint Tourism Board to receive tourism dollars. 90% of the funds approved are going to the two Chambers and the Joint Tourism Board. She would like the Board to consider the process changes that Kitsap County has taken. The citizens deserve a process they can trust.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted that she does sit on the Shelton-Mason County Chamber Board but she recuses herself from all votes involving money and the Chamber Board minutes reflect that.
 - 5.2 Shane Anderson stated that his children are scared of meth heads robbing houses in the area. He has spoken with all of the Sherfff's deputies and they have all said that there aren't enough officers to curb this crime. He believes that the Board should spend the money to get more officers. He has never spoken to the Commission before but he will not let up until the Board does something about this. This problem is scaring people in the community. Taxes have gone way up and people still do not feel safe. This is organized crime. He noted that \$36,000 worth of property was stolen in the last two weeks including 14 guns.

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Commissioner Gallagher commented that WestNet is aware of what is going on. The Commissioners cannot tell the Sheriff where to go. It is the Sheriff's responsibility to work with WestNet to get these guys. He understands this is a big problem.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated that he has known Mr. Anderson for 20 years and he takes his comments seriously. He agrees that law enforcement needs to be beefed up with whatever it takes, which means making tough choices. The front counter may need to be cut, but he believes that is what the public is saying.

6. Adoption of Agenda - **Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.**
7. Approval of Minutes – briefing minutes for February 8, 2010, special meeting minutes for February 12, 2010, regular meeting minutes for February 16, 2010.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve the briefing minutes for February 8, 2010, special meeting minutes for February 12, 2010, regular meeting minutes for February 16, 2010. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.

8. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - 8.1 Approval to reappoint Gwen Gadberry to the Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council representing Mason County for a two year term ending December 31, 2011.
 - 8.2 Approval to sign the 2009 Oath of Inventory for Mason County machinery and equipment and to deliver this Oath of Inventory to the Mason County Auditor as required by RCW 36.32.210.
 - 8.3 Approval for the Public Works Director to advertise, interview and hire a Deputy Director/County Engineer to fill the position that will be vacated in September 2010.
 - 8.4 Approval to sign the Signature Authorization Form with the Washington State Military Department for the E911 contracts. This is to update the records showing that Cmmr. Gallagher is the Chair.
 - 8.5 Approval of agreement with Joy Smith for an amount of not to exceed \$1,200 for the Truman Glick Park Attendant for 2010.
 - 8.6 Approval to award a contract for asphalt work at Mason County Recreation Area (MCRA) to Jimini Construction L.L. C. in an amount not to exceed \$8,130.00. Funding for this project is from REET II Capital Funds.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve Consent items 8.1 through 8.6. 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 Vicki Kirkpatrick, Public Health, read a news release regarding the Health Department's message for this month: "It's not too late to vaccinate". She explained that vaccination is the best protection against H1N1 and seasonal flu.
 - 10.2 Cmmr. Ring Erickson commented that Harmony Hill called her and told her they did not want a petition done on their behalf and provided her with more information on their event. She asked Commissioner Gallagher to discuss the letter that they sent at the next Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting.

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She also noted that she has begun a list of questions that she has received from people in her district regarding the ADAGE project. Many of the questions will be answered through the permit process but the list is a good place for the community discussion to start.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted that the permit process for ADAGE would begin in March. He will pass the list of questions on to Mr. Torrens.

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 6:33 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Ross Gallagher, Chair

ATTEST:

Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

Absent 2/23/2010

Tim Sheldon, Commissioner