

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

June 22, 2010

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Carol Fletcher 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 Olympic Region Clean Air Agency sent Mason County's per capita assessment for 2011.
 - 4.1.2 Ned Kjeldgaard is seeking appointment to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.
 - 4.1.3 Kathleen Kleist is seeking appointment to the Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging.
 - 4.1.4 Elena Pettitt expressed concerns regarding affordable housing in Mason County.
 - 4.1.5 George Vocke, Mildred Warnaca, Joe Carney, Dorothy Peterson and Barbara Johnson expressed concerns regarding the proposed Adage project

Cmmr. Ring Erickson requested that a letter be sent to Mr. Kjeldgaard asking him to clarify any conflicts of interest associated with the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.
 - 4.2 News Release - Parks and Recreation Month – 2010. John Keates, Parks Director, read the news release announcing that the County and City Parks departments will be hosting an event on July 29, 2010 to celebrate Parks and Recreation Month.
 - 4.3 News Release – Historic Preservation Commission Vacancy. Michael MacSems, Planner, read a news release announcing that the Historic Preservation Commission is seeking to fill a vacancy.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input –
 - 5.1 Jay Hupp, Port of Shelton, stated that the Port just finished up with a workshop, which was very contentious. They discussed the proposal of an advisory ballot on Adage and a possible survey was suggested. The Port hasn't made a decision on the issue. He wanted to let the Board know that Jack Miles does not speak for the Port Commission.
 - 5.2 Karen King presented a document to the Board regarding a health and safety issue at Lake Isabella Estates. She asked the Board to review it and get back to her.
 - 5.3 Leah Balmer requested that the County put to ballot a vote on Adage. She thinks there are better means to efficient energy. She thinks the issue should be put to the people throughout the county and not just the Port. It's the elected officials responsibility to protect the citizens and she believes a vote is in the best interest of the community and the Commissioners. She doesn't think the Adage project is feasible or viable and it doesn't fit in Mason County.
 - 5.4 Jack Miles, Port of Shelton, stated he was asked by constituents to speak on their behalf and it is his duty as an elected representative to do that. It was requested that the Adage issue be placed on the November ballot. He encouraged the Board to reconsider their opinion so people in Mason County can have their voice heard on the issue.

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- 5.5 Fran Prescott commented that she is a new resident to the county and she was shocked that there is a solid haze of smoke over Oakland Bay. She looked into air pollution in the area. She ran a report from the Washington State Department of Ecology that shows that during the winter months of the last two quarters there was a good or moderate pollution rating for 1,986 hours. The other 2,356 hours in the study showed unhealthy, very unhealthy or hazardous air. She talked to the Dept of Ecology and ORCAA and they agreed that it was shocking that the air was that bad in the wintertime. She is concerned that there are three incinerators proposed in the area. It is a serious matter and a safe level of small particle pollution hasn't been determined. She provided the Board with a copy of her report.
- 5.6 Christine Hoyt stated that she is against Adage and is for a vote, not a survey, because it affects everyone in the county. She thanked Mr. Miles for speaking on behalf of others. She is disturbed that Mr. Hupp didn't want him to do his job.
- 5.7 Annette McGee commented that she couldn't believe Commissioner Gallagher used the word "wrangling" in the *Journal* when discussing the citizens addressing the Commissioners. She doesn't believe that she has ever brought up politics to the Board. Over the past few months she has addressed the Board regarding the St. Edward's Church building, the Fairgrounds, bid laws, the Sheriff's department, the budget, settling the bargaining units' contracts, the Auditor's responsibility for the budget, the Skok Valley bridges and Adage. She believes she has shown respect to Commissioner Gallagher. She thinks the citizens have been denied an opportunity to speak by the Chairperson. On May 11th Commissioner Gallagher didn't allow her to speak, which was taking official action. In the May 11th meeting minutes that official action was omitted, which she believes is breaking the State law.

Cmmr. Gallagher apologized for using the word wrangling. He stated that the issue with the minutes has been checked into. Ms. McGee was out of order because the time for open forum had passed. The Board had already moved on to the Consent Agenda when Ms. McGee wanted to speak.

Ms. McGee responded that the 15 minute time limit for citizen input was taken up by the Sheriff's union representative, which should have taken place at a later time in the agenda. She believes calling someone out of order is official action and should be reported in the minutes.

Cmmr. Sheldon commented on the proposed idea of a public vote on Adage. He thought a public vote would be ill advised. Setting a precedent by taking a public vote on a controversial company would be politicizing the process. There have been several potential companies that wanted to locate in Mason County that were very controversial that did not have a public vote. This needs to be an open process and it needs to go through the permitting process. This company has not submitted a SEPA document with the County yet. Things will be moved on in an orderly matter. He doesn't feel that it is appropriate to have a public vote on a company in this stage. The County should be open, look at all of the facts and use its representative form of government.

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 – June 14, 2010 briefing meeting minutes.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve the June 14, 2010 briefing meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.

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8. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- 8.1 Approval of the Veterans Assistance Fund applications for: Robert L Torpey – Housing \$551.85; Thomas Roberts Sr – Housing \$600.00; and Carl Christiansen – Housing \$525.00 and Utilities \$75.00; and Larry Tunno – Utilities - \$500.45 for a total of \$2,252.30 as recommended by the Veterans Assistance Fund Screening Committee.
- 8.2 Approval of the Washington State Department of Social & Health Services contract #1063-93589 for the continuation of the Early Intervention Program for \$39,080 through 6/30/2011. This is budgeted in the 2010 budget.
- 8.3 Approval of the Washington State Department of Social & Health Services contract #1063-93585 for continuation of the Early Family Support Services for \$17,484 through 6/30/2011. This is budgeted in the 2010 budget.
- 8.4 Approval of SMA Grant Agreement No. G1100004 between the Washington Department of Ecology and Mason County in the amount of \$650,000 for the Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update. There is no required match for this grant.
- 8.5 Approval to set a public hearing on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. to consider the Utility Franchise amendment between the City of Shelton and Mason County that would include water mains and appurtenance within the right-of-way of Johns Prairie Road.
- 8.6 Approval to accept the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner and grant the vacation of the right-of-way for a portion of Deer Creek Road, Vacation File No. 371, subject to the conditions contained in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner.
- 8.7 Approval to award a contract to SWCA Environmental Consultants in the amount not to exceed \$3,801 for completion of the Cultural Resources Survey for the Oakland Bay Park Project. Funding source for this project is from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant and REET II Funds.
- 8.8 Approval of the grant application from Mason County to the Washington State Office of Juvenile Justice that provides the Mason County Juvenile Court \$50,000 for the period between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. These grant dollars do not require a county match and are to fund continuation of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) programs within Mason County.

Ms. McGee asked if all of the monies in the Consent Agenda are in the budget.

Cmmr. Gallagher replied that most of the items are grants.

Bob Saulender explained the scope of the grant for item 8.8. He stated that it was included in the budget.

Barbara Adkins clarified that item 8.4 is not in the budget.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve Consent items 8.1 through 8.8. 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 Barbara Adkins, Department of Community Development, read a news release announcing that the Planning Advisory Commission is seeking to fill 3 positions.

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10.2 John Keates, Parks, thanked everyone that was at Foothills Park for the United Way Day of Caring event.

10.3 Charlie Butros, Public Works, announced the beginning of the work for chip seal and road striping, which will begin in July on dry weather days.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked Mr. Butros to discuss the culvert replacement on Harstine Island on North Island Road.

Mr. Butros explained that they have not set a date yet. It should be sometime in July and they anticipate a 4-6 week road closure.

10.4 Bob Simmons, WSU Extension, announced that they are kicking off their annual 4-H fundraiser.

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 7:02 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Ross Gallagher, Chair

ATTEST:

Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

Tim Sheldon, Commissioner