

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

October 11, 2011

1. Call to Order – The acting Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Jay Hupp led the flag salute.
3. Roll Call – Present: Commissioner District 1 - Lynda Ring Erickson (via phone); Commissioner District 2 – Tim Sheldon; Commissioner District 3 – Steve Bloomfield.
4. Correspondence and Organizational Business
 - 4.1 Correspondence
 - 4.1.1 Charles Lane advertised for the position of public defender for the Mason County District Court.
 - 4.1.2 Commissioner Lynda Ring Erickson has been appointed to the Washington State Association of Counties Legislative Steering Committee.
 - 4.1.3 BLB Resources announced that the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is extending its program for "Dollar Home Sales to Local Governments."
 - 4.1.4 The Bureau of Indian Affairs gave notice of their decision on the Squaxin Island Tribe's applications to acquire in trust two tracts in Mason County.
 - 4.1.5 The Washington State Liquor Control Board sent notice liquor license applications for Lupita's Tienda Mexicana in Belfair and The Hardware Distillery in Hoodspoint.
 - 4.1.6 The Bonneville Power Administration is planning to conduct a vegetation control project on the Shelton-Fairmount #4 Transmission Line right-of-way corridor.
 - 4.1.7 The United States Census Bureau is requesting the County's help in the first phase of the 2011 Census of Governments project.
 - 4.1.8 Jason Alvarado is seeking appointment to the Planning Advisory Commission.
 - 4.1.9 Lisa Cooke expressed concerns regarding medical marijuana gardens.
 - 4.1.10 Evergreen Forest County Group is seeking financial support for their lobbying efforts.
 - 4.1.11 The US Navy is seeking input on the supplement to the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Kitsap Bangor Explosives Handling Wharf.
 - 4.1.12 Senator Patty Murray forwarded a letter from Ernest Lazard regarding difficulties he is experiencing with his homeowner's association.
 - 4.2 Donation to the Sheriff's K-9 Unit from the Shelton Fraternal Order of Eagles. Sheriff Salisbury introduced the K-9 unit and explained that the program is completely funded by donations.
 - 4.3 Staff Recognition – Cmmr. Ring Erickson recognized the Sheriff's Marine Patrol for protecting the orca whales while they were in Pickering Passage. Cmmr. Sheldon presented Deputy Brad Trout with the Green Star Award.
 - 4.4 Proclamation – Cmmr. Sheldon presented a proclamation declaring the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Mason County to Karry Trout of Mason General Hospital.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input –
 - 5.1 Harlan Olsen from the Belfair Community Baptist Church wanted to appeal the ERU assessment the church has received for the Belfair sewer. He discussed the community services the church provides. He felt that the church should not pay for any ERUs because of the work they do in the community. If the church has to be assessed an ERU he felt it should be just one.

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Cmmr. Sheldon expressed his appreciation of the church's services to the community. He noted that the sewer was decided in 1990 when the Growth Management Act was passed in the Legislature. Since that time everyone has worked for the day when a state of the art sewer system would be available in Belfair. The Board will work with everyone to make it as palatable as possible, but it is a State mandate.

- 5.2 Rev. Steve Satterfield also discussed the church's ERU assessment. He went over the church's community services. He noted that these civic responsibilities use the church's water resources and they don't receive reimbursement from most of the organizations.
 - 5.3 Jay Hupp, Port of Shelton Commissioner, commented that Port Commissioner Miles spoke at a City meeting last night and conveyed that it is easier to operate a business at the Port than in the City. He wanted to clarify that Commissioner Miles' statement was incorrect. The businesses that operate at the Port are under the same scrutiny that the City businesses receive, perhaps even more so.
6. Adoption of Agenda - **Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Bloomfield moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye.**
7. Approval of Minutes – September 26, 2011 briefing meeting minutes.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve the September 26, 2011 briefing meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye.

8. Approval of Action Agenda:
- 8.1 Approval to enter into the Master Lease Agreement with US Communities, a government purchasing alliance. This allows Mason County access to a nonprofit government purchasing cooperative for a variety of office supplies and services. There is no cost for this service.
 - 8.2 Approval to set two public hearings on November 1, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. to consider the adoption of the 2012 Annual Construction Program and the 2012 - 2017 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program.
 - 8.3 Approval for the Chair to sign the services agreement for Mason County to provide mechanical repair and maintenance services for Fire Protection District No. 1.
 - 8.4 Approval for the Equipment & Rental Revolving Fund Manager to purchase three vehicles for the Department of Utilities and Waste Management from the Washington State contracts. These vehicles will be funded by the Department of Utilities and Waste Management Department.
 - 8.5 Approval of the negotiated collective bargaining agreement between Mason County and the Public Works Engineers' Guild, effective October 11, 2011 through December 31, 2013.
 - 8.6 Approval for the Chair to sign the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) conciliation agreement and the standard notice to employees to comply with the federal non-discrimination laws.
 - 8.7 Approval of a resolution to unilaterally implement the County's best and final offer for a collective bargaining agreement presented to members of AFSCME Local 1504 on April 13, 2011. The term of this collective bargaining agreement shall be October 11, 2011 through December 31, 2013. **Resolution No. 69-11 (Exhibit A)**

Paige Hansen and Debbie Soares asked that item 8.7 be removed for further discussion.

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Ms. Soares, local AFSCME president, asked why the AFSCME's contract was placed on the agenda to be implemented when it was not approved by the union membership. She noted that other bargaining units in the County have not approved their contracts and they are not placed on the agenda for implementation.

Karen Jackson, Human Resources, explained that there was a tentative agreement last April. The AFSCME membership did not vote in favor of the contract. After some time she asked the union representative to take it back to the membership to vote again and it was once again rejected. She hasn't gotten to the same point with the other collective bargaining agreements. Because the membership did vote on the agreement and rejected it, she chose to move forwarded pursuant to RCW 41.56.123. In the event that there is not an agreement the employer may implement the last and final offer that was presented a year after the contract has expired and the AFSCME contract expired more than two years ago.

Paige Hansen, AFSCME member, stated that the only item that was asked for by AFSCME when the contract expired in December of 2009 was a medical contribution of \$875 per month to offset the average monthly cost of \$1,041 per employee. The number was based on two other union contracts that were signed by the Commissioners. She noted that other contracts also received additional benefits and holidays.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked what the proposal medical contribution in the contract was.

Ms. Jackson replied that currently the County pays \$825. A \$30 increase was proposed in the contract for a total of \$855.

Cmmr. Bloomfield/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve Action items 8.1 through 8.7. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye.

9. 9:30 a.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 Bob Simmons, WSU Extension Office, announced upcoming programs sponsored by the Extension service.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson left the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

 - 10.2 Pat Swartos, County Clerk, welcomed Commissioner Bloomfield.
 - 10.3 Sheriff Salisbury announced that the new Sheriff's office is open in Belfair Landing.
 - 10.4 Vicki Kirkpatrick, Public Health, announced that a public health nurse is also now stationed in the north end several days per week.
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 10:00 a.m.

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Lynda Ring Erickson, Chair


Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board


Steve Bloomfield, Commissioner