

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

September 2, 2014

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Henry Cervantes 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 Lake Nahwatzel petition chart and two letters of opposition were received regarding the formation of the Lake Management District at Lake Nahwatzel.
 - 4.1.2 The Washington State Liquor Control Board sent a marijuana license approval for Blacksmith Farms, and special occasion applications for Rustic Notions and the Mason County Senior Activities Association.
 - 4.1.3 Kevin Shutty and Josiah Rowell submitted applications for the Planning Advisory Commission.
 - 4.1.4 The Bureau of Indian Affairs sent a letter regarding accepting in trust property for the Skokomish Tribe.
 - 4.1.5 A letter of resignation from the Planning Advisory Commission was received from Ken VanBuskirk.
 - 4.2 Presentation of 2015 Budget Requests. Presented by: Karen Herr, Auditor and Ed Baker, Chief Finance Manager. She thanked everyone for getting their budgets submitted by deadline and thanked her financial services staff.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked if everyone stayed within the budget guidelines.

Ed Baker answered no and added that some weren't able to stay within the guidelines.

Mr. Baker gave a slideshow presentation on the 2015 Budget. He explained a balance budget and strategic planning.

Cmmr. Neatherlin wanted to take the time to clarify what the Board was asking for. From appearances, it seems like the budget is approximately 11 million dollars out of balance.

Cmmr. Jeffreys asked if we could continue this presentation next week, Tues Sept 9, 2014.

Cmmr. Neatherlin and Sheldon agreed.

Cmmr. Sheldon stated he would also like to see the letter sent out explaining how the Cmmrs wanted the budgets completed. He would also like pages numbered.

Cmmr. Sheldon offered a suggestion to start with Revenue.

Cmmr. Neatherlin stated he does agree but he just doesn't know how that can be done.

- 4.3 Proclamation: Henry Cervantes read the Proclamation for National Preparedness Month. He added there will be SERT training on September 12-13 and September 19-20 in Belfair.

Chair Jeffreys urged everyone to be prepared for an emergency.

5. Open Forum for Citizen Input –

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5.1 Patrick Burke reiterated the need to require rules for pitbulls in Mason County. He stated he was arrested for firing a weapon at a State park when he felt in fear of a pitbull. He feels some of the laws should be changed. He stated that new ordinances need to be created. He asked the Board to put this topic on the agenda for action. He said this is a public safety issue.

Cmmr. Neatherlin asked Mr. Burke if he spoke to the Prosecutor regarding this incident. He also clarified that the incident occurred in a State park.

- 5.2 Tom Davis states that he supports Mr. Burke although he doesn't think dangerous dogs are connected to cannabis. Mr. Davis stated that the dogs are a problem. He also commented on the budget and how people can live within their means. He said he thinks the County needs to increase revenues. He said that the primary player in Mason County is the timber organization but a lot of it is put in conservancy. He said they don't need any more conservancy or open space. He added that he thinks they need economic diversity in the County.
6. Adoption of Agenda - **Cmmr. Neatherlin/Sheldon 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 4 and 11, 2014 briefing minutes and August 19, 2014 regular meeting minutes. **Cmmr. Sheldon/Neatherlin moved and seconded to approve the August 4 and 11 briefing minutes and August 19, 2014 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. N-aye; S-aye; J-aye.**
8. Approval of Action Agenda:
- 8.1 Approval to appoint Bill Dewey (District #3) as a member of the Mason County Planning Advisory Commission under RCW 36.70.100.
 - 8.2 Approval of Warrants

Claims Clearing Fund	Warrant #'s 8010897-8011201	\$1,045,709.54
Direct Deposit Fund	Warrant #'s 15649-16026	\$ 599,207.36
Salary Clearing Fund	Warrant #'s 7000467-7000492	\$ 402,435.41
 - 8.3 Approval to award real estate services contract to the Richard Beckman Agency to provide real estate services to Mason County as recommended by John Keates, Property Manager. This contract is for one year with the option for the County to extend for one additional year.
 - 8.4 Approval of the Veterans Assistance fund application for Utilities \$166.42 as recommended by the Veterans Assistance Committee.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Neatherlin moved and seconded to approve action items 8.1 through 8.4. Motion carried unanimously. N-aye; S-aye; J-aye.

Cmmr. Neatherlin stated he has served with Bill Dewey and he is well respected and he is happy to see him on the Planning Advisory Committee.

9. 9:30 a.m. Public Hearings and Items Set for a Certain Time – There were no public hearings.
10. Other Business (Department Heads and Elected Officials) –

Cmmr. Sheldon responded to Tom Davis' comment about the economy. Cmmr. Sheldon said that Mr. Davis spoke about the forest industry but actually Squaxin Island Tribe is the largest employer in Mason County. He added that it's very hard to increase revenue as it's difficult to ask tax payers for more.

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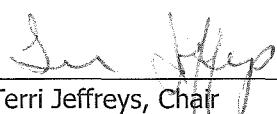
Cmmr. Jeffreys also commented on the forest industry. She stated that they have found a way to build skyscrapers out of wood. She commented it's a new world for the forest industry.

Cmmr. Neatherlin said he has heard about the new forest industry products and added he would like to find a way to get them to do it in Mason County.

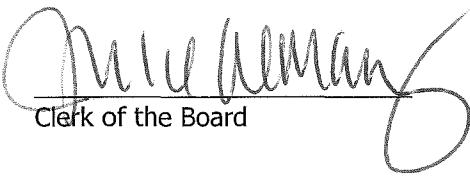
Cmmr. Sheldon stated that it's a new world for forest products. In 1990, of all the timber counties, Shelton was eleven times more dependent on forest products than most counties. There has been a lot of retraining and transitioning since then.

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 10:26 a.m.

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MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Terri Jeffreys, Chair

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board


Tim Sheldon, Commissioner


Randy Neatherlin, Commissioner