

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

November 1, 2011

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – George Radovich led the flag salute.
3. Roll Call – Present: Commissioner District 1 - Lynda Ring Erickson; Commissioner District 2 – Tim Sheldon; Commissioner District 3 – Steve Bloomfield.
4. Correspondence and Organizational Business
 - 4.1 Correspondence
 - 4.1.1 The Port of Port Angeles provided an Economic Impact Study on the the Wild Olympics Campaign.
 - 4.1.2 The Columbia Pacific Resource Conservation and Economic Development District is seeking Mason County's membership renewal.
 - 4.1.3 The Mason County Democrats endorsed the proposal for a 1/10th of 1% sales tax for mental health services.
 - 4.1.4 The Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council announced that Mason County has three vacant positions on the Board of Directors.
 - 4.1.5 The Washington State Liquor Control Board sent notice of a special occasion liquor license application for the Mason General Hospital Foundation.
 - 4.1.6 Mason County Fire Protection District No. 5 appointed Chief Tim McKern as their primary representative for the Mason County EMS and Trauma Council.
 - 4.1.7 Linda Mabey asked the Board to schedule a hearing to consider opting in to the Voluntary Stewardship Program.
 - 4.1.8 Scott Gellatly is seeking appointment to the Planning Advisory Commission.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input –
 - 5.1 David Baker announced that Wilson Recycling won the Recycler of the Year Award. He also announced that candy wrappers are now recyclable, with proceeds benefiting Habitat for Humanity.
6. Adoption of Agenda - **Cmmr. Sheldon/Bloomfield moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye.**
7. Approval of Minutes – October 3 and 17, 2011 briefing meeting minutes and October 18 and 25, 2011 regular meeting minutes.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted a correction to the vote under item 8.3 in the October 18, 2011 meeting minutes. She also noted that the October 3, 2011 briefing meeting minutes were not provided in the Board's packets so they could not be voted on.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Bloomfield moved and seconded to approve the October 17, 2011 briefing meeting minutes and October 18 and 25, 2011 regular meeting minutes, with the noted correction. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye.
8. Approval of Action Agenda:
 - 8.1 Approval of a resolution supporting a Washington State Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant application in the approximate amount of \$200,000 with a 50% match. The match requirement would be funded from the Real Estate Excise Tax 1 (REET 1) fund. **Resolution No. 70-11 (Exhibit A)**

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- 8.2 Approval for the Parks and Facilities to advertise a Request for Proposal for the Union Boat Ramp Project and select a consultant for design, engineering and permitting services. The contract amount will not exceed \$85,000 and is funded by a Washington State Boating Facilities Grant and REET II Parks Capital Funds. The consultant selection will be announced during a regular Commission meeting.
- 8.3 Approval of the revised Memorandum of Agreement Appendix A between Mason County and Washington State University Extension for a revised total amount of \$141,213.
- 8.4 Approval for the Equipment Rental & Revolving Fund (ER&R) Manager to utilize the Post for Quotes/Telephone Bid Procedures to purchase a replacement blower for Vactor Truck #402. The estimated cost is \$30,000 and will be funded by ER&R.
- 8.5 Approval of the Veterans Assistance Fund application for: Daniel P. Bearce – Utilities \$168.55; Adam C. Burbidge – Housing \$600.00; Randolph B. Bittner – Utilities \$99.04; James D. Dettmar – Housing \$545.00; James D. Graves – Utilities \$201.76; Thomas P. Mallon (Jacqueline) – Utilities \$128.82; Stephen R. Scott – Housing \$600.00; Sammy Weaver – Utilities \$200.00; Gary L. Conner – Housing \$600.00; Ernest F. Lazard – Utilities \$531.63 for a total of \$3,674.80 as recommended by the Veterans Assistance Fund Screening Committee.
- 8.6 Approval to set a public hearing on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. to review the request by CGR Enterprises LLC to redesignate one parcel (38.80 ac.) near Mission Woods Drive and Sand Hill Road in an Inholding Lands area to Rural Lands; then zone parcel as Rural Tourist Campground zone.
- 8.7 Approval of voicing no objections to the special occasion liquor license application for the Mason General Hospital Foundation, and to have the Chair sign the Notice of Liquor License Application from the Washington State Liquor Control Board.
- 8.8 Approval of Amendment #32 to Consolidated Contract C14956 increasing the maximum consideration by \$42,903 to a total maximum of \$2,911,579. The changes in the contract are in the Public health Emergency Preparedness and Drinking Water Group A Programs.
- 8.9 Approval of Warrants
Claims Clearing Fund Warrant #s 193845-194472 \$2,784,765.57
- 8.10 Approval of the resolution appointing the current Mason County representatives to the Washington Counties Risk Pool. Commissioner Tim Sheldon as the County's representative and Commissioner Ring Erickson and Bloomfield as alternate representatives.
- Resolution No. 71-11 (Exhibit B)**
- 8.11 Approval to set a budget hearing on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. to consider the following budget transfers from Current Expense Ending Fund Budgeted Balance for the following departments: Assessor – \$1,800 for AFSCME contract settlement/health care contribution; Auditor – \$3,600 for AFSCME contract settlement/health care contribution; Clerk – \$2,520 for AFSCME contract settlement/health care contribution; District Court – \$2,520 for AFSCME contract settlement/health care contribution; Treasurer – \$2,520 for AFSCME contract settlement/health care contribution; Sheriff/Care & Custody of Prisoners - \$265,000 for non-debatable health care services for a total of \$277,960. **Resolution No. 72-11 (Exhibit C)**

Tom Davis asked if the money in item 8.1 would be in addition to the other grants for the courthouse.

John Keates responded that it would be additional money.

Theresia Ehrich asked if the match would come from 2011 or 2012.

Mr. Keates stated it would be 2012 or 2013.

Annette McGee asked the balance of the REET fund.

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Ms. Ehrich replied that it was approximately \$700,000, as of October.

Cmmr. Bloomfield/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve Action items 8.1 through 8.11. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye.

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

9.1 Public hearing to consider the adoption of the 2012 Annual Construction Program.

Brian Matthews, Public Works, explained that a public hearing to consider the adoption of the Annual Construction Program is required by WAC 136-15 and WAC 136-15. The plan has been posted on the County's website for public review. Two email comments were received from citizens, which were submitted for the record. The Transportation Improvement Program Citizens Advisory Panel meets bi-monthly to help prioritize the projects. They approved the Annual Program with two considerations, first, to provide the addition of the culverts and second, to look at the priority matrix array again. He went over the changes and completed projects from 2011. He noted that Beer-Creek Dewatto Road was removed from the list. He also noted that some safety improvement projects were added to bring roads up to current standards. The Little Mission Creek Culvert and Stimson Creek Culvert were added to the list because they can cause flooding to homes. If funding becomes available through the County Road Administration Board those projects could now be considered for the first time. There were comments from citizens opposing funding for Newkirk Road because they don't believe it is a viable connection between the Old Belfair Road and SR3. He explained that money was in the budget to do feasibility research on the road but that research was not done so it is a carry over from last year. He recommends that it be carried over for one more year.

Questions for Staff

Pat Loudin asked what part of Newkirk Road the preliminary engineering would start on.

Mr. Matthews explained that it would come from the railroad crossing and go through Old Belfair Highway. It would look at route selection and whether it would meet standards for construction. It is on the list for transparency and to track spending accurately.

Public Testimony

Pat Loudin testified that the State surveyed Newkirk Road and determined it was not a viable access road. He doesn't think money should be spent on it when the State has already determined it is not viable. He would like it removed from the budget so the money can be put to better use.

Cmmr. Sheldon commented that he didn't think the road was feasible either, but noted that the State has different requirements than the County. He thought it was appropriate to spend some of the money to conduct the study to put an end to the debate about it.

Bob Harris was pleased to see the Little Mission Creek culvert in the budget because he knows how bad the flooding can be there. It can flow into people's homes and he hoped it would be a number one priority for culvert replacement.

Mr. Matthews thought the feasibility study for Newkirk Road could be done for less than \$10,000. If it is found to be a failing situation it would be reported as that and put in the record for closing.

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Cmmr. Bloomfield/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve and execute the resolution to adopt the 2012 Annual Construction Program. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye. Resolution No. 73-11 (Exhibit D)

9.2 Public hearing to consider the 2012-2017 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. Matthews explained that the 6-Year Plan is also required by the Washington Administrative Code to be approved each year. 2012 matches up with the Annual Program and the remainder sets the path for future projects. It is not a prioritized list but it shows where the money would be spent and the timing of the projects. The list has been reviewed and approved by the TIPCAP and sent forward for the Board's consideration.

Questions for Staff

Denny Hamilton asked why the Bear Creek Dewatto Road was removed from the list. He noted that the link that runs across the end of Tiger Lake rapidly deteriorates after it is repaired. He wondered if there was a plan to address the issue.

Mr. Matthews explained that the repair is part of the maintenance program. The project that came off of the list needed 2.3 million dollars of County road funding. As a result of the severe storms over the years, and because of some right of way issues, it is being recommend for removal. He would be willing to take a look at the other issues as part of the maintenance program.

There was no public testimony.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Bloomfield moved and seconded to approve and execute the resolution to adopt the 2012-2017 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye. Resolution 74-11 (Exhibit E)

9.3 Public hearing on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. to consider the recommendations of the Advisory Committee regarding the implementation of the 1/10th of 1% sales tax for Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Therapeutic Courts.

Vicki Kirkpatrick, Public Health, explained that the 1/10th of 1% sales tax authorization came in 2005 from the State Legislature. To date, seventeen counties have adopted the tax. She listed the counties that have passed the tax. All of the counties passed the tax councilmaticly, except for Spokane County, who put it to a vote of the people with a sunset clause. She stated that in Mason County mental illness and substance abuse are impacting the jails. In the first half of 2011, 47% of the inmate initial contacts had mental health illness issues. 90% of the initial contacts had a substance abuse or dependency issue as well. In 2010 the statistics were similar. She also gave the statistics regarding arrests, suspensions and expulsions related to kids using drugs or alcohol. It translates to 3.2% of the students in Mason County. Mason County has the seventh highest drug and alcohol related death rate. Child abuse rates are also higher than the state average. Mental illness and abuse of drugs or alcohol are closely associated with increased rates of abuse and neglect. In 2011 Mason County had 636 homeless, according to the annual homeless count. Alcohol abuse was one of two leading causes of homelessness. Almost everyone who is chronically homeless over a long period of time has a mental illness or an addiction. There are inadequate services available to meet the need. About one in four citizens are able to access necessary services in the community. She read a quote from Hubert Humphrey regarding the moral test of government.

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Laura Porter, Committee Member, stated that the committee worked well together. They listened to expert testimony and considered extensive amounts of data and information. She has learned a lot in the work she has done with the Family Policy Council. She has looked at data across the state that shows the patterns of mental health and substance abuse and the intergenerational transmission of those difficulties. Mason County has the highest rate of adverse childhood experiences among adults, which means that adults are struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues due to no fault of their own. The committee was concerned about making it easier for the next generation to do better. They considered an extensive volume of evidence based and best practices that have been found to be effective in treating mental health and substance abuse issues and reducing hospital, jail and other public costs. They found it was a tremendous opportunity for Mason County. Other mental health and substance abuse dollars aren't under the control of Mason County leaders. This tax revenue would be targeted by the County and could be used very carefully to deliver results. Local control is a huge benefit that was found. Strategic implementation of programs could reduce costs, boost business revenues and improve lives. She explained that research has show a lot about the trajectory from birth to these conditions in adulthood. The research has shifted dramatically in the last decade so there are more effective practices now than even ten years ago. It isn't a huge amount of money, but if it is strategically used it can help manage and reduce costs to the justice system. The committee recommended that the tax be adopted by Commissioner vote. It makes sense for the people in the county and for the business community. There were a lot of comments about people with mental issues disrupting commerce in the retail sector.

She explained that the committee developed a set of principles for the use of the funds. The funds were prioritized to reduce costs and produce the most benefit. One priority was to expand therapeutic courts and establish a dependency court to support parents and children. It is important to have programs for people cycling in and out of the jails and hospitals. Therapeutic intervention would be much more effective and much less expensive in stabilizing that population. The next priority was to break the intergeneration cycle by prioritizing families where the parents are having difficulty because of their own childhood experience. Babies up to four year olds are very vulnerable and in the most critical developmental period in their lives. Support for the parents of young children will make a huge difference. Increasing the availability of licensed mental health and substance abuse professionals to the jails and ERs was also a focus. The professionals are now coming out of a neighboring county so there is a delay of twelve hours or more for an assessment. Even a phone access while the patient is waiting for assessment would be a huge benefit. There needs to be a transparent process for using the funds and to make sure the funds cannot be diverted for other purposes. The committee wanted to make sure that there were dollars set aside for evaluation to make sure the investments from the fund are producing the intended results. They recommended maintaining a reserve to allow for treatment to continue during ups and downs in the economy. They also recommended the creation of an ongoing citizens advisory board to make recommendations for the use of the funds and to have the Department of Health designated as the management entity of the fund.

Questions for Staff

Bob Harris asked if the money would go in the general fund or be separated.

Ms. Kirkpatrick replied that the funds are earmarked by law and they are recommended to be set in a separate fund.

Mr. Harris asked for information regarding the therapeutic court program.

Ms. Kirkpatrick explained that the law requires the establishment of a family dependency court. It is an approach to dealing with families with substance abuse issues that are at risk of losing their children. It

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is an intensive case management approach to alleviate the substance abuse and to try to keep the family together.

Mr. Harris asked who would make the referrals to the court.

Ms. Kirkpatrick responded that the process would be set up. It would come from arrests made due to substance abuse. An assessment would be done through the court system for eligibility to participate.

Ms. Porter added that the child welfare system would do the investigation and bring the case to the court for consideration. The alternative therapeutic way of working with the family would then be introduced.

Mr. Harris was concerned that the money generated would be used up quickly. He wanted to know how selective the process would be.

Ms. Porter replied that all of the decisions about who is referred to the program have been researched. That model would be used to decide which families go to the dependency court.

Ms. Kirkpatrick added that there are still some State resources available for counties that have family dependency courts. The full cost of the court would not be totally borne by the county.

Mr. Harris asked about the possibility of matching funds.

Ms. Kirkpatrick clarified that it would not be matching funds. She didn't see a recommendation for cuts to those areas in the Governor's proposals. There has been a lot of support for therapeutic courts out of the State. The committee is aware that the dollars won't solve all of the issues in the county.

Mr. Harris asked if it would be different than drug court.

Ms. Kirkpatrick responded that it would be a separate court for family interventions.

Randy Churchill asked if drug court still exists.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated that it still exists.

An audience member asked if the only people who would take advantage of the program would be people who go to court.

Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that was correct.

Ms. Porter clarified that the committee's recommendations prioritize therapeutic court and families with young children. There are other potential avenues for families with mental health or substance abuse challenges.

Andrew Graham asked Ms. Kirkpatrick to elaborate on the tax itself and its effect on the economy.

Ms. Kirkpatrick explained that it is 1/10th of a penny on a dollar. It would be an additional \$20 on \$20,000 worth of taxable items. Citizens in Mason County may do shopping in other counties that have this tax. Those tax dollars go to support the need in those counties. People who come into Mason County through tourism could contribute to the pool of funds to provide services to people in Mason County. The business community wasn't concerned about the amount of tax. They were more concerned that the services be targeted to address the needs. The chronic homeless downtown have been a difficulty for businesses.

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Cmmr. Sheldon cautioned Ms. Kirkpatrick to answer the questions as a Director, not as an advocate for the tax.

Ms. McGee asked if the tax would be included in the incorporated area of the county.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated that the tax would be countywide, including the city.

An audience member asked if the programs would include parenting classes.

Ms. Porter replied that they haven't gotten to that detail yet. The ongoing advisory committee would go through the details of what could be afforded.

Marcia Hamilton asked Ms. Porter to address the costs of the unmet needs in the county.

Ms. Porter replied that the committee looked at jail costs, emergency room hospital costs, lost business revenue and school system costs.

Karna Peck asked if the money could be opened up to people who are not in court.

Ms. Porter clarified that the therapeutic court was just one piece in the series of priorities.

An audience member asked if there has been data from the other counties that implemented the tax that shows how they are doing.

Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that they have received information from Jefferson County and Thurston County and they have both identified benefits.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked what the current balance of the Mental Health Fund was.

Ms. Kirkpatrick wasn't sure. She thought it was about \$51,000.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked how much was paid for the consultant for the advisory committee.

Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that it was \$30,000.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted that the Commission moved about \$200,000 out of the Mental Health Fund to the Current Expense Fund a couple of years ago. He also asked when the programs would begin.

Ms. Kirkpatrick responded that it would be a minimum of 75 days from the time that Department of Revenue is notified of the decision to the time the tax could be collected. It could only start to be collected at the beginning of a quarter, so the earliest it could be collected would be in April of 2012. There wouldn't be any dollars to begin the programs until after the revenues began to be collected.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted that money would be needed for staffing and oversight, which would cut into the amount available for services. He wanted to know the performance measures.

Ms. Kirkpatrick replied that the specific performance measures would be a part of the request for proposal process. The data and information would be collected and an evaluation process would be implemented. The results of the programs would be measured over time.

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Cmmr. Sheldon didn't understand evidence based and promising practices. He wanted to know how to find the data to demonstrate the bang for the buck.

Ms. Kirkpatrick responded that the data would come from the reports generated by the providers in the community when they submit their request for proposals. They don't know what specific programs would be funded. They do know that there are evidence based programs that have been through long term research that have demonstrated specific outcomes. It basically means that the programs are tried and true and yield specific results. Promising practices show positive outcomes but haven't had the extensive studies to guarantee the outcomes.

Ms. McGee asked if this type of program was started before with the original mental health money.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson explained that Mason County contracts with Thurston County for mental health services. The money from property taxes was transferred for those services. There was a fund dedicated to mental health. There were leasehold monies that went above and beyond. The Commissioners ordered the financial director to transfer the extra money each year along with the property tax. That wasn't done, so over the course of about fifteen years \$288,000 accumulated in the fund, against the order of a previous Commission. There was an opinion from the Attorney General and the Prosecutor that those extra monies were not part of the dedicated fund. That money saved about three Sheriff's deputy positions. She noted that the services with Thurston County would continue.

Ms. McGee asked if the original program was successful in the past.

Ms. Kirkpatrick replied that there is a portion of property tax and liquor excise taxes dedicated for substance abuse treatment and mental health. About \$47,000 is used specifically for developmental disability. The remainder is required to be used specifically for involuntary commitment, which is where Thurston County utilizes Mason County's funds. She has data on the number of people served with those dollars. The dollars are controlled by Thurston County.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked what performance standards would be implemented. It doesn't appear that there have been performance standards for the money that has already been spent. He wanted to know if there was a report that would show the effectiveness of the programs.

Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that a report is received annually from Thurston County. There is no control over the dollars once they go to Thurston County. The committee is also recommending an annual report for the new programs.

Cmmr. Sheldon didn't feel the reports were specific.

Ms. Porter added that the performance standards would show the changes in skills and behavior of the clients served. Those changes would be likely to reduce costs.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson called a recess at 10:42 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:51 a.m.

Public Testimony

George Radovich testified that the 40 et 8 recently held a convention in which he met the presiding judge for Clark County's therapeutic court. He also discussed therapeutic assistance for the veteran's with the local American Legion. There are many veterans coming back with mental issues. The veteran's therapeutic court would have a mentoring program. The veterans could give the background of what they did in the service. It would make it easier for the veterans to speak to another veteran because they understand each other. All of the veterans groups in Shelton are geared up to handle this. He

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explained why veterans might need mental health services due to being away from home, unemployment or post traumatic stress disorder. Studies are reporting alarming increases in substance abuse in returning service members. Creating a specialized court calendar for the veterans could start the process of healing. The goals of the veteran's therapeutic court would be to reduce criminal recidivism, monitor compliance and require strict accountability. The participant must admit to substance abuse and have an honorable discharge status. He went over the requirements and benefits of the potential program. He was concerned about veterans living in the woods. He explained there is often a bad situation in returning from the wars. He thinks that it is time for Mason County to step up. There are resources in the local veteran's groups to do the job and they can keep the costs down.

Cmmr. Bloomfield asked the cost of Clark County to run their court.

Mr. Radovich wasn't sure.

Tom Davis testified that he was a member of the committee. He wanted to find out how effective the other counties were when they implemented these taxes. He called the other counties and spoke to their mental health people and law enforcement. He got positive responses all around. No one thought it was too expensive or ineffective. There needs to be imagination and innovative thinking. Evidence shows that the current approach isn't working. The County has controls on how the money will be spent and he would commit to staying on the committee to make sure the money is spent properly. It will take about a year to get the funds collected. He believes this is the right thing to do. No one wants to raise taxes but this is a very small amount. The only reason it would be effective is that there would be so many transactions involved. He noted that recently Commissioner Sheldon sponsored a fee on electric vehicles. He understands the reasoning because it is a merit based issue. Sometimes taxes and additional fees are necessary. He thinks it would make economic sense. The Sheriff's budget is one of the biggest issues at the County. He needs more jail capacity and officers. It makes more sense to be proactive instead of making bigger jails. It makes business sense as well. Homeless people on Railroad Avenue can make people uncomfortable and not want to enter businesses. There are also encampments in the woods so people are uncomfortable walking there. He believes that when people fall through the cracks they take a piece of the community with them. This tax probably won't be enough to solve everything but it can be used in specific areas, such as the zero to four demographic. It is easier to help people at that age. He thinks approving the tax sends the message that it is important. The committee will do their best with the money if it is approved.

Doug Sayan stated that he has been dealing with this issue for 60 years. It is a generational issue. There needs to be an opportunity to address issues in families that need help. He believes that prison reentry needs to be addressed because the problem is getting worse. His goal is to improve public safety and to turn tax eaters into taxpayers. To do that they need opportunities, skills, mental health and to have their family issues resolved. It is going to take the determination of the Commissioners to select key people for the committee to come forward to establish a process with a small amount of money and a huge problem. Evidence shows the direct relationship between effective prevention and intervention services for mental health and chemical dependency and long term reduced costs in criminal justice, education and health care systems, as well as reduced property and violent crimes.

Karna Peck was the homeless advocate for Mason County. She stated that every day she usually sees a new homeless person or a person becoming homeless. She originally had Behavioral Health Resources behind her to turn to for people with mental health issues. They no longer exist. When she has patients who need mental health services there is no one that will see them until they get through the system. It takes days to months for the people to get the opportunity to see someone. These people previously saw someone at BHR on a weekly basis and now they have no one to see and no one to help them.

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Lynda Links stated that the committee did a good job and she appreciated their work. She understands that either the Commission passes the tax today or it has to go to an election in a year. The longer it is put off the worse it will be. She trusts the elected officials to make the right decisions and make sure it is properly administered.

Bob Harris read a statement, which he provided for the record. He felt the tax would be a burden to the citizens, especially the low income citizens. He thinks there should be a majority approval of the citizens to tax themselves. He thought the money spent on the consultant could have been better spent on an election. He noted that the open houses were not well attended. He felt that the money generated from the tax should be given to the Sheriff's office for prevention. He has a family member that has been through drug court and is going through Kitsap mental health. Going through the court session and meeting with the probation officers didn't really work. The focus does need to be on the first three years of life. He has worked with delinquent kids in a State sponsored program and it did very little good. This tax would impact the poor more than the rich.

Laura Porter testified that the people of Mason County do not like to turn their backs on their neighbors and friends in need. During the major layoff at Simpson people gave more to United Way than any other county. The people are relying on the Board to take this vote. The Board chose to implement the committee and the consultant contract. She stated that she has a sister with a mental health issues. From that experience she has learned that adequate support means never having to do an involuntary commitment or having the person become drug addicted, alcohol addicted or in jail. The committee is recommending that as many people as possible have access to evidence based practices so they have the opportunity to live their best possible life. She urged the Board to vote yes.

Ross Gallagher stated that this issue has been going on for a number of years. He was ready to act on the issue when he was a member of the Commission. He has seen the need in the community. This would cost more money for sales tax but no one has control over retail prices. This tax won't even be noticed. He commended the committee for their work and urged the Board to vote today. He stated that he would like to see a unanimous vote.

John Masterson, Behavioral Health Resource, stated that the homeless outreach program is no longer operated due to State reductions. This is an opportunity to supplement some of those reductions in a way that will economically help the county in the criminal justice system. He urged the Board to pass the tax and encouraged a unanimous decision. BHR has served 962 citizens in Mason County and there are people not served because it is a Medicaid funded system.

Debra Neilson was a member of the advisory committee. She thought it was an incredible learning experience. She urged the Board to pass the tax. She understands that it is not favorable for the Commission or the citizens to have a new tax, but it is necessary. She thinks that services to the community and human beings are more important than road projects. She is the director at the homeless shelter and most of the families live on \$10,000 to \$6,000 per year, which means they would spend about \$3 per year on this tax. She thinks even those families would feel this is a good investment.

Kim Klint, Mason Matters, shared that her family is affected by someone that has mental health issues. Their family member uses the county jail as their mental health system. Her family has been frustrated because there is no connection between the jail system and the families. Recently her family member was discharged from a jail in a county that has this tax. The family was contacted this time and was connected with the probation officer. Because the family was included in the loop they are in a better position to help. The return on investment is quite significant. These funds could be used to let families help.

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Terri Thompson was a middle school teacher. She stated that up to 60% of the kids in the classroom come from dysfunctional families. A lot of the kids have no idea how to problem solve and when they become parents they know nothing but what they learned in their childhood. When children aren't taught to how to resolve problems the parents' behaviors are recycled. These children also have problems with authority. She thinks it needs to be proactive. She asked the Board support the tax and monitor it.

Gordon Craig was part of the advisory committee. He has learned a lot that he can apply to his family. His grandson could have been helped with this type of court system. He has paid for his grandson's counseling and he has given up alcohol, lost weight, returned to school. This is a program that has a tremendous potential. He believes it is the right thing to do and he urged the Commission to put it into effect as soon as possible.

Patricia Sells was also a member of the advisory committee. She does the homeless count for the county and is well aware of the mental issues. They use to have another homeless advocate, but she also suffered from mental problems. She thinks this is needed in the community because the mental health issues in the county are devastating.

Randy Churchill applauded the committee for their passion. He has been working with the homeless and it is a huge problem in the community. Something needs to be done to take care of the issues and this will save the taxpayers money. He appreciates Commissioner Sheldon not wanting to implement another tax, but he also said that he would spend \$10,000 to look at a road that isn't going to work.

John Piety read a letter from the Democratic Committee regarding their endorsement of the sales tax. He also noted that the Health Director should be able to promote positive programs in her department.

Pete Laserinko stated that he works with veterans at the Shelton prison. Many are from Mason County. They are all incarcerated due to the mental toll the war has taken on them. They have lost their jobs and were trying to find other employment. They are constantly turned away. He believes the tax needs to be raised for this program and to allow a veterans' court to be established. He knows that if these veterans underlying issues were addressed they wouldn't be in prison today. It would help the veterans get back on their feet. He is for this because it needs to be done. In five years people will think this should have happened twenty years ago.

Cmmr. Sheldon appreciated the passion brought to the issue, especially from the veterans. He didn't want his admonishment of Ms. Kirkpatrick to be misconstrued. He just wants public hearings to be held in a structured, objective way. Raising taxes during a deep recession is a very difficult choice. The Legislature will probably come back with tax issues on the ballot too. The testimony was important, but there was not testimony from a variety of people. He didn't hear from businesses. He didn't hear from the courts, juvenile justice system, Sheriff or the City. The faith based organizations didn't testify. There were a small number of people that attended the advisory meetings. He heard anecdotal issues and issues of family substance abuse. He didn't see performance standards or specific accountability measures built in. He has heard that he should vote for the money and then hope for results. He heard that other counties have implemented this tax but Mason County is not like other counties. Mason County only has one incorporated city. There is some confusion among the public on how County revenues can be used. County road funds can't be used for social service programs. The County has a Mental Health Fund and the Commission prioritizes how the County's money is used. If the community wants this then the Commissioners should prioritize it and decrease other areas that the community thinks they can do without. He thinks there should be another hearing regarding the issue. He would feel differently if he heard broad based community support.

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Cmmr. Ring Erickson spoke about why she ran for County Commissioner. When she was seventeen they were deinstitutionalizing all of the people from Western State Hospital. She had a family member that ended up homeless. She didn't have anyone to call so she called the County Commissioner in Grays Harbor County and he was able to get her family member transferred to someplace where she could have a better life. When she was a police officer in King County she saw how much fragile people suffered in the jail. The officers would bring people over the county line so they could get the better services that were offered in Pierce County. She knows about the mental health system. She understands about the continuum of care. The older children get, the harder it is to prepare them for life. By the time someone gets to jail they have victimized other people and they become a cost to society. Every cent spent on this tax could save hundreds of dollars. She believes even the poorest families would support this tax. She thanked everyone for their participation and for being polite and thoughtful. If this could reduce child abuse, protect people who are fragile, help the homeless and prevent crimes it is well worth the investment. The juvenile work that has been done in Mason County has already made a huge difference. There are good evidence based programs that would be a good place to start.

Cmmr. Bloomfield stated that there were valid points on both sides. The veterans are a special group that needs to be singled out and prioritized. As a veteran, he has watched what can happen and how a veteran can try to cope through alcohol abuse. He asked himself what Jerry Lingle thought about this issue and he knows he was in support of it. He likes the vote of the citizen, but he understands the time constraints. It would take a long time to do that effectively. The cost of an election would actually only be about \$1,600, but it is about a year away, which is an unreasonable timeline. He suggested additions to the resolution. He thought there should be an addition to item six requiring an annual report showing the successes and failures of the programs so the Board knows what is going on. He also thought there should be an addition of an item eight that expires the tax five years from the date of signing and the tax should only be reauthorized by a vote of the citizens.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson didn't think it was appropriate to commit a future commission to an election process.

Cmmr. Bloomfield/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve Resolution 75-11 as amended, with an addition to item six requiring an annual report showing the successes and failures of the programs and an addition of item eight limiting the length of the term of the tax to five years from the date of signing. Motion carried.
RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye. Resolution 75-11 (Exhibit F)

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

10.1 Charlie Butros, Public Works, announced that a Skokomish Flood Control District meeting would take place after the next Commission meeting to consider a petition.

10.2 Bob Simmons, WSU Extension Office, announced upcoming programs presented by the Extension office.


11. Board's Reports and Calendar - The Commissioners reported on meetings attended the past week and announced their upcoming weekly meetings.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted that the Governor proposed cuts in the State budget that would translate to cuts in local programs. Under the Governor's scenario the County would have to reduce its 2012 budget by about 8.5%.

12. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

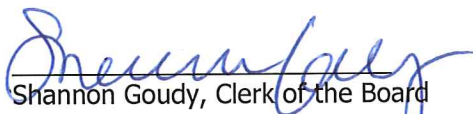
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Lynda Ring Erickson, Chair

ATTEST:


Tim Sheldon, Commissioner


Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board


Steve Bloomfield, Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. 70-11

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A WASHINGTON STATE HISTORIC COUNTY COURTHOUSE REHABILITATION
GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, preservation of historical structures is important in maintaining a link to the history of Mason County while looking towards the future; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation, in conjunction with the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation offers a grant program to restore and maintain Historic County Courthouses; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Mason County Courthouse meets the necessary criteria to qualify for application to this program; and

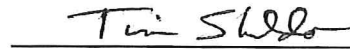
WHEREAS, the Mason County Board of County Commissioners supports the efforts of this program to preserve the history of the County for it's citizens;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Mason County, Washington supports the grant funding application to the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation and the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation to continue the ongoing preservation of the Historic Mason County Courthouse.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 1st day of NOVEMBER, 2011

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS


Lynda Ring Erickson, Chairperson



Tim Sheldon, Commissioner


Steve Bloomfield, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Sharon Gurney
Clerk of the Board

REVIEWED AS TO FORM:


Chief Deputy Prosecutor

RESOLUTION No. 71-11

AMENDS RESOLUTION 06-11

IN THE MATTER OF CONTINUING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTIES RISK POOL AND THE RELATED APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS OF/FOR EACH MEMBER COUNTY.

WHEREAS, several Washington counties agreed to the creation of the Washington Counties Risk Pool ("Pool"), organized and operating under Chapters 48.62 and 39.34 RCW, to provide to its member counties programs of joint self-insurance, joint purchasing of insurance, and joint contracting for or hiring of personnel to provide risk management, claims handling, and administrative services; and

WHEREAS, the Pool's Interlocal Agreement and Bylaws, and policies of its Board of Directors require appointees and/or designees from each member county; that is:

- a) **Director / Alternate Director** – officers or employees of each Pool member county that are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the respective county's legislative authority (*Article 8 of the Interlocal Agreement and Article 2 of the Bylaws*);
- b) **County Risk Manager** – an employee of each Pool member county appointed to serve as a liaison between the County and the Pool as to risk management and who is responsible for the risk management function within the County (*Article 11(b) of the Interlocal Agreement*);
- c) **County Safety Officer** – an active employee designated by each Pool member county who, along with a related committee, are maintained to consider all recommendations concerning the development and implementation of a loss control policy to prevent unsafe practices (*Article 11(c) of the Interlocal Agreement*); and
- d) **County Claims Administrator** – each Pool member county's must designate someone to administer civil claims, with whom incidents should be immediately reported to, who is responsible for sending all claims and lawsuits and reporting various known incidents to the Pool, and with whom the Pool will coordinate the County's claims administration (*section B of the Pool Board of Directors' Claims Handling Policies and Procedures*);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners for Mason County hereby confirms the appointment or designation of the following individuals for the applicable and required relationships with the Washington Counties Risk Pool:

WCRP Relationship	Name	County Position	Email	Telephone #
Director:	Tim Sheldon	Commissioner	tims@co.mason.wa.us	360-427-9670 ext 419
Alternate Director:	Lynda Ring Erickson	Commissioner	lyndare@co.mason.wa.us	360-427-9670 ext 419
Alternate Director:	Steve Bloomfield	Commissioner	steveb@co.mason.wa.us	360-427-9670 ext 419
Risk Manager:	Dawn Twiddy	Risk Manager	dawnt@co.mason.wa.us	360-427-9670 ext 422
Claims Administrator:	Shannon Goudy	COB/Claims Administrator	shannog@co.mason.wa.us	360-427-9670 ext 589
Safety Officer:	Dawn Twiddy	Risk Manager	dawnt@co.mason.wa.us	360-427-9670 ext 669
Prosecuting Attorney:	Michael Dorcy	Prosecutor	michaed@co.mason.wa.us	360-427-9670 ext 417
(Civil) Deputy Prosecuting Atty:	Tim Whitehead	Chief Deputy Prosecuting Atty	timw@co.mason.wa.us	360-427-9670 ext 417

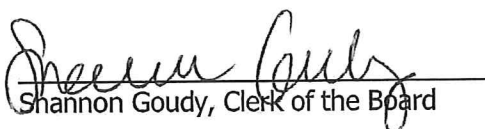
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and shall supersede any prior conflicting action(s); and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the clerk of this body shall forward a copy of this resolution, once completed, to the attention of Executive Director Vyrle Hill at the Washington Counties Risk Pool, 2558 RW Johnson Rd. S.W., Suite 106, Tumwater, WA 98512-6103.

PASSED this 1st day of NOV. 2011.

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 MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

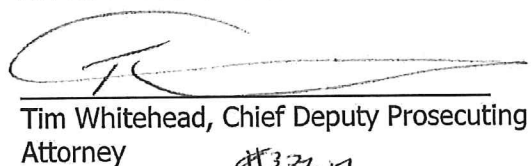
ATTEST:


 Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board


 Lynda Ring Erickson, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


 Tim Sheldon, Commissioner


 Tim Whitehead, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
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 Steve Bloomfield, Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. 72-11
2011 BUDGET
BUDGET TRANSFER - NOTICE OF HEARING

WHEREAS, by reason of conditions which could not be reasonably foreseen at the time of making the budget for the year 2011, it is necessary to make provision for a budget transfer to the budget as required by RCW 36.40.100, and RCW 36.40.195 for the following:

Budget transfer from Current Expense Ending Fund Budgeted Balance for:
Assessor - \$1,800 for AFSCME contract settlement/health care contribution.
Auditor - \$3,600 for AFSCME contract settlement/health care contribution.
Clerk - \$2,520 for AFSCME contract settlement/health care contribution.
District Court - \$2,520 for AFSCME contract settlement/health care contribution.
Treasurer - \$2,520 for AFSCME contract settlement/health care contribution.
Sheriff/Care & Custody of Prisoners - \$265,000 for non-debatable health care services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Mason County Commissioners:

That the 15th day of November, 2011 at the hour of 9:30 a.m. in the Mason County Commissioners Chambers in Courthouse Building I, 411 North Fifth Street, Shelton, Washington, is hereby fixed as the time and place for a public hearing upon the matter of a budget transfers to the 2011 Budget as follows:

- Assessor - \$1,800 budget transfer.
- Auditor - \$3,600 budget transfer.
- Clerk - \$ 2,520 budget transfer.
- District Court - \$ 2,520 budget transfer.
- Treasurer - \$ 2,520 budget transfer.
- Sheriff/Care & Custody Prisoners - \$265,000 budget transfer.

The Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to cause notice of such hearing to be published as provided by law.

DATED this 1st day of November, 2011.

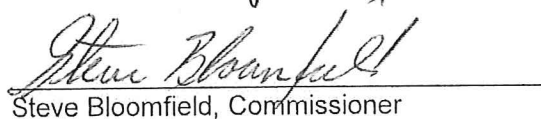
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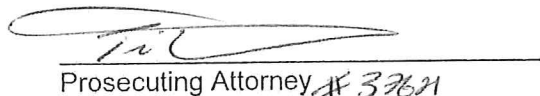
ATTEST:


Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board


Lynda Ring Erickson, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Steve Bloomfield, Commissioner


Prosecuting Attorney # 3761


Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

C: Chief Finance Manager
Treasurer, Auditor, Assessor, Clerk, District Court, Sheriff

Publish 2x 11/3 & 11/10 - bill to Mason County Commissioners, 411 North 5th Street, Shelton

Exhibit C

RESOLUTION NO. 73-11
Annual Construction Program

WHEREAS, Chapter 136-16 WAC, sets forth the procedures for the adoption of the Annual Construction Program; and,

WHEREAS, in compliance therewith, the board of County Commissioners has held a public hearing on the Annual Construction Program this 1st day of November, 2011.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Mason County Commissioners, in regular session assembled, that the attached Annual Construction Program for 2012 be adopted as set forth in detail, consisting of Item No's 1 through 15, which are incorporated and made part of this Resolution.

ADOPTED this 1st day of November, 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON


LYNDA RING ERICKSON, Chair



TIM SHELTON, Commissioner

ATTEST:


SHANNON GOUDY
Clerk of the board


STEVEN BLOOMFIELD, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


TIM WHITEHEAD,
Ch. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Cc: Cmmr
Public Works
Community Development
County Road Admin. Board
WSDOT/TransAid

RESOLUTION NO. 74 -11
Six Year Transportation Improvement Program

WHEREAS, in compliance with W.A.C. 136-15 Mason County has prepared the attachment Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, in compliance with R.C.W. 36.81.121 and W.A.C. 136-14, the Board of Mason County Commissioners hereby certifies that the priority array of potential projects on this County's road system, including bridges, was prepared by the County Commissioners during the preparation of the said Six Year Transportation Improvement Program; and,

WHEREAS, in the further compliance with said law, the Board of County Commissioners has held a public hearing on this 1st day of November 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Mason County Commissioners, in regular session assembled, that the attached Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2012 through 2017 be adopted, consisting of item No's 1 through 37, which are hereby incorporated and made part of this Resolution.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the County Engineer is hereby directed to distribute copies of the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2012-2017 to all required agencies.

ADOPTED this 1st day of November 2011.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



LYNDA RING ERICKSON, Chair

ATTEST:


SHANNON GOUDY,
Clerk of the Board


TIM SHELTON, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 #32877
TIM WHITEHEAD,
Ch. Deputy Prosecuting
Attorney
cc: Cmmr
Public Works
Community Development
County Road Admin. Board
WSDOT


STEVEN BLOOMFIELD, Commissioner

Mason County (23)

6-YEAR TIP PROGRAM 2012 - 2017

Project	BMP	EMP	2012	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Project
			PE	RW	Constr	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
ACP Overlays (maintenance)	-	-	10	0	138	148				
BST on Gravel (maintenance)	-	-	0	0	0	0				
Safety (maintenance)	-	-	10	10	200	220				
Recessed Pavement Markers	Var	Var			92	92				
Warning Signs upgrade: FFC07/08 Rds	Var	Var			50	50				
Intersection Safety	Var	Var	30	31	185	246				
Warning Signs upgrade: FFC09 Roads	Var	Var			19	19				
Bridge Guardrail Retrofit	Var	Var	55			55				
Minor Const (maintenance)	-	-	10	10	91	111				
Large Culverts (maintenance)	-	-	40	24	96	160				
Little Mission Creek Culvert	3.49	3.50	5	3	12	20				
Stimson Creek Culvert	4.99	5.00	5	3	12	20				
2007 STORM DAMAGE										
Lower Elfendahl Pass Rd. Reconstr.	0.00	1.87	50	35	315	400				
North Shore Road Erosion Repairs										
Grapeview Loop Road - 2	1.61	3.50	400	200	2,932	3,532				
Weaver Creek Bridge Const	0.69	0.72	0	0	500	500				
Shelton - Matlock (Goldsborough Br.)	0.91	1.38								
Lynch Rd / SR 101 Improvements	0.00	1.06	10	135	0	145				
Cloquallum Road - 3R (4/29/11)	5.85	6.85	60	0	0	60				
Hunter Creek Bridge	1.73	1.80	75	225	1,307	1,607				
North Island Dr - 1	0.31	1.31	120	90	0	210				
Pickering Rd - 3	3.35	4.45	5	0	0	5				
Matlock Brady Road - Phase 1	23.53	28.79	10	0	0	10				
Trails Rd - 2	0.40	1.59								
Arcadia Road	5.50	7.07								
Bellair - Tahuya Rd - 1	0.00	1.15								
South Island Dr - 1	0.00	1.80								
Matlock Brady Road - Phase 2	16.86	23.53								
Cloquallum - 2	4.58	5.23								
Deckerville Road - 1	0.00	1.86								
Island Lake Drive	0.44	1.18								
Johns Prairie/SR 3 Intersection	n.a	n.a								
Razor Road W. Extension to SR 3	n.a	n.a	10	0	0	10				
Newkirk Road Extension	n.a	n.a								
Wheelwright Street	n.a	n.a								
Wade Street	n.a	n.a								
Masterson Street	n.a	n.a								
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES						7,620				

NOTES:

- (1) All dollar figures in thousands
- (2) PE = Preliminary Engineering
- (3) RW = Right of Way
- (4) Constr = CE + Construction
- (5) CE = Construction Engineering

APPROVED BY TIP-CAP

Date of Final Approval: _____

APPROVED BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Hearing Date: _____
Date of Final Adoption: _____
Resolution Number: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 75-11

A RESOLUTION Imposing a Sales and Use Tax; Providing for the Administration and Collection Thereof For Providing New or Expanded Chemical Dependency or Mental Health Treatment Services and for the Operation of New or Expanded Therapeutic Court Programs as Provided in Chapter 82.14.460 RCW.

WHEREAS, substance use disorders are a serious and treatable health problem known to impact directly or indirectly as many as 60% of Americans and mental illness is a serious and treatable health problem known to directly occur in more than 19 million Americans, the most serious and chronic conditions occurring in three to five percent of the population; and

WHEREAS, approximately 50% of individuals with severe mental disorders are also substance abuse disordered, and more than 35% of alcohol abusers and more than 50% of drug abusers are also affected by serious mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Fifty percent of homeless adults have a substance abuse disorder; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 homelessness count for Mason County revealed 645 homeless people and also revealed that alcohol is one of the two top causes of homelessness in Mason County; and

WHEREAS, 80% of crimes are associated with substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 85% of incarcerated people who have a mental disorder also have a chemical dependency disorder, known as a co-occurring disorder; and

WHEREAS, individuals with co-occurring disorders (dually diagnosed mental illness and substance abuse disorders) are at a high risk for negative outcomes, including hospitalization, overdose, violence, legal problems, homelessness, victimization, HIV infection, and hepatitis; and

WHEREAS, community children and youth are impacted by mental disorders, substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders both as the children of, and as individuals with, mental illness and/or substance abuse disorders, often with resulting negative impact on their health, ability to learn, home life and safety, social behavior, and emotional development; with concomitant impacts on education, juvenile justice, child and family, health and mental health service systems; and

WHEREAS, treatments for individuals with co-occurring substance use and mental illness require specialized care to meet the unique and often opposing needs of both disorders; and

WHEREAS, the Mason County Advisory Committee for the 1/10th of 1% Sales and Use Tax for Mental Health and Substance Abuse services and Therapeutic Courts, upon review of local, state and national data and information identified the health, social community, and economic impact of alcohol and other drugs on Mason County and its citizens, and the impact of mental disorders, substance use disorder and co-occurring disorders, as a major public health and public safety problem in their October 2011 Report to the Mason County Board of County Commissioners and to the citizens of Mason County; and

WHEREAS, the impact of substance use disorders on the Mason County Criminal Justice system is significant; and

WHEREAS, Criminal Justice system response to individuals with mental disorders, substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders represents a significant and costly problem throughout Washington State, so much so that the 2005 Washington State Legislature passed E2SSB 5763, an act relating to the creation of the omnibus treatment of mental and substance abuse disorders, in the belief that identification and integration evidence-based treatment of mental disorders, substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders is critical to successful outcomes and recovery; and

WHEREAS, Mason County citizens, through their property taxes, are paying for the cost of mental disorders, substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders through funding of courts, jails, emergency medical technicians, schools, hospitals and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the health, social, community and economic impact of mental disorders, substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders on Mason County citizens as significant and negative, and desiring to achieve the goal of successful outcomes and recovery for individuals with mental disorders, substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognize that successful outcomes and recovery for some citizens will be a prerequisite for becoming employable and entering the workforce, make it possible for employers to retain valuable experienced employees, and reduce homelessness; and

WHEREAS, RCW 82.14.460 (2) authorizes the County Legislative Authority to authorize, fix and impose a sales and use tax in addition to other taxes authorized by law with a rate not to exceed one-tenth of one percent; and RCW 82.14.460 (3) provides that monies collected shall be solely for the purpose of providing new or expanded substance abuse or mental health treatment services and for the operation of new or expanded therapeutic court programs

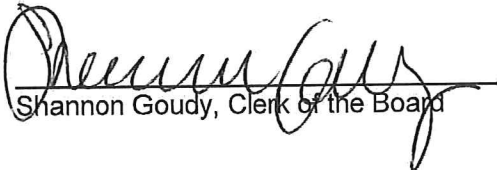
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Mason County that:

1. There is hereby imposed by this resolution a one tenth of one percent sales and use tax, as the case may be, upon every taxable event as defined in Chapter 82.08 and 82.12 RCW, occurring within Mason County. The tax shall be imposed upon and collected from those persons from whom the state sales or use tax is collected pursuant to Chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW. This tax shall be in addition to any other sales and use tax imposed by the State of Washington and/or Mason County.
2. The rate of tax imposed by this resolution shall be applied to the selling price in the case of a sales tax or the value of the article used in the case of a use tax.
3. The tax imposed by this resolution shall be administered and collected in accordance with Chapter 82.14.050. The Chair of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized to and directed to execute any contracts with the Washington State Department of Revenue that may be necessary to provide for the administration or collection of the tax.


4. There is hereby created the Substance Abuse/Mental Health Program Fund. Monies collected pursuant to this resolution shall be deposited in this fund by the Mason County Treasurer. The fund balance may be invested by the Treasurer and any interest earned shall be deposited in this fund as well.
5. Monies deposited in such fund shall be used solely for purposes as authorized by the laws of the State of Washington, including, providing new or expanded substance abuse or mental health treatment services and for the operation of new or expanded therapeutic court programs. Monies collected shall not be used to supplant existing funding for these programs.
6. The fund shall be administered by the Board of County Commissioners through the Mason County Public Health Department. The Health Department, with the help of a citizen advisory committee appointed by the Board of Mason County Commissioners, is hereby directed to prepare a five year plan, an annual budget, and an annual report showing the successes and failures of the programs.
7. If any provision of this resolution or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this resolution or the application of the provisions to other persons or circumstances is not affected.
8. The tax imposed by this resolution shall be limited in term to five years from the date of the signing of this resolution.

DATED this 1st day of November 2011.

ATTEST:


Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Tim Whitehead, #32821
Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Lynda Ring Erickson, Chair


Tim Sheldon, Commissioner


Steve Bloomfield, Commissioner