

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

January 3, 2012

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Randy Churchill 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 Washington Association of Building Officials announced the release of their Building Safety Mutual Aid Tool Kit.
 - 4.1.2 Danielle Skeeters-Lindsey, Frank McDonald and Larry Boltz are seeking appointment to the Planning Advisory Commission.
 - 4.1.3 Julie Simpson is seeking appointment to the Transportation Improvement Program Citizens Advisory Panel.
 - 4.1.4 Danielle Skeeters-Lindsey is seeking appointment to the Civil Service Commission.
 - 4.2 Election of 2012 Chair – **Cmmr. Bloomfield/Sheldon moved and seconded to elect Commissioner Ring Erickson as Chair of the Commission for 2012. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye.**

5. Open Forum for Citizen Input –

- 5.1 Randy Churchill asked to address the Board.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted that Mr. Churchill had filed to run for County Commissioner. He thought that the Board needed to set some standards for those running for office so the open forum didn't become a political opportunity.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson suggested that the Prosecutor's office be contacted for guidance. Mr. Churchill's comments could then be addressed under item 10.

- 5.2 Tom Davis spoke about the citizen advisory committees. He stated that he had applied for several committees and he understood that there was an arbitrary policy that each citizen could only serve on one committee. He asked the Board to review the policy so he had some guidance. He also had concerns about the balance of business and citizen interests on the committees.

- 5.3 Mark Core commented on the Commission changing to a five person Board. He thought it would create additional costs for the taxpayers. He thought there should be a side by side cost analysis for citizens to look at if it were considered. He didn't understand why the Board would consider it with the county's current population and wanted to know if it would come to a public vote.

Cmmr. Sheldon explained that State law does not allow the Commissioners to make the decision to go to a five person Board. The public would have to petition the County to become a charter for that to happen.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted that there are no hours attached to the level of pay for the Commissioners.

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Cmmr. Bloomfield agreed that it was a 24-hour a day job. He stated that a reason to consider a five person Board was that there were inherent problems with not being able to come to a conclusion with another Commissioner outside of an open meeting. He didn't think taking a pay cut would change the availability of a commissioner.

Annette McGee commented that a larger Board of Commissioners had been discussed in years past. She thought that Commissioner Bloomfield had a good point about the issues with the majority. There is also an issue of geographical distances. She thought it was something the public should look into.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted that it was a timely discussion with the congressional redistricting.

- 5.4 Amber Cervantes commented that the congressional redistricting plans hadn't been adopted yet. She noted that the Elections department would be putting together a display for the lobby to show the changes. The new congressional district would probably affect the county's voting precinct lines as well.

She also commented that the Board signed a resolution to reinstate the non-union employees' step increases for 2012. She wanted to know when those would take place. She is a non-represented employee and she didn't feel that there was any leadership. She stated that over the last three years non-represented employees have not received step increases or cost of living increases. She asked the Board to consider moving the non-represented employees to the steps they should have been at if they had not be withheld for the last three years.

6. Adoption of Agenda - **Cmmr. Sheldon/Bloomfield moved and seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of a discussion under item 10 regarding an advisory committee for the Belfair Urban Growth Area. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye.**

7. Approval of Minutes – December 13, 2011 regular meeting minutes.

Cmmr. Bloomfield/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve the December 13, 2011 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye.

8. Approval of Action Agenda:

- 8.1 Approval to amend the resolution increasing the county contributions toward employee medical insurance premiums for Elected Officials and Non-Union Employees to \$900 per person effective January 1, 2012. **Resolution No. 01-12 (Exhibit A)**
- 8.2 Approval of the agreement for Office of Public Defense funding for 2012 in the amount of \$60,458 for indigent defense costs.
- 8.3 Approval to appoint Elizabeth Avery, Gale McGrath, Drew Noble, Larye Parkins, George Rickle, Mel Williamson and Ken Van Buskirk to the Transportation Improvement Program Citizens Advisory Panel (TIP-CAP).
- 8.4 Approval to adopt a resolution setting a hearing date with the hearing examiner on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 1:00 pm to consider public comment on the petition for vacation of a portion of Reservation Road and all of Skokomish Indian Flats Road. **Resolution No. 02-12 (Exhibit B)**
- 8.5 Approval to adopt a resolution setting a hearing date with the hearing examiner on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 1:00 pm to consider public comment on the petition for vacation of a portion of Capital Hill Road. **Resolution No. 03-12 (Exhibit C)**

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Ms. Cervantes had a question on item 8.1.

Ken VanBuskirk had a question on item 8.3.

Cmmr. Sheldon had questions on items 8.4 and 8.5.

Item 8.1

Ms. Cervantes stated that it was her understanding that none of the unions had signed contracts. She understood that \$900 was being offered to make the non-represented employees equitable with the union members. She wanted to make sure that the union employees were not going to get a larger chunk. She asked the Board to consider the outcomes of offering everyone \$900. She noted that the non-represented employees and the union employees have very different medical plans so the outcome would be that she would still pay \$500 per month for her family and a union member would only pay \$237 per month.

Item 8.3

Mr. VanBuskirk noted that he currently serves on two committees and he would like to continue to do so. He would hate to see the citizens limited.

Cmmr. Sheldon explained that the League of Women Voters did a study on the County's committees. He liked the idea of only one person on a committee because it provided a broader representation. He thought that the short term committees would be different.

Cmmr. Bloomfield commented that he had sat on more than one committee in the past but he felt that it could look like one person trying to push their ideas or needs. There could be a possibility of one person changing things for their own benefit. He agreed that the short term committees could be different.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted that sometimes the Board receives several applications for committee positions and she would like to allow all of the citizens to have a voice and a chance to get involved. She asked for a separate vote on the item.

Mr. Davis didn't think that citizens that are already serving on committees should be discouraged from submitting applications for other committees.

Cmmr. Sheldon explained that certain committees have a set number of seats. The TIPCAP usually accepts everyone who applies, so it is a bit different.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted that it has been an operating principle for the Commission to only have citizens serve on one committee for a few years.

Item 8.4 and Item 8.5

Cmmr. Sheldon thought that road vacations were approved by the Commissioners not the Hearings Examiner.

Charlie Butros, Public Works, explained that generally, routine vacations go directly before the Commission. Other vacations go through the Hearings Examiner and then a recommendation is brought to the Commissioners for approval.

Cmmr. Sheldon wanted to be sure the final decision came before the Board.

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Cmmr. Bloomfield moved and seconded to approve Action items 8.1 through 8.5, with the exception of item 8.3. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye.

Cmmr. Sheldon thought that the TIPCAP was different because there was no limit on the number of members. He didn't want to deny someone the chance to be on a committee with an unlimited membership because they are already on another board.

Cmmr. Bloomfield agreed and hoped more people would step forward to join the committee.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked if there would be other appointments to the committee besides those currently on the agenda.

Mr. Butros explained that the applications were due by mid December so the applicants could be in place for the first meeting in January. There have been instances when late applicants were allowed to be appointed later in the year.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson thought the actions were inconsistent with what the Board had done in the past. Others had been asked not to sit on the TIPCAP and another committee. She would like to see a list of the committees and how their seats are determined. She thought that a policy needed to be put in writing.

Mr. Butros noted that the action could be differed until a policy was created.

Cmmr. Sheldon suggested that the issue of creating an advisory board policy should be reviewed at briefing.

Cmmr. Bloomfield/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve Action item 8.3. Motion carried. RE-nay; S-aye; B-aye.

9. 9:30 a.m. Public Hearings and Items Set for a Certain Time – There were no public hearings.

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

10.1 Mr. Churchill did not address Board. The Prosecutor would research the issue and provide an opinion at a later time.

10.2 Cmmr. Sheldon noted that there was uncertainty about the boundaries of the Urban Growth Area in Belfair. The Public Works department was working on signs to delineate the point that the Urban Growth boundary was entered. There was also confusion about what services were provided in the UGA. He didn't think it was just a utility issue. He asked staff to create a plan for an advisory committee to review the boundaries. He noted that it would be a short term committee.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson thought that if it was considered for one Urban Growth Area it should be considered for all of them. She would like to look at it as a comprehensive issue for the whole county with all of the Urban Growth Areas.

Cmmr. Sheldon suggested that there should be three separate committees. He commented that government has to follow the people and this would be an opportunity for people to weigh in.

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10.3 Cmmr. Bloomfield commented on Lodging Tax. The advisory committee made some recommendations. One of the major changes was the suggestion that \$95,000 be taken from the Chamber of Commerce and \$36,000 be given instead to Olympic Broadcasting for tourism management. He had received a lot of comments about the issue. He explained that the Commission had to make the final decisions and he thought there needed to be further discussion and clarification.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted that years ago the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee was a confused group. The Commissioners tried to step back from the committee and have the business people step in. The main concern in tourism is to get heads in beds. He thought that if the business community on the committee made a recommendation it carried a lot of weight. The business community's opinion carries a lot of weight because they generate the tax. He asked if the LTAC made the recommendation to change the management of the general tourism marketing.

Cmmr. Bloomfield stated that the committee strongly recommended the change. It was very clear.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson explained that a Commissioner didn't sit on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for a while because it was more equitable to have the recommendations come to the Board at the same time for a balanced discussion. However, State law requires that a Commissioner sit on the committee.

Cmmr. Bloomfield noted that he is a nonvoting member of the committee.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked when the Board would meet on the issue.

The clerk noted that the Board would be briefed on the issue on January 9th.

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 10:19 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Lynda Ring Erickson, Chair


Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board


Steve Bloomfield, Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. 01-12
AMENDING RESOLUTION 54-11
HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR
ELECTED OFFICIALS AND NON-UNION EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, RCW 36.40.080 states that ...the Board of County Commissioners shall fix and determine each item of the budget separately and shall by resolution adopt the budget...,

WHEREAS, RCW 36.16.070 states that ...the Board shall fix the compensation of all employees...,

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the County's contribution towards health insurance premiums for Elected Officials and eligible Non-Union employees should be adjusted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, effective January 2012, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby establish the County's health insurance contribution rate for Elected Officials and eligible Non-Union Employees as follows:

\$683 per month per Elected Official/Employee for those individuals enrolled on medical as an employee only (no dependent coverage). This contribution also covers dental, vision, basic life and basic long-term disability insurance.


\$1,091 per month per Elected Official/Employee for those individuals enrolled on medical as employee with one or more dependents. This contribution also covers dental, vision, basic life and basic long-term disability insurance.

Approved this 3rd day of January 2012

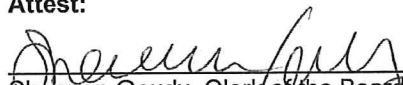
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Lynda Ring Erickson, Chairperson


Steve Bloomfield, Commissioner


Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

Attest:


Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

Approved as to Form:


Tim Whitehead, Chief Deputy Prosecutor

c: Financial Services, Payroll
Human Resources
All Elected Officials and Department Heads

RESOLUTION NO. 02-12

VACATION FILE NO.378
NOTICE OF INTENT TO VACATE
SETTING TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING ON SAID VACATION
RCW 36.87

IN THE MATTER OF THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF RESERVATION ROAD AND ALL OF SKOKOMISH
INDIAN FLATS ROAD

WHEREAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mason County Public Works Department initiated a petition, along with the Skokomish Tribe, for the vacation of the following right of way:

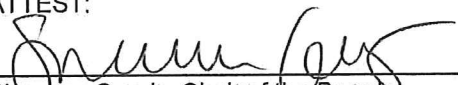
All that portion of Reservation Road, County Road Number 43130 lying in Section 1, Township 21 North, Range 4 West, W.M. and all of Skokomish Indian Flats Road, County Road Number 43400, lying in Sections 1 and 2, Township 21 North, Range 4 West, W.M., in of Mason County, Washington.


WHEREAS, the Board of Mason County Commissioners did set a date for public hearing on the matter before the Hearing Examiner on the matter and directed Public Works to prepare notice thereof for posting and publication.

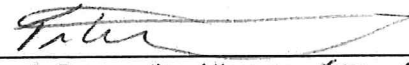
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said hearing has been set for **Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Commission Chambers, Mason County Courthouse Building I, 411 North Fifth Street, Shelton, Washington, at which time and place any taxpayer may appear to hear the County Engineer's report, and be heard either for or against the vacation of said portion of a portion of Reservation Road and all of Skokomish Indian Flats Road.

DATED this 3rd day of JANUARY, 2012.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board


Lynda Ring Erickson, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney #37621


Tim Sheldon, Commissioner


Steve Bloomfield, Commissioner

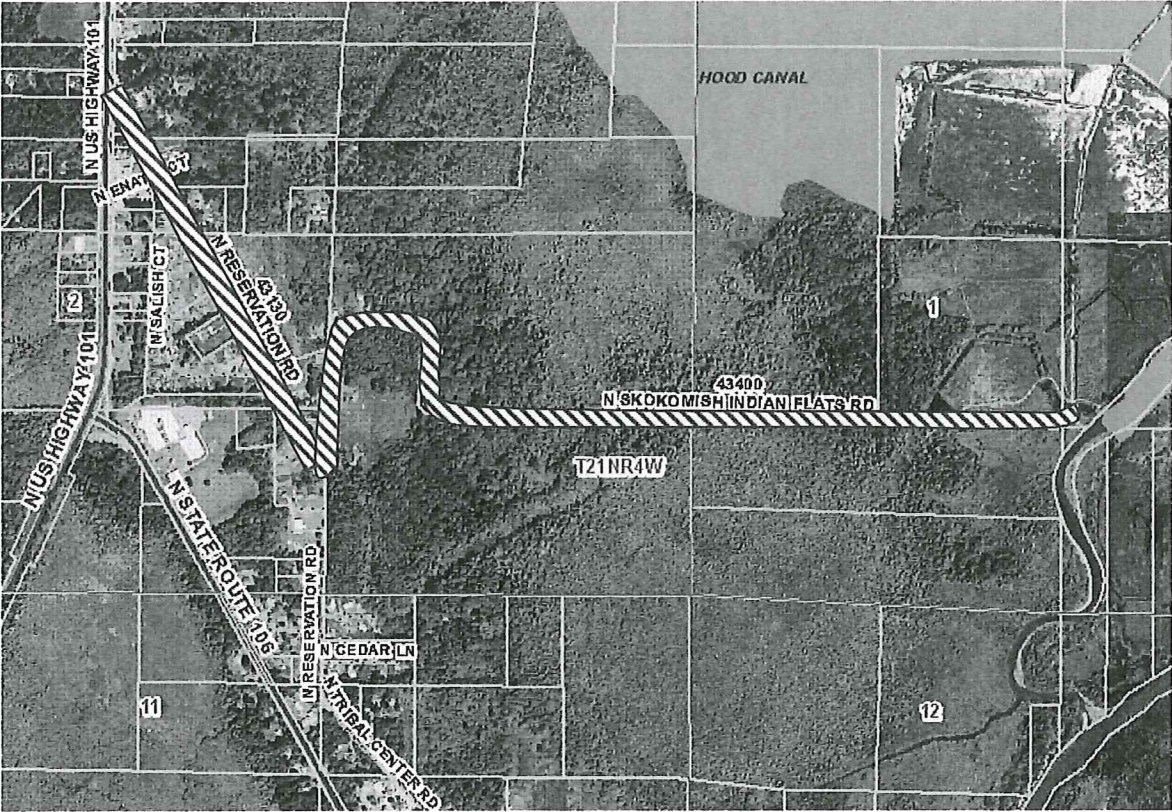
- Assessor
- Auditor
- County Engineer
- Petitioner
- Post no later than 1/24/12 (20 days prior to hearing at each terminus of the county road or portion thereof proposed to be vacated or abandoned.)
- Vacation File No. 378
- JOURNAL – Publish 2t: 2/2/12& 2/9/12
- (Bill Public Works)

ROAD VACATION # 378

PORTION OF RESERVATION ROAD
AND ALL OF SKOKOMISH INDIAN FLATS ROAD

EXHIBIT MAP

 VACATION AREA



RESOLUTION NO. 03-12

VACATION FILE NO. 379
NOTICE OF INTENT TO VACATE
SETTING TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING ON SAID VACATION
RCW 36.87
IN THE MATTER OF THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF CAPITAL HILL ROAD

WHEREAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to agreements with the Port of Shelton and Manke Lumber Company for the realignment of the northerly portion of Capital Hill Road, Mason County Public Works Department requests the vacation of the following right of way:

All that portion of the historical right of way of Capital Hill Road lying northeasterly of the new right of way of Capital Hill Road as adopted into the County Road System under Resolution No. 53-11 of the Board of Mason County Commissioners, in Mason County, Washington.

WHEREAS, the Board of Mason County Commissioners did set a date for public hearing on the matter before the Hearing Examiner and directed Public Works to prepare notice thereof for posting and publication.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said hearing has been set for **Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Commission Chambers, Mason County Courthouse Building I, 411 North Fifth Street, Shelton, Washington, at which time and place any taxpayer may appear to hear the County Engineer's report, and be heard either for or against the vacation of said portion of Capital Hill Road.

DATED this 3rd day of JANUARY, 2012.

ATTEST:


Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Lynda Ring Erickson, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Deputy Prosecuting Attorney # 37621


Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

Assessor
Auditor
County Engineer
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PORTION OF CAPITAL HILL ROAD
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