

## **NEWS RELEASE**

**April 8, 2008**

### **MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**TO: KMAS, KRXV, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE  
OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN**

**RE: Mason County Facilities**

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As many of you may know, Mason County has recently purchased property at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Pine Street (formerly the St. Edwards Catholic Church, Parish Hall & Rectory). The St. Edward's congregation is continuing to use the actual church building until March 2010 while they construct their new church on Mt. View. St. Edward's is responsible for removing the church building. The plan is to relocate the Sheriff's Office and the Coroner to the Parish Hall Building.

This will open up space in the Courthouse to improve the work area for the Court Clerk and provide more courtroom space for both Superior and District Courts. Mason County obtained General Obligation (GO) Bonds to purchase this property and the bonds will be paid back with REET 1 (Real Estate Excise Tax) money, which can be used for only capital projects.

We have also obtained a grant which will be used for renovation of the exterior of the Courthouse and improve ADA access. The County expects to start the exterior remodel by end of year.

The Commissioners and staff have been reviewing space needs with the long-term goal of improving our facilities for all employees and to better serve the public.

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Tim Sheldon  
Chair

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Lynda Ring Erickson  
Commissioner

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Ross Gallagher  
Commissioner