

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

June 28, 2011

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Lingle led the flag salute.
3. Roll Call – Present: Commissioner District 1 - Lynda Ring Erickson; Commissioner District 3 – Jerry Lingle. Absent: Commissioner District 2 – Tim Sheldon.
4. Correspondence and Organizational Business
 - 4.1 Correspondence
 - 4.1.1 The Washington State Liquor Control Board sent notice of special occasion liquor license applications for the Mason County Rodeo Association, Hood Canal Highland Celtic Festival and Huerfanitos Internacionales and notice of establishments in Mason County with liquor licenses due to expire on September 30, 2011.
 - 4.1.2 The Tillicum Beach Homeowner Association and Bill and Liz Baluch expressed concerns regarding the proposed Potlach sewer project.
 - 4.1.3 The Port of Grapeview is seeking vacation of a portion of 6th Street.
 - 4.1.4 The Human Society of Mason County is interested in leasing land next to the Belfair Transer Station.
 - 4.1.5 Patricia Vandehey is seeking appointment to the Stormwater Task Force.
 - 4.2 John Keates, Parks, read a proclamation declaring July 2011 as Parks and Recreation Month in Mason County.
 - 4.3 Charlie Butros, Public Works, announced the contract award for County Road Project 1950, North Shore Road, to Tyonek Construction Group from Belfair, WA in the amount of \$92,489 for the repair and stabilization of the slide area on North Shore Road.
 - 4.4 Vicki Kirkpatrick, Health Department, recognized two AmeriCorps volunteers who served the community through Mason Matters.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input –
 - 5.1 Mayor John Tarrant asked for the Board's support of a 3/10th of 1% public safety sales tax. He believes the voters would support this measure to maintain law enforcement levels. In the coming years the City may be forced to reduce positions due to further loses of funding as a result of the current economic issues. The Board's support of this proposal would greatly assist the City in maintaining their 2011 service levels. He hopes the Board will entertain his proposal to put this before the voters in November.
6. Adoption of Agenda - **Cmmr. Lingle/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; L-aye; S-absent.**
7. Approval of Minutes – June 13, 2011 briefing meeting minutes and June 7, 2011 and June 21, 2011 regular meeting minutes.

Cmmr. Lingle/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve the June 13, 2011 briefing meeting minutes and June 7, 2011 and June 21, 2011 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; L-aye; S-absent.

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8. Approval of Action Agenda:

- 8.1 Approval to award Finkbinder Equipment Co. of Burr Ridge, IL the bid to furnish Mason County with one used year 2010 used Gradall XL4100 Series 3 excavator for Public Works. Total cost is \$239,000 and is budgeted in the Equipment Rental & Revolving capital replacement budget.
- 8.2 Approval for the Deputy Director/County Engineer to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement with NW Hydraulic allowing them to continue providing consulting services to Public Works on the Shelton Matlock Road, Coffee Creek project. The maximum payable amount is \$23,000.
- 8.3 Approval to award a contract to Terra Valuations, LLC in the amount of \$4,500 to perform an appraisal for the Sunset Bluff Park Project acquisition. The Trust for Public Land (TPL) will reimburse the County for the appraisal costs.
- 8.4 Approval to award a contract to John Schalka, MAI of McKee and Schalka in the amount of \$2,500 to perform an appraisal review for the Sunset Bluff Park Project acquisition. The Trust for Public Land (TPL) will reimburse the County for the appraisal review costs.
- 8.5 Approval of the agreement with Robert Droll to assist Mason County Parks and Trials Department with the development of the Harvey Rendsland Park Master Plan. The cost of the agreement is not to exceed \$11,950. The project budget to be paid from Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) II Capital Funds.
- 8.6 Approval to sign a letter to the State of Washington Housing Trust Fund in support of a grant the Mason County Shelter is applying for to be used for the relocation of the Shelter.
- 8.7 Approval for the Chair to sign the Local Government Certification Form expressing approval of the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS federal funding for eligible persons living with HIV/AIDS in Mason County.
- 8.8 Approval for the Chair to sign the contract between Mason County and United Way of Mason County in the amount of \$8,000 from Fund #117-000-200 (SHB 2163 Homelessness Prevention Fund) to provide case management support and establishment and implementation of an independent housing plan for former clients of Heart for the Homeless.
- 8.9 Approval of the resolution for the distribution of the Public Utility District Excise Tax, per RCW 54.28.090. The Mason County Current Expense Fund will receive \$269,272.93 and the City of Shelton will receive \$52,303.77. **Resolution No. 40-11 (Exhibit A)**

Cmmr. Lingle/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve Action items 8.1 through 8.9. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; L-aye; S-absent.

9. 9:30 a.m. Public Hearings and Items Set for a Certain Time –

- 9.1 Continuation of the public hearing on One Tenth of One Percent Sales and Use Tax for Mental Health and Substance Abuse services and Therapeutic Courts.

Vicki Kirkpatrick, Health Department, explained that the first hearing regarding this issue was held in December of last year. That meeting was continued to March 1, 2011. At the March 1, 2011 public hearing the Board of County Commissioners, by majority vote, created a Mason County Mental Health/Substance Abuse Task Force. The purpose of which was to do the background work and lead a community process to gather input around the feasibility of implementing that tax. She was further directed at that time to advertise a request for proposals for a consult to do the following scope of work:

1. Complete work in September 2011 (including presentations to Board of County Commissioners and public hearing(s))
2. Identify and review current mental illness/substance abuse services – public and private.

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3. Determine gap in services due to lack of insurance and reductions in Medicaid services.
4. Review cost drivers for mental illness and substance abuse issues in the criminal justice system.
5. Review data and information (including information from Washington Counties that have implemented the tax and resulting services).
6. Identify and review best practices, evidence-based, and promising practices for prevention and treatment services.
7. Prepare materials for information and discussion with Task Force/Advisory Committee.
8. Facilitate Task Force/Advisory Committee meetings and record minutes and other outcomes from each meeting.
9. Carry out necessary tasks, as needed, between Task Force/Advisory Committee meetings.
10. Develop and implement a communication plan for Mason County including, but not limited to: community meetings, association/organization presentations, news articles, etc.
11. Describe a seamless working partnership between law enforcement, courts, schools, providers and other relevant organizations such as public health, the regional support network, Child Protective Services, etc.
12. Design a fund allocation system that assures fairness and cost effectiveness – include identification of specific deliverables, an effective reporting system and an evaluations/quality improvement component that results in an annual report to the citizens of Mason County and focuses on the services delivered and the efficacy of those services.
13. Prepare final Task Force/Advisory Committee report, including Task Force/Advisory Committee recommendations.
14. Meet with appropriate county staff and Commissioners periodically throughout the process to update them on the progress of the work of the Task Force/Advisory Committee up to and including the final report.

She stated that in order to enable the Task Force/Advisory Committee to complete their work, the consultant and the Task Force/Advisory Committee need adequate time engage the community prior to writing their final report and making their recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. Therefore, she is asking the Board of County Commissioners to continue the public hearing to September 20, 2011 to allow that community process to take place and allow the citizens to have input on the recommendations that the Task Force comes forward with.

Questions for Staff

Andrew Graham asked if this would be voted on by the Commissioners or the people if the recommendation includes implementing the tax.

Ms. Kirkpatrick replied that the law allows it to go either way. That would be one of the things the advisory committee would be asked to make a recommendation on. Of the 15 counties that have implemented this tax, 14 did it councilmaticly and one county submitted it to the voters.

Mr. Graham asked if this would go on the November ballot if the County chose to send this to the voters.

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Ms. Kirkpatrick responded that it would miss the general election deadline so it would not go on the ballot until next year.

Public Testimony

Ross Gallagher testified that several counties have passed this at a Commission level. He hopes the Commission will take the cost of the election into consideration. He would like to move on this now but he supports the Commission's decision to form an advisory committee. He has spoken with another County Commissioner who implemented this tax and that county's advisory committee real dug in and provided information. He hopes enough information is presented to the Commission that they will be able to pass this through Commission action.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted that considerable testimony was received at the two previous hearings. One of her concerns was that it would be difficult to offer any consideration on this without a specific plan about how the money would be spent and the benefits it would provide. Jefferson County had a lot of expertise into their plan and they have been pleased with the results.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson closed the hearing.


10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials) – There was no other business.
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 6:39 p.m.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Lynda Ring Erickson, Chair


Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board


Jerry K. Lingle, Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. 40-11

DISTRIBUTION OF PUD EXCISE TAX

WHEREAS, the P.U.D. Excise Tax Monies which have accrued to the credit of Mason County have now been received in the total amount of \$321,576.70.

WHEREAS, under Chapter 278, Session Laws of 1957, provision has been made for the distribution of said funds (RCW 54.28.090);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Mason County Commissioners that the following distribution of P.U.D. Excise Tax be made as follows:

RECEIPTS

P.U.D. NUMBER 1\$ 19,715.52
P.U.D. NUMBER 3\$301,861.18

DISTRIBUTION

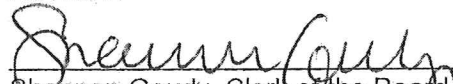
City of Shelton\$ 52,303.77
Computed as 3/4 of 1% of Gross
Revenue from sales of electricity
in the City of Shelton

Current Expense Fund.....\$269,272.93

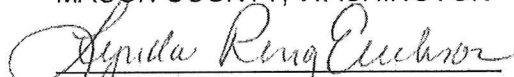
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer of Mason County is hereby directed to make the distribution as herein set forth.

DATED this 28th day of June, 2011.


ATTEST:


Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

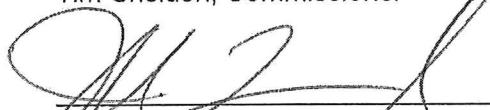
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Lynda Ring Erickson, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Tim Whitehead

ABSENT
Tim Sheldon, Commissioner


Jerry Lingle, Commissioner

C: Clerk of the Board
City Clerk
Treasurer
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