

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

March 26, 2013

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Annette McGee led the flag salute.
3. Roll Call – Present: Commissioner District 1 - Randy Neatherlin; Commissioner District 3 – Terri Jeffreys. Absent: Commissioner District 2 – Tim Sheldon.
4. Correspondence and Organizational Business
 - 4.1 Correspondence
 - 4.1.1 Washington State University thanked the Board for their continued support of the Washington State University Extension Program in Mason County.
 - 4.1.2 The Timberland Regional Library is seeking concurrence of Lewis County's appointment of Regina King and Hal Blanton to the Timberland Regional Library Board.
 - 4.1.3 Columbia-Pacific Resource Conservation & Economic Development District is seeking financial support from member counties.
 - 4.1.4 Mason County Fire District Nos. 5 and 16 sent notice of their appointed representatives to the Mason County EMS and Trauma Council.
 - 4.1.5 Philip Grabicki is seeking appointment to the Mason County Civil Service Commission.
 - 4.2 Brian Matthews, Public Works, announced the bid award for the 2013 paint line contract to Apply A Line out of Pacific, Washington at their bid price of \$279,428.40.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input - There was no citizen input.
6. Adoption of Agenda - Cmmr. Jeffreys added item 8.6 - Authorization for the Chair to sign the EPA Lobbying and Litigation Certification.

Cmmr. Jeffreys/Neatherlin moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried. N-aye; S-absent; J-aye
7. Approval of Minutes - March 4, 2013 and March 11, 2013 briefing meeting minutes.

Cmmr. Jeffreys/Neatherlin moved and seconded to approve the March 4, 2013 and March 11, 2013 briefing meeting minutes. Motion carried. N-aye; S-absent; J-aye.
8. Approval of Action Agenda:
 - 8.1 Approval to set a public hearing on Tuesday April 16, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. to review the map correction request by Patrick Venglar that four tracts of the subject parcel (6.00 acres total, Parcel No. 22209-54-00084) be rezoned from the Rural Residential 5 zone to the Rural Commercial 2 zone within the Rural Area.
 - 8.2 Approval to authorize Public Works to select a consulting engineer from the Municipal Research Consultant Roster and negotiate a contract to design the sewer collection system for the Romance Hill Area.
 - 8.3 Approval to execute the Annual Certification for Calendar Year 2012; Certification of Expenditures for Traffic Law Enforcement – 2012; and, Certification for Expenditures for Fish Passage Barrier Removal – 2012 to be included in the annual submittal to the County Road Administration Board by the Department of Public Works.

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- 8.4 Approval for the Chair to sign the County's UST Pollution Policy Authorization to Bind Coverage forms to renew the County's UST Pollution insurance policy for the period of April 21, 2013 to April 21, 2014 in the amount of \$780 and to reject the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act coverage as quoted.
- 8.5 Approval of Veterans' Assistance Fund applications for: Utilities, \$401.13; Housing, \$958.59; Food, \$450 and Burial, \$600 for a total of \$2,409.72, as recommended by the Veterans' Assistance Screening Committee.
- 8.6 Approval for the Chair to sign the EPA Lobbying and Litigation Certification for Grants and Cooperative Agreements for the Belfair Sewer Project.

Item 8.6 was removed for a separate vote because it was an amendment to the agenda.

Cmmr. Jeffreys/Neatherlin moved and seconded to approve action items 8.1 through 8.5. Motion carried. N-aye; S-absent; J-aye.

Item 8.6

Tom Moore, Utilities and Waste Management, explained that a form was received today from the EPA for the final reimbursement for the Belfair sewer. It certifies that the money received from the grant wasn't used to lobby or sue the federal government.

Cmmr. Jeffreys/Neatherlin moved and seconded to approve action item 8.6. Motion carried. N-aye; S-absent; J-aye.

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 Public Comment on Financing Recommendations for Fairgrounds and Future Fairground Possibilities and Report from the Fairgrounds Fiscal Feasibility Advisory Committee.

John Keates, Facilities Parks and Trails, provided a copy of the Fairgrounds Fiscal Advisory Committee's report. He discussed the committee's work and answered questions from the audience regarding the report.

Public Testimony

Tom Davis noted that there are already event centers at the casinos in the county so the plan for a new event center would make little business sense. He thought the fairgrounds should remain in the existing location.

Rhoda Pykonen felt it was important to restore and repurpose historical buildings in the community. She thought the fairgrounds buildings could be used for aeronautical or county history museums.

Debra Soper discussed other fairgrounds in the state. She thought the Board should consider starting with a small fairgrounds if the location cannot remain at the Port.

Norm Eveleth stated that the County should have never put the fairgrounds on leased property. He urged the Board not to make that same mistake again.

Steve Bloomfield noted that the committee came up with a good list of funding sources and they were all worth looking at regardless of where the location will be.

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Annette McGee thought the fair should remain at the current location. She urged the Board to work with the Port on the issue.

Jay Hupp provided the history of the fairgrounds at the Port property. He thought there could be a solution to the problem that would not harm the airport's ability to operate. It would allow the community to keep their fairgrounds if the community puts in the effort.

Marv Faughender had been a Port Commissioner, County Commissioner and has worked with Oysterfest. He was concerned that Oysterfest will leave if there are no fairgrounds, which would be a big loss for the community.

Ms. McGee was concerned about the county's representation of the cost of the fair. She thought the community would get behind the fair again if they had the opportunity.

Cmmr. Neatherlin stressed the importance of community involvement if there is to be a fair in the future because the county does not have the money to fund it. It will take a creative partnership to make it work.

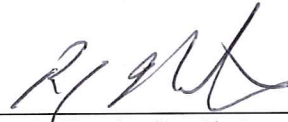
Cmmr. Jeffreys was interested in discussing the issue with the Port Commissioners. She had difficulty in finding the county's role in the fair. She agreed that a new facility should start small.

10.2 Bob Simmons, WSU Extension, announced that applications are being accepted for the youth forestry program.

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 7:41 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Randy Neatherlin, Chair



Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board



Terri Jeffreys, Commissioner