

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

July 20, 2010

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Steve Bloomfield 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 Ecology provided notice that the Financial Manager assigned to the Belfair/Lower Hood Canal Reclaimed Water Distribution Project has changed.
 - 4.1.2 The Governor expressed her appreciation of Commissioner Ring Erickson's participation in an editorial regarding the positive working relationship between counties and her administration.
 - 4.1.3 The Washington State Liquor Control Board sent notice of establishments in Mason County with liquor licenses due to expire on October 31, 2010.
 - 4.1.4 Comcast affirmed that they will continue to operate under the terms of their current franchise until a renewal agreement is reached.
 - 4.1.5 The Mason County Parks Advisory Board requested that any proceeds from the sale of the Mason Lake Picnic Park property be used only for future park acquisition, development or maintenance.
 - 4.1.6 Bill Dewey is seeking reappointment to the Planning Advisory Commission.
 - 4.1.7 Linda Gruer and Michelle Schreiber expressed concerns regarding the proposed Adage project.
 - 4.2 Charlie Butros, Public Works, announced the bid award for the 2010 Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Overlay Program. The contract has been awarded to the low bidder, Granite Construction of Watsonville, CA, in the amount of \$668,652.74.
 - 4.3 Mr. Butros also announced the bid award for County Road Project 1909 Grapeview Loop Road slide repair project. The contract has been awarded to the low bidder, Condon-Johnson & Associates of Tukwila, WA, in the amount of \$333,064.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input –
 - 5.1 Steve Bloomfield congratulated the Board on not giving a knee jerk reaction to a few vocal adversaries of the law. The Board has sworn to uphold the laws of the U.S. and the State of Washington. Those very laws give process and direction that allow for the investigation and disclosure necessary to make rational decisions regarding the creation of the infrastructure crucial to the advancement of society. The Board's consistent position of allowing Adage to continue its investigation and disclosure is correct and part of the legal process set forth by the leaders in government. There are many in the community that support the idea of alternative energy sources. There is an opportunity to employ a significant number of citizens at real family wage jobs. If in the disclosure and investigation process it is found that Adage cannot meet EPA and ORCAA standards, than a permit should not be issued. If the standards are met then Adage, or any other business that proves it can meet the requirements set forth by the Federal and State government, should be welcomed by the community. To short circuit that process, as has been demand by a small group of internet experts, would be giving in to tyranny. Stopping the advancement of society is surely tyrannical. He asked the Board to please allow the questions to be answered.

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- 5.2 Ralph Wingert also commented regarding Adage. He is concerned about the fine particles in the air because he suffers from COPD. He thinks the Board has made incumbent a dirty word. The Board has gotten rid of the County Fair and now the Board is trying to get rid of the skate park. The older youths should be cleaning up and regulating the park because it would save a lot of money.
- 5.3 John Cox stated that he works 40 hours a week or more in Mason County. He and his wife are a middle class family. They are average citizens. They have a strong desire for things to be fair and they believe in justice and the concepts of democracy. He is here today because he cares about the welfare of his family, friends and fellow citizens. He again asks that all the people, not just the politicians, be provided the opportunity to decide if the Adage incinerator can come to the community. The easiest way to do that is through a vote.
- 5.4 Connelly Watson heard on the radio that the City had gone around and decided to turn off 141 streetlights. It will save the City money and kilowatts. He wondered if that could apply to the County and the Port to save some money. He thinks it would fit into I-937.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted that solar lighting has been installed in the county over the past few months and Mason County is the first county in the nation to do that.

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 – July 6, 2010 and July 13, 2010 regular meeting minutes and July 5, 2010 briefing meeting minutes.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted that on page 5 of the July 6th meeting minutes there was a discussion on whether the plan to be added to the CEDS list should be a comprehensive water plan or a consolidated water plan. She would like it noted in the minutes that the correct term was coordinated water plan.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve the July 6, 2010 regular meeting minutes with the noted correction, and the July 13, 2010 regular meeting minutes and July 5, 2010 briefing meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.

8. Approval of Consent Agenda:
- 8.1 Approval of the amendment to the contract with Robert W. Droll in an amount not to exceed \$22,662 for consulting services to complete planning and design work for the Mason Lake Boat Ramp Renovation Project. Funding for the amendment will come from Boating Facilities Grant (75%) and REET II Capital Funds (25%). This item was tabled from the July 6, 2010 agenda.
- 8.2 Approval of the Belfair Bypass resolution and letter supporting the initial findings of the Bremerton Economic Development Study and encouraging Washington State Department of Transportation to continue its efforts to design, permit, and construct the Belfair Bypass project. **Resolution No. 55-10 (Exhibit A)**
- 8.3 Approval to amend Resolution 53-10 revising the road closure time period for County Road Project 1859, Beeville Loop Road Culvert Replacement Project. The road closure will be from 8:00 AM Monday, July 26, 2010 to 5:00 PM Monday, August 30, 2010.
Resolution No. 56-10 (Exhibit B)

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- 8.4 Approval of contract #1063-96217 between the WA State Department of Social and Health Services and Mason County for the period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. This contract provides Mason County with Block Grant funding in the amount of \$97,489; House Bill 3900 funding in the amount of \$21,650; and funding to reimburse the county for the cost of the Juvenile Rehabilitation Youth held in the Mason County Detention Center on a short term basis. There are no matching funds required under the contract.
- 8.5 Approval of the Veterans Assistance Fund application for: John R. Garman – Food \$200.00; Allan Brownawell – Utilities \$165.88 for a total of \$365.88 as recommended by the Veterans Assistance Fund Screening Committee.
- 8.6 Approval to reopen the public hearing for the establishment of Mason County Cemetery District 2 to amend the resolution to include the language that the creation of the cemetery district is found to be conducive to the public welfare and convenience. The public hearing shall be scheduled on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.
- 8.7 Approval of Warrants
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| Claims Clearing Fund | Warrant #s 174930-176373 | \$ 4,520,098.51 |
| Salary Clearing Fund | Warrant #s 3745-3835 | \$ 531,407.45 |
| Direct Deposit Fund | Deposit #s 22109-22856 | \$ 1,121,530.53 |

John Keates, Parks, asked that item 8.1 be set aside for further consideration.

Item 8.1

Mr. Keates asked that the item be tabled for three weeks. He needs further time to talk to Mr. Droll regarding an amendment to the contract.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve Consent items 8.2 through 8.7. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to table item 8.1 to August 10, 2010. 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 tabled from July 6th to consider declaring County owned park equipment located adjacent to Oakland Bay Junior High School and Walmart (skateboard park) as surplus.

John Keates, Parks, explained that the hearing was tabled for a couple of weeks last time. He is again requesting that the hearing be tabled for another two weeks so he can put together a firm operating scenario. He is still making appointments to speak with a couple of donors.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson suggested that the hearing be opened for public testimony in case anyone wanted to speak regarding the issue today.

Questions for Staff

Shawnee Wieland noted that a Metropolitan Parks District has been formed, which will add extra taxes to homeowners. She wanted to know if that money could be used to keep the skate park open.

Cmmr. Gallagher explained that the money in that district goes to the City. This is a park that is in the city but it is under the County's jurisdiction.

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Cmmr. Ring Erickson suggested that Mr. Keates discuss partnering or transitioning the park to the City.

Mr. Bloomfield asked how much money is needed per year to operate the park.

Mr. Keates replied that operating costs vary between \$8,000 and \$10,000 per year, depending on repairs and vandalism mitigation.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to continue the hearing to consider declaring County owned park equipment located adjacent to Oakland Bay Junior High School and Walmart (skateboard park) as surplus to August 10, 2010. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.

Cmmr. Sheldon thanked Mr. Keates for looking into alternatives for funding the skate park. By delaying the hearing there will be more focus on the issue and hopefully the best possible solution for funding will be found.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted that a County park in the city is a bit unusual but there was a community need. The County hasn't funded the park since 2008. It was funded through a tribal sponsor last year. It is not a lack of caring, just a lack of money.

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

- 10.1 Charlie Butros, Public Works, announced that the closure date for North Island Drive has changed. The contractor was not prepared to start work so the closure has been delayed until tomorrow. The closure will still continue to September 8th.
- 10.2 Bob Simmons, WSU Extension, gave an update on the current programs the Extension office is sponsoring.

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 9:43 a.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