

**BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
Monday, November 23, 2009
Commission Chambers
411 North Fifth Street, Shelton WA 98584**

The 2010 budget workshop commenced at 1:03 p.m. Commissioners Sheldon, Ring Erickson and Gallagher were in attendance.

Theresia Ehrich recapped the budget process to date. The original 2010 budget requests were presented to the Commissioners on September 1st. Since then the Commissioners have made several changes. The changes are posted in the "change" column of the updated preliminary budget, which is now available.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted that there are no figures included in the budget from union negotiations.

Ms. Ehrich reviewed the changes made: reduction of \$200,000 in unemployment, reduction of \$750,000 in ER&R charges, \$100,000 in revenue adjustments, \$21,000 in 1% reductions, \$362,000 adjustments made by the departments in the November 10th mandate, \$51,000 adjustment in Budget & Finance, the \$2 million loan was paid back to ER&R and \$11,000 was paid in interest.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked if there is a hiring freeze. Cmmr. Ring Erickson recalled that a memo went out last fall establishing the hiring freeze. There was discussion about the hiring freeze and it was determined it is still in effect.

Brenda Hirschi asked if there is anything additional that needs to be budgeted in 2010 for the Accrued Leave Fund.

There was discussion on accrued leave. A briefing has been scheduled on Monday, 11/30 at 11:30 a.m. to discuss the fund. It was noted that only Current Expense payouts are paid out of this fund. The enterprise funds pay their own leave payouts.

Mary Jean Hrbacek talked about an ER&R adjustment that will have to be made between patrol and traffic policing. She also stated there is an ULP settlement that was signed in August by TJ Martin, Human Resources Director between the deputies guild and Human Resources. It is nearing year-end and the deputies are expecting a check for their year end holiday pay. Ms. Hrbacek provided copies of the signed agreement to the Board.

Ms. Hirschi asked when the 2010 road construction plan would be known.

Charlie Butros stated a public hearing has been scheduled on December 1 for the Board to consider the six-year transportation improvement plan and 2010 annual construction plan. The preliminary plans are available to the public.

Ms. Hirschi expressed frustration by how hard she has to work to gather information from the county. She asked for a list of special funds and who is responsible. Ms. Ehrich stated she would provide the list.

The workshop was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Zoren, Assistant to the Commissioners

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Tim Sheldon
Chair

Ross Gallagher
Commissioner

Lynda Ring Erickson
Commissioner