

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

December 29, 2009

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the special meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Sheriff Salisbury led the flag salute.
3. Roll Call – Present: Commissioner District 1 - Lynda Ring Erickson; Commissioner District 2 – Tim Sheldon; Commissioner District 3 – Ross Gallagher.
4. Adoption of Agenda - **Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of the selection of the 2010 Commission Chair added under Other Business. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.**
5. Consider entering into professional services contract to issue special payroll checks to the Mason County Deputies, pursuant to the settlement agreement between Mason County and the Mason County Sheriff's Office Employees Guild.

Cmmr. Sheldon explained that the checks are to be issued by January 4, 2010.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson added that the checks would pay for holiday pay. It will be one of three checks that are part of the settlement of the Unfair Labor Practices issue.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted this shouldn't be confused with the larger arbitration issue, which is still outstanding.

Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve a professional services contract with DR Gardner CPA, PS to issue special payroll checks to the Mason County Deputies, pursuant to the settlement agreement between Mason County and the Mason County Sheriff's Office Employees Guild. The contractor shall be paid \$65 per hour, not to exceed 100 hours without prior County approval. This is the issuance of the first of a series of three checks. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.

6. Other Business –
 - 6.1 Selection of the 2010 Commission Chair – **Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to elect Commissioner Gallagher as the 2010 Commission Chair. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye.**

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated that she appreciates Commissioner Sheldon serving as the Chair for two years and she thinks Commissioner Gallagher will do a fine job in the coming year.

Cmmr. Sheldon commented that it has been a challenging year, especially with the budget issues. Some of the meetings have felt more like a town hall meeting instead of a business meeting. He has erred on the side of public involvement and tried to let people have their say. No one leaves happy all of the time but he has tried very hard to listen to the people.

Cmmr. Gallagher also thanked Commissioner Sheldon for being Chair for the past two years. One of his priorities for 2010 is settling the Sheriff Deputies' contract, as well as the other union contracts. The County's most valuable assets are the employees. There are 11 bargaining units and he would like to get through negotiations and on to serving the citizens and taking care of the business of the County. He also thinks the County will be better off financially in 2010.

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6.2 Cmmr. Sheldon noted that on January 6, 2010 the Board will be meeting with the City Commission at 1:00 p.m. to discuss legislative priorities. He would like to invite the Port of Shelton Commission to attend as well.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson commented that City staff is setting the meeting up. It is a public meeting so other elected officials and citizens are welcome to attend.

Cmmr. Sheldon added that Mason County has the opportunity to welcome a new company to the county. The Adage company has been very active in meeting with different officials. It is time that the County, City and Port sit down to say they want this company here. The elected officials should resolve any water quality issues or other difficulties in order to welcome a wonderful company and a great investment opportunity. If there is an economic rebound the forest products industry will need to be a big part of that.

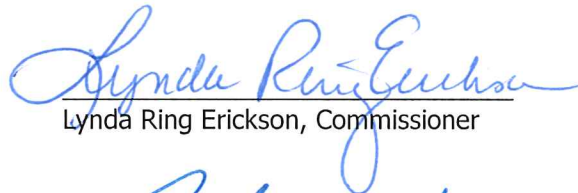
7. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Tim Sheldon, Chair

ATTEST:



Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner



Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board



Ross Gallagher, Commissioner