

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
January 28, 2014

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Patti Case led the flag salute.
3. Roll Call – Present: Commissioner District 1 - Randy Neatherlin; Commissioner District 2 – Tim Sheldon; Commissioner District 3 – Terri Jeffreys.
4. Correspondence and Organizational Business
 - 4.1 Correspondence
 - 4.1.1 Bureau of Indian Affairs notice of determination of application of Skokomish Indian Tribe-Acquisition in Trust of 39.622 Acre Tract in Mason County.
 - 4.1.2 Marijuana license application for Sweetleaf Farm and Blacksmith Farms.
 - 4.1.3 US Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration sent a notice regarding the relocation of the Mason County Fair Grounds.
 - 4.1.4 Richard Newman and Deborah Reis applied for a position on the Board of Equalization.
 - 4.1.5 Received notice of case filing from Public Employment Relations Commission regarding Community Health.
 - 4.2 Dawn Twiddy read the news release for a Civil Service Board vacancy.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input –
 - 5.1 Tom Davis talked about the importance of transparency in the budget process and the Budget Manager position being part of Support Services. He had made a previous request to have the Support Services staff meetings open to the public. Cmmr. Jeffreys pointed out the Budget Manager is very accessible by the public and there are opportunities for comment. The Commissioners are reluctant to make an exception to the Open Public Meetings Act to have staff meetings open to the public.
 - 5.2 Pat Vandehey asked about Phase 2 referred to in the letter of support for Green Diamond that was signed in late 2013.
6. Adoption of Agenda - **Cmmr. Neatherlin/Sheldon moved and seconded to adopt an amended agenda with the addition of 10.1, Report on proposed legislation and an executive session following the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. N-aye; S-aye; J-aye.**
7. Approval of Minutes – December 9 and 16, 2013 briefing minutes and January 21 regular meeting minutes.
Cmmr. Neatherlin/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve the December 9 and 16, 2013 briefing minutes and January 21 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. N-aye; S-aye; J-aye.
8. Approval of Action Agenda:
 - 8.1 Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Shelton Skookum Rotary Club Foundation (SSRCF), Mason County and the Port of Shelton to explore options for an event center.
 - 8.2 Approval of agreement for Park Host Services for 2014 with Geoff and Jody Vanderpeyl for Oakland Bay County Park.
 - 8.3 Approval of Veterans Assistance Fund applications for : Food \$150.00; Utilities \$600.00; Housing \$1,225.00 for a total of \$1,975.00

Item 8.1 was removed.

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Cmmr. Neatherlin/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve action items 8.2 and 8.3, item 8.1 will have a separate vote. Motion carried unanimously. N-aye; S-aye; J-aye.

Item 8.1. Commissioner Jeffreys summarized the process to date of the MOU.

Patti Case, Shelton Skookum Rotary Club Foundation, stated they are asking Mason County and the Port of Shelton to be at the table to discuss the issue, however the SSRCF will move forward with this project whether or not this MOU is signed. One of the potential locations for an event center is Mason County land. The intent is to explore all options and come forth with a recommendation. They are developing a questionnaire for current fairground users of what they need, which is different than what they may want. They have also had discussions with potential funders and entities that could make in-kind donations.

Cmmr. Sheldon talked about language in the proposed MOU. He is concerned this could lead the public to assume an event center is on the way.

Tom Davis asked if the county's position has changed from keeping the fairgrounds at the current location.

Cmmr. Neatherlin read the letter from the FAA encouraging an alternative location for the fairgrounds. He pointed out it is a Port of Shelton Commission decision on whether to keep the fairgrounds at the current location.

Cmmr. Sheldon believes the current location could be used if the community and the Port of Shelton Commission are behind it.

Cmmr. Neatherlin stated this MOU would allow all options to be explored.

Cmmr. Jeffreys pointed out there has not been a Board consensus on the fairgrounds location.

Cmmr. Neatherlin/Sheldon moved and seconded to table item 8.1 to the February 4, 2014 Commission Agenda. Motion carried unanimously. N-aye; S-aye; J-aye.

Cmmr. Sheldon spoke to the motion. Mason County does not have a lease for the fairgrounds and he would like the language simplified. Patti Case will work on revising the language.

9. 9:30 a.m. Public Hearings and Items Set for a Certain Time – There are no public hearings scheduled.
10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials) –
 - 10.1 Cmmr. Sheldon reported on several legislative bills that would impact Mason County: 1) bill for an additional Superior Court judge in Mason County; 2) SB 6330 allows tax incentives for multi-family housing in the unincorporated areas of counties that have sewer. This applies to counties that have one incorporated city; 3) indigent defense bill that sets standards of how an individual is determined to be indigent; and 4) lake management district (LMD) bill allows a LMD to purchase real property.
 - 10.2 Vicki Kirkpatrick, Public Health Director, reported on the ACHIEVE grant of which Mason County was one of 149 communities that received this funding.

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11. Board's Reports and Calendar - The Commissioners reported on meetings attended the past week and announced their upcoming weekly meetings. Cmmr. Sheldon made his Super Bowl prediction, Seahawks 31 – Denver 10.
12. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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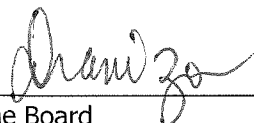


Terri Jeffreys, Chair



Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board



Randy Neatherlin, Commissioner