

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

October 23, 2012

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Ginger Brooks 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 a change of corporate officers for Allyn Liquor Store and notice of establishments in Mason County with liquor licenses due to expire on January 31, 2013.
 - 4.1.2 The Washington State Department of Natural Resources sent their projection of income from State Forest Lands.
 - 4.1.3 WaveDivision Holdings announced the completion of the transfer of control transaction with Oak Hill Capital Parnters.
 - 4.2 Brian Matthews, Public Works, announced the contract award for County Road Project 1958, Bridge Guardrail Retro Fit Project to Petersen Brothers Inc. of Sumner, WA for \$116,516.30.
 - 4.3 Martin Best, Department of Emergency Management, read a news release regarding the Mason County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Update.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input – There was no citizen input.
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 16, 2012 regular meeting minutes.
Cmmr. Bloomfield/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve the October 16, 2012 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye.
8. Approval of Action Agenda:
 - 8.1 Approval for the chair to sign an agreement for Sunset Bluff Restoration work to Earth Corps in the amount of \$13,392.70. Project funding to be covered from Department of Ecology Restoration Grant.
 - 8.2 Approval to award the Request for Proposals for Debt Collection Services to Dynamic Collectors, Incorporated for the collection of certain fines, penalties and fees for the Mason County Clerk's office.
 - 8.3 Approval of the resolution establishing a Mason County Fairgrounds Financial Study Advisory Committee. The committee will consist of up to eleven members of the public who have an interest in a future fairgrounds and will provide a recommendation to the County on the feasibility of financing a future fairgrounds. A news release will be issued seeking applications for membership. **Resolution No. 72-12 (Exhibit A)**
 - 8.4 Approval of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Shelton and Mason County for District Court Probation Services in the amount of \$11,084.
 - 8.5 Approval to authorize the Board of Equalization to reconvene and continue the Board function for 2013.

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- 8.6 Approval for the Public Works Director to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and Mason County relating to the sharing of archaeological and historic data.
- 8.7 Approval to set two public hearings on November 20, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. to consider the adoption of the 2013 Annual Construction Program and the 2013-2018 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program.
- 8.8 Approval of the Veterans Assistance Fund application for Donald R. LaBonte (Laila) – Utilities, \$237.66, as recommended by the Veterans Assistance Fund Screening Committee.
- 8.9 Approval to withdraw from the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Hood Canal Coordinating Council (HCCC) pursuant to General Provisions 5.1 of said agreement. Written notice will be sent to the HCCC giving a three month notice of the intent to withdraw.
- 8.10 Approval for the Facilities, Parks and Trails Department to accept a bid from Andrew Spear Construction, LLC and enter into a contract in an amount not to exceed \$5,793.81 for the door improvements on the first floor of Building #1. Project is funded from Help American Vote Act (HAVA) and will improve voter access to the building.
- 8.11 Approval to set a public hearing for November 6, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. to consider an extension of the current moratorium on collective gardens for six months to expire on May 8, 2013.
- 8.12 Approval to appoint Edward Kruk to the Advisory Committee for the Belfair Urban Growth Area.
- 8.13 Tabled from October 16th. Approval of the resolution establishing the salaries of the Commissioners and the Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Coroner, Treasurer and Sheriff. This resolution would attach these salaries to the Superior Court Judge's salary that is set by Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials. The resolution also includes a 3% cap and reduces the salaries of Commissioner Districts No.1 and 2 to the 2008 level. Commissioner District 3 salary cannot be amended until the new term begins, January 1, 2015.

Cmmr. Bloomfield removed items 8.9 and 8.13 for a separate vote.

Deann Robertson, Grimm Collections, asked for item 8.2 to be removed for discussion. The RFP stated that only one bid would be accepted. Dynamic submitted two bids so she thought they should be disqualified.

Ginger Brooks, Deputy Clerk, explained that Dynamic actually submitted two copies of the same bid. One was hand delivered and the other was mailed.

Ms. Robertson asked why Dynamic was selected.

Ms. Brooks explained that other Mason County departments used Dynamic and they highly recommended them. The fact that they were a local company was also taken into consideration.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Bloomfield moved and seconded to approve action items 8.1 through 8.8 and 8.10 through 8.12. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye.

Item 8.9

Tom Davis asked if the Commissioners had already signed off on withdrawing from the Council.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated that the Board couldn't do that without taking action first.

Mr. Davis asked if the dues for the Council were in the budget for 2013.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson replied that the 2013 budget hadn't been approved yet but it was instructed to be removed from the preliminary budget.

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Tim Whitehead, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, explained the process for withdrawal from the organization.

Tom Davis commented that the decision should be left to the incoming commissioners since the withdrawal would occur during the next term. Mason County's withdrawal would have a big impact since the organization had a limited number of members.

Dave Herrera, Skokomish Tribe, noted that there was a lot of history around the organization. It has been around since 1983. He asked that the motion be tabled until the Council members could sit down with the Commissioners to address their concerns.

Tom Springer was dismayed to hear that the Commissioners wanted to withdraw from the Council. He thought another process could be used to discuss any concerns. He asked that the Commissioners hold off on withdrawing until they could sit down with the rest of the Council members.

Scott Brewer, Executive Director of the Hood Canal Coordinating Council, stated that he was open and available if the Commissioners wanted to discuss their concerns.

Cmmr. Bloomfield noted that there would be a 90 day period for the new commission to become familiar with the Coordinating Council and make their own decisions. He had expressed his concerns to the Executive Director. He was approaching the issue with an open mind and believed that the Council should sit down and discuss the issues. He didn't want to put any of the projects in jeopardy.

Cmmr. Sheldon was troubled by the fee in lieu of program. He would like to look at the Council's financial statements and he also felt it was prudent for the Commissioners to look at all expenditures in the County budget. Placing it on the agenda would open the conversation and create a deadline.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated that she had expressed serious concerns about the fee in lieu program when it was brought up. She felt unheard by the group. The Commissioners voted no on the program and they were told that it would still apply to the Highway 3 project, which is entirely within Mason County. She didn't think the Commissioners needed to stay at the table if they weren't being heard. There would be some advantages to creating a separate organization that focuses on the concerns specifically in Mason County. She thought the withdraw process could go forward and the Commissioners could still discuss the issue.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted that approving the item wouldn't be a final action. The item was expressing the intent to withdraw and there would be three months to make any changes.

Cmmr. Bloomfield/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve item 8.9. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; B-aye.

Item 8.13

Cmmr. Sheldon noted that he liked the idea of a local salary commission. Lewis County and Whitman County have implemented similar commissions. The Board discussed the issue with the other elected officials and they seemed to be interested. He would like to review the option in a couple of weeks.

Cmmr. Bloomfield agreed that a local salary commission would be a good tool for the County.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson thought it would be a good way to de-politicize the issue and compare the elected officials to local incomes. It would also be a good way for the citizens to see what the local elected officials do.

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Cmmr. Bloomfield moved to replace the resolution in Item 8.13 with a resolution amending Resolution 85-01 setting the 2013 Commissioner District 1 and 2 salaries at the 2012 level of \$78,367 and implements a 1% annual salary increase for Commissioner District 1 and 2 starting in 2014 and each year thereafter. In 2015, Commissioner District 3 salary shall be set at the same amount as Commissioner District 1 and 2 and then a 1% annual increase thereafter.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked if the motion would include the Commissioners in a local salary commission.

Cmmr. Bloomfield replied that the motion wouldn't do that.

Cmmr. Sheldon thought that if a local salary commission were established in would override the motion. He stated that it was a fair motion and it maintained the salary for the Commissioners at a reasonable rate for the position.

Cmmr. Bloomfield felt it would be equitable for the people that were running for office who paid a fee based on the current wages.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted that the Commissioners receive a flat salary with no benefits package. She was hoping the salary could be frozen for 2012 and then have the issue turned over to a salary commission for all of the elected officials. She didn't think she could vote for the motion.

Cmmr. Bloomfield/Sheldon moved and seconded to replace the resolution in Item 8.13 with a resolution amending Resolution 85-01 setting the 2013 Commissioner District 1 and 2 salaries at the 2012 level of \$78,367 and implements a 1% annual salary increase for Commissioner District 1 and 2 starting in 2014 and each year thereafter. In 2015, Commissioner District 3 salary shall be set at the same amount as Commissioner District 1 and 2 and then a 1% annual increase thereafter. Motion carried. RE-nay; S-aye; B-aye. Resolution No. 73-12 (Exhibit B)

Tom Davis was disappointed by the motion. The Commissioners have gotten salary increases over the last four years while their employees salaries were frozen and this would keep those increases in tact. He had questions about establishing a local salary commission. He also suggested that the non-represented employees be tied to the Commissioners salaries.

Roslynne Reed was also disappointed that the salaries were not rolled back to 2008 levels. She didn't think it was equitable for the other elected officials or the other employees. She noted that the Commissioners had also given some of their employees raises.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated that she has said for years that she wanted the Commissioners salaries tied to the non-represented employees.

9. 6:30 p.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 announced an open house for the Shoreline Master Program.

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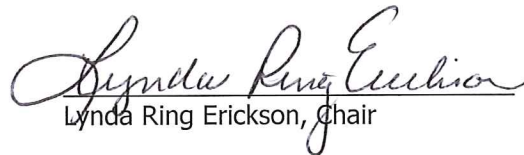
10.2 Cmmr. Ring Erickson commented that it was inaccurate to state that the Commissioners have given raises to their employees and not to other departments. The adjustments that have been made corresponded to significant adjustments to duties and those adjustments have been made in other departments as well.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted that many employees will also receive step increases next year.

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 7:14 p.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. 72-12

A resolution establishing a Mason County Fairgrounds Financial Study Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, in 1963 Mason County entered into a 50-year lease with the Port of Shelton for the fairgrounds property;

WHEREAS, in 2009, after careful review of all options, it was determined that it is was no longer economically feasible for Mason County to continue the lease for the fairgrounds and therefore canceled the lease;

WHEREAS, Mason County has acquired a potential site and with the assistance of an advisory committee developed a site plan;

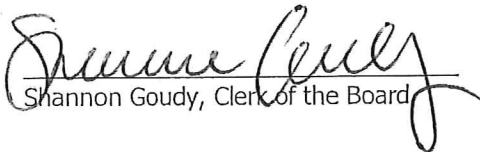
WHEREAS, the Mason County Commission and the Port of Shelton Commission met on October 16, 2012 to discuss options for the fairgrounds and it was determined that Mason County will form a county-wide citizen's advisory committee to conduct a financial study and provide a recommendation to the County on the feasibility of financing a future fairgrounds;

WHEREAS, this Committee will consist of up to eleven (11) members from the public who have an interest in the future fairgrounds. The Committee will include County staff as assigned by the County Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a Mason County Fairgrounds Financial Study Advisory Committee shall be established and the County Commissioners shall appoint the members. The recommendation from the Committee must be completed no later than February 28, 2013 and the Committee's term will end on February 28, 2013 unless extended by the County Commissioners.

DATED this 23rd day of October 2012.

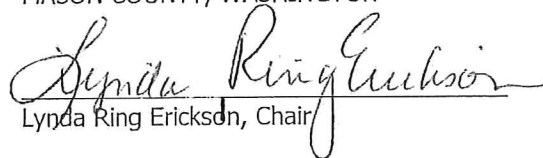
ATTEST:


Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Tim Whitehead, Chief DPA

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Lynda Ring Ericksen, Chair


Tim Sheldon, Commissioner


Steve Bloomfield, Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. 73-12

A resolution amending Resolution No. 85-01 establishing the County Commissioners' salaries

WHEREAS, the Washington State Constitution precludes any change mid-term for County Commissioner positions;

WHEREAS, Commissioner Districts 1 and 2 will begin new terms in 2013 and the Commissioners wish to establish the 2013 salaries for Commissioner Districts 1 and 2 at the same level as 2012, \$78,367, and change the annual increase to 1%, rather than the 3% annual increase that was established in Resolution 85-01;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners wish to set the Commissioner District No. 3 salary at the same amount as Commissioner District No. 1 and 2 at the beginning of the new term for District 3;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 85-01, the Commissioner District 3 salary for 2013 shall be \$80,718 and the 2014 salary shall be \$83,140;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2013 salaries for Commissioner Districts 1 and 2 shall be \$78,367, and starting in January 2014 and each year thereafter, a 1% annual increase shall be implemented, rounded to the nearest whole dollar.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, beginning January 1, 2015, the Commissioner District No. 3 salary shall be set at the same amount as Commissioner District No. 1 and 2.

Dated this 23rd day of October 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON


ATTEST:


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Lynda Ring Erickson, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Tim Sheldon, Commissioner


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