

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

September 9, 2014

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Mel Armstrong 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 A petition of approval and ten letters of opposition were received regarding the formation of the Lake Management District at Lake Nahwatzel.
 - 4.1.2 Pirates Cove Country Club sent an update letter regarding interest in partnering with Mason County to manage drainage and landslide issues.
 - 4.1.3 Bureau of Indian Affairs sent a notice of determination of application of the Skokomish Indian Tribe-Acquisition in Trust of the Edwards Property.
 - 4.1.4 Norma Kirmmseborden submitted an application for the Noxious Weed Control Board.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input –
 - 5.1 Tom Davis stated he is concerned there won't be enough information provided regarding the budget. He said the more the public knows the better everyone will be. He stated that all the salary discussion happens behind closed doors as closed labor discussions. He said the public is not invited to labor discussions and it hasn't always been like that. He said that with 80% of the budget being dependent on those discussions, he feels the public is entitled to have more information.

Cmmr. Sheldon commented that he thinks Mr. Davis is jumping to conclusions about what information will be made public regarding the budget.
6. Adoption of Agenda - **Cmmr. Sheldon/Neatherlin moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously. N-aye; S-aye; J-aye.**
7. Approval of Minutes – Approval of the August 18, 2014 briefing minutes and August 26, 2014 regular meeting minutes.

Cmmr. Neatherlin/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve the August 18, 2014 briefing minutes and August 26, 2014 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. N-aye; S-aye; J-aye.
8. Approval of Action Agenda:
 - 8.1 Approval of the Veterans Assistance Fund applications for Housing \$475.00 and Utilities \$538.14 for a total of \$1013.14 as recommended by the Veterans Assistance Committee.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Neatherlin moved and seconded to approve action item 8.1. Motion carried unanimously. N-aye; S-aye; J-aye.
9. 9:30 a.m. Public Hearings and Items Set for a Certain Time – There are no public hearings.
10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials) –
 - 10.1 Presentation of 2015 Budget Requests - Continued from 9/2/14 meeting. Presented by: Karen Herr, Auditor and Ed Baker, Chief Finance Manager

The 2015 Preliminary Budget reports were passed out.

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Ed Baker presented a report of the budget.

The current expenditure is \$72 million for all funds.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked if the \$72 million expenditure includes everything and all departments within the County.

Mr. Baker answered that it does include all departments.

Mr. Baker also went over current expense broken down for each department. He stated that the largest chunk goes to the Sheriff's office.

Projected revenues from all sources next year will be almost \$63 million. A large portion comes from property taxes and State and Federal grants.

Cmmr. Jeffreys asked Mr. Baker to speak about the rents.

Mr. Baker answered that most of it is from Internal Services ER&R.

Mr. Baker explained that more than likely there will be current expense funds rolled over from the previous year.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked why the roll over isn't included in the revenues for the new year.

Mr. Baker answered he doesn't want to rely on previous years funds for current funds. He would like to rely good budgeting.

Mr. Baker also compared the adopted 2014 budget to the preliminary 2015 budget. He stated he would like to come up with a better way to predict revenues.

There is a predicted \$4 million variance comparing 2014 to 2015.

Predicted revenues in 2015 are 62.8 million compared to \$67 million in 2014.

The Board asked questions regarding the Budget and budget detail.

Cmmr. Jeffreys stated the importance of having the ending fund balance is accurately portrayed.

Cmmr. Neatherlin stated some of the budget seems different than what he knows to be true; an example being Public Safety.

Mr. Baker said that the 2015 preliminary budget detail will be posted on the Mason County Auditor's website under Financial Services.

Cmmr. Jeffreys stated there will be two public meetings for the Board to receive public input with regard to getting the budget in balance.

Cmmr. Neatherlin added that the new judge position should be reflected in the 2015 budget. He stated that Mason County will pay for half of the salary for the new judge.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated that the State of Washington will pay for the other half of the salary and benefits for the position.

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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.
12. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

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MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Terri Jeffreys, Chair

ATTEST:



Tim Sheldon, Commissioner



Clerk of the Board



Randy Neatherlin, Commissioner