

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

JULY 3, 2012

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Karen Jackson 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 - None
 - 4.2 Gwen Culp, Acting Library Director, discussed the Timberland Regional Library Annual Report.
 - 4.2 John Cunningham, Utilities and Waste Management, made an announcement of an award of the Belfair Sewer County Hookup Program, Group #4 project to Zephyr's, Inc. in an amount of \$169,561.12.
 - 4.4 Barbara Adkins, Department of Community Development Director, read a News Release regarding the Planning Advisory Commission vacancies, which are both four year terms.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input –
 - 5.1 Michael Siphthoth discussed the lack of local affordable housing in the Belfair area.
 - 5.2 Linda Banton discussed the milfoil project at Island Lake. She had several questions.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson referred Ms. Banton to Debbie Riley from the Mason County Environmental Health Department to discuss the matter.
 - 5.3 Patricia Vandehey reminded everyone to vote. She also discussed a local award-winning artist, Terry Thompson.
 - 5.4 John Gunter discussed his thoughts on phase two of the sewer project in Belfair.
 - 5.5 Annette McGee encouraged everyone to support the Fairgrounds and to let the Port know that the community wants to keep it. She also discussed the Historical Society.
6. Adoption of Agenda - **Cmmr. Bloomfield/Sheldon moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye.**
7. Approval of Minutes – June 11 briefing meeting minutes and June 26 regular meeting minutes.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Bloomfield moved and seconded to approve June 11 briefing meeting minutes and June 26 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye.
8. Approval of Action Agenda:
 - 8.1 Approval of Contract Amendment 4 to Shoreline Management Act Grant G1100004 between the Department of Ecology and Mason County for the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update.
 - 8.2 Approval of the Professional Services Contract between the Hood Canal Coordinating Council and Mason County Public Health to deliver tasks outlined in Exhibit A: Mason County HCPIC Statement of Work. This contract runs through April 15, 2012 2014 and will not exceed \$9,300 in services rendered.

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- 8.3 Approval of the Washington State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding application for \$64,348 in rent assistance to Mason County residents. The Mason County Shelter will administer the grant.
- 8.4 Approval of the resolution authorizing a one-lane road closure from approximately milepost 2.440 to milepost 2.950 on Old Olympic Hwy for the Squaxin Island Canoe Journey starting at 9:00 a.m. Friday, July 27, 2012 and reopen at 1:00pm Monday, August 6, 2012. **Resolution No. 54-12 (Exhibit A)**
- 8.5 Approval of Modification 2 to the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement between the Mason County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service to actively patrol the US Forest Service Lands in the Lake Cushman area.
- 8.6 Approval for the Emergency Management Manager, Martin Best, to advertise, interview, and hire for the Emergency Management Coordinator position that will be vacated.
- 8.7 Approval of the Veterans Assistance Fund applications for: Immanuel Metcalf – Housing \$315.00 and Frank E. Ori – Housing \$484.00 for a total of \$799.00 as recommended by the Veterans Assistance Fund Screening Committee.
- 8.8 Approval of WestNET Interlocal Drug Task Force Agreement between Counties of Kitsap, Pierce and Mason and the Cities of Bainbridge Island, Bremerton, Port Orchard, Poulsbo, Shelton, and the Washington State Patrol and Naval Criminal Investigative Services.
- 8.9 Approval of agreement with the Timberlake Community Club to provide and pay for enhanced law enforcement services in the Timberlake development on an hourly basis up to \$40,000 to be reimbursed to the county monthly.
- 8.10 Approval of the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) contract, in the amount of \$30,000 with the Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice and Mason County Juvenile Court.
- 8.11 Approval to set a public hearing on Tuesday August 7, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. to review the submitted request by Sherry Kapaun to rezone one parcel (2.05 ac.) along Shelton-Matlock Road near Dayton from Rural Residential 5 zone to Rural Commercial 2 zone.
- 8.12 Approval of agreement for Grant Sub-recipient between Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Mason County Department of Community Development. The grant award is \$245,000 with a \$81,677 in-kind match. The grant provides funds for Mason County to develop a Resource Ordinance Working Group to identify and address permit process and site inspection issues.
- 8.13 Approval of the Professional Services Agreement between Environmental Science Associates (ESA) and Mason County Department of Community Development for the Puget Sound Marine and Nearshore Protection and Restoration Grant. ESA is scoped to gather information and facilitate a working group to better the permitting process for Mason County constituents.
- 8.14 Approval of Warrants
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| Claims Clearing Fund | Warrant #s 205728-206616 | \$1,969,240.27 |
| Salary Clearing Fund | Warrant #s 5840-5909 | \$ 493,291.73 |
| Direct Deposit Fund | Deposit #s 38843-39203 | \$ 572,160.92 |
- 8.15 *Approval for Public Works to hire an extra help employee for the Grapeview Loop Road project for Engineering and Construction Division. REMOVED*

Item 8.9

Tom Davis mentioned that he had a problem with the taxpayers paying twice for officers. First, the taxpayers pay for the officers to work for residents in the county and then the Timberlake's residents would have a two-year contract to pay for a full time deputy to patrol in their area. He thought it was a waste of taxpayers' money. He asked that the Commissioners' delay their voting on the item.

Annette McGee asked if it was in the budget under revenue.

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Frank Pinter, Sheriff's Office, replied that it was additional revenue that would be going into the budget.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted that people and venues hire law enforcement all of the time for special events. It enhances the County's ability to provide services.

Cmmr. Bloomfield stated it was successful for residents at Lake Cushman. He commented that having a deputy present makes a difference. It is a positive thing. He noted that other communities use that service as well.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson agreed. She appreciated that the Sheriff's deputies have a relationship with the community and was glad the option was available.

Undersheriff Barrett explained that the homeowners at Timberlake came to the Sheriffs; they did not solicit that. The deputies would be paid hourly. If they were needed somewhere else when they were at Timberlakes, the deputies would be on county funds, not Timberlake's funds. They would respond to the whole Peninsula, which would help get a quicker response to those in need living in the remote areas.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Bloomfield moved and seconded to approve Action items 8.1 through 8.14. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye.

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

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

10.1 Bob Simmons, WSU Extension Office, discussed rain gardens and needing additional volunteers to help with them.

10.2 Sheriff Salisbury mentioned a complaint that was brought up at last week's Commission meeting. He stated that the deputies in Mason County did all that they were supposed to do. There was an arrest made in another county due to work done by the local sheriff's office and said that it was taken care of.

10.3 Cmmr. Bloomfield mentioned that he wanted to clarify some items on the new budget that was discussed yesterday in the briefing. He noted that there were many great suggestions. He was unclear about the financial system allocation rates being dropped. He thought that it could be dropped into the unemployment allocation slot to avert a problem down the road.

Theresia Ehrich, Chief Accountant, stated that the budget for unemployment and the financial system would still have the same budget allocation. It would not increase. The unemployment FTE allocated for 2011 and 2012 was \$200. She wasn't sure if that amount would cover the claims in the future. There would be no way to know that. Already, there had been twice as many claims last quarter than the quarter before.

Cmmr. Sheldon felt that \$200 per employee would be adequate. If it were raised to \$285, then the departments would have to find money some place else to cover the extra \$85. Therefore, he would like to keep it at \$200 per employee.

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Ms. Ehrich thought that Commissioner Bloomfield was suggesting to drop the \$85 off the financial system allocation and add it to the unemployment allocation. It wouldn't increase the budget, it would just shift it.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated that she would like to leave it at \$200. If it was necessary, it could become a supplemental later. Costs are going up and keeping it at \$200 would allow the departments to stay closer to their current capacity to offer services. If it became necessary, the Commission next year could take a look at adding a supplemental. If not, it would save somebody's job and could keep the offices open longer. She understood if it is shifted over it wouldn't change the bottom line, but moving the extra few dollars for each employee would increase the capacity to keep services in tact. She thought that there was enough cash reserve in the County.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked Commissioner Bloomfield how he felt about the financial services and reducing that allocation.

Cmmr. Bloomfield stated that the ER&R manager suggested reducing the financial services allocation and he considered him the expert.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated that she supported step increases for non-represented employees. She wasn't quite sure what the cost impact of that would be, but thought it was a relatively small number. She noted that they were the employees that took cuts in hours and she felt a step increase was needed.

Cmmr. Bloomfield also supported the step increases for non-represented employees.

Brian Mathews, Public Works/Utilities and Waste Director, asked if the diversion would stay the same as last year.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson replied that she didn't have a problem with that and she would support keeping it where it was.

Cmmr. Sheldon agreed.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated that the next item was trying wages to the Superior Court judges. She commented that she didn't understand how or the process that would be involved. Before she made a decision, she would have to understand the process.

Cmmr. Sheldon explained that what he was proposing for elected officials in the county was that their pay be determined by the State Salary Commission. What the elected officials would do would be to take their pay in 2011 as the numerator of the fraction and take what the pay would be for the superior court judge as the denominator of the fraction. Then the pay would be changed by the salary commission to be adjusted in proportion to what it was today.

Cmmr. Bloomfield asked Commissioner Sheldon if the percentage would then remain the same.

Cmmr. Sheldon agreed that it would. He noted that other counties do it that way.

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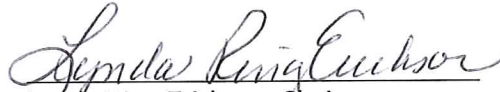
Cmmr. Ring Erickson replied that she didn't have a problem with that, but she would like to investigate it more with the Prosecutor. There had already been filing for the new Commissioner positions and she thought that the salary was already set for districts one and two for the next four years.

Cmmr. Sheldon thought that the salary was set for the first year. He agreed that they could check with the Prosecutor. He thought it would be a fair way of addressing the salary issue and take it out of the realm of local politics to put in the hands of the salary commission.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted that the Commissioners would like to make the budget as clear as possible and avoid confusion. He would like the budget to be straightforward and be interpreted unanimously.

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 10:33 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. 54-12
COUNTY ROAD CLOSURE
OLD OLYMPIC HWY
(COUNTY ROAD NO. 14010)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to RCW 47.48.010, Old Olympic Hwy, at approximately milepost 2.440 to milepost 2.950 on County Road No. 14010, shall have a one-lane closure to traffic turning onto Hwy 101 from Old Olympic Hwy (Out going lane south to Hwy 101) from 9:00am Friday, July 27, 2012 to 1:00pm Monday, August 6, 2012

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Mason County Commissioner has declared the above described one-lane road closure a public necessity to facilitate the Squaxin Island Canoe Journey.

THEREFORE, the County Engineer is hereby ordered and authorized to proceed as prescribed by law.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of JULY, 2012.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

Tim Whitehead
Tim Whitehead, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Cc: Commissioners
Engineer

JOURNAL: Publ. 1 t: _____ Bill Road Dept.)

POST: At least three (3) days prior to closure.

Exhibit A