

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

April 10, 2012

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Max Folsom 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 State Liquor Control Board sent notice of special occasion liquor license applications for Hood Canal Education Foundation and North Mason Rotary and notice of an application for added privilege for Rite Aid in Belfair.
 - 4.1.2 John Gunter is seeking appointment to the Belfair Urban Growth Area Adviosry Committee.
 - 4.2 Staff Recognition – Central Operations. Cmmr. Ring Erickson recognized Britta Creed for her outstanding customer service and presented her with the Green Star Award.
 - 4.3 Vicki Kirkpatrick, Public Health, read a news release announcing that two public workshops would be held for the Mason County Park Plan Update.
 - 4.4 Ms. Kirkpatrick read a news release announcing the National County Health Rankings.
 - 4.5 Ms. Kirkpatrick also read a news release regarding a Mason County sales tax increase for chemical dependency and mental health services, which will go into effect on April 1, 2012.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input –
 - 5.1 Patricia Vandehey commented on the National County Health Rankings. She thought that the industries needed to be held responsible for the environment and public health as well. She thought the report needed to be more focused on environmental health and not just the public.
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 – March 13, 2012 and March 20, 2012 regular meeting minutes; March 19, 2012 briefing meeting minutes.
Cmmr. Bloomfield/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve the March 13, 2012 and March 20, 2012 regular meeting minutes; March 19, 2012 briefing meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye.
8. Approval of Action Agenda:
 - 8.1 Approval of Lodging Tax Fund Applications for: The Union Tourism Association for Traveler Days - \$5,000; Union Tourism Association for PumpkinFest - \$5,000; Hood Canal Highland Celtic Festival - \$3,500; Anna's Bay Center for Music - \$4,440; and to deny Lodging Tax Fund Applications for: Shelton-Mason County Journal for Visitor Guides and Oysterfest programs and Shelton Skookum Rotary Club for Oysterfest website upgrade.
 - 8.2 Approval to appoint Andrew Kinney to the Mason County Parks and Trails Advisory Board.
 - 8.3 Approval of the agreement for the Mason County Recreation Area (MCRA) Attendant with Mark and Angie Stubblefield.

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- 8.4 Approval to authorize the Interim Utilities & Waste Management Department Director to call for bid proposals for the Belfair Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Get Connected Phase 1 Program project and to award the contract for construction of the project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The bid opening will be Thursday, May 17 at 3 p.m. Bid results and contract award shall be announced at an upcoming regular Commission meeting.
- 8.5 Approval of a resolution declaring real property located off East Sherwood Place to be surplus to the needs of Mason County and approving the sale of the property to Jeanette Lewis for a price of \$1,278.29.

Item 8.5

Tom Davis noted that the legal description attached to the resolution for item 8.5 had the wrong parcel number listed.

Brian Matthews, Public Works, recommended that the item be removed until the paperwork could be sorted out.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Bloomfield moved and seconded to table Action Item 8.5 for one week. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye.

Cmmr. Bloomfield/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve Action Items 8.1 through 8.4. 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 establishment of a Lake Management District (LMD) No. 1 for Island Lake in Mason County as petitioned by Island Lake property owners. The purpose of the LMD is to manage noxious aquatic plants in Island Lake.

Diane Zoren, Central Operations, explained that the proposal was for a ten-year term with the rate at \$0.25 per \$1,000 of valuation. It would be the second lake management district for the lake. There was a five-year term from 1999 to 2003. The petition was signed by 55% of the property owners, which equals 61% of the taxable value on the lake. It involves the parcels fronting the lake. She recommended that the hearing be continued for one week to meet a requirement in the law, which states that the hearing shall be held 30-90 days after the initial resolution. That resolution was adopted by the Commissioners 29 days ago.

Max Folsom, Island Lake Management District, explained that the citizens would like to renew their relationship with the County. The County and the State own the lake and the waterfront property owners have chosen to tax themselves for the management of the lake. The relationship has worked out. They are allowed to do the work on the lake with a group of volunteers. Over the last twelve years they have had a lot of experience dealing with the invasive weed milfoil. The target weed grows in shallow water and surfaces at the lake at its maturity, which can preclude fishing and boating, to some extent, and is hazardous to swimmers. He stated that the budget that was presented to the Board was cyclical. The periods of high usage and expense are attached to the weather. When it is cooler they can use divers to pull the weeds early in the year. During long hot summers hand pulling isn't as effective so they hire professional aquatic herbicide applicators. They meticulously keep track of the weeds on a map so they are easy to locate. The water can continue to be used after the herbicide application and it isn't hazardous to humans or animals. The higher expense for treatment can be up to \$15,000 and the lower expense is about \$2,000.

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Cmmr. Bloomfield asked how long the milfoil survives out of water.

Mr. Folsom stated that it dies right away but they are careful about where they put the weeds after they are removed.

Cmmr. Bloomfield asked the name of the herbicide used.

Mr. Folsom provided the name of the herbicide.

Cmmr. Bloomfield asked if there were any volunteers to assist with the efforts.

Mr. Folsom replied that they have a lot of volunteers but not for the dive team.

Cmmr. Bloomfield thought he could find some volunteer divers.

Cmmr. Sheldon appreciated the history that was presented.

Mr. Folsom thanked Ms. Zoren for her assistance.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked if lawn fertilizer contributed to the problem.

Mr. Folsom didn't think that it was a big issue. People are careful when fertilizing around the lake.

There was no public testimony.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Bloomfield moved and seconded to continue the public hearing to April 17, 2012 to take final action on the establishment of a Lake Management District (LMD) No. 1 for Island Lake in Mason County as petitioned by Island Lake property owners. Written testimony will continue to be accepted until that time. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye.

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

10.1 Brian Matthews, Public Works, introduced his job shadow, Jacob Johnson. Public Works was working with the schools to get students interested in engineering and public works.

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.

12. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

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MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Lynda Ring Erickson, Chair


Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board


Steve Bloomfield, Commissioner