

**BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS**

**July 12, 2016**

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the regular meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Jeremy Hicks 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 The Liquor and Cannabis Board sent a special occasion application for Colony Surf Club.
    - 4.1.2 Michael and Dortha Gilbreath and Heather West sent an objection letter regarding a rezone on McEwan Prairie Road.
    - 4.1.3 Crossroads Housing sent a letter regarding grant funding.
    - 4.1.4 Kathy Geist applied for the Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization.
  - 4.2 Proclamation: Chair Jeffreys read the Proclamation re: REV Up Disability Vote Count and presented it to Auditor Karen Herr.

Karen Herr introduced Becky and Kevin Frankeburger and Chuck Orthmann and thanked them for their efforts.
5. Open Forum for Citizen Input –
  - 5.1 Charles Orthmann passed out literature to the Board and spoke about the Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee. He would like to further educate the public on how important voting is.
  - 5.2 Kevin Frankeberger spoke about making the world a better place and the need for public voting. He wants to remove barriers and make voting accessible to all.
  - 5.3 Jacob Rufer spoke about statutes and regulations and how difficult they can be. He objects to the EDC proposal.
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 – There were no minutes to approve.
8. Approval of Action Agenda:
  - 8.1 Approval for the Board to approve the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative Grant Application for 2016-2017 in the amount of \$22,000.00 and for the Chair to sign the application prior to submission. These grant funds will enable the County to provide staff support and create and implement alternative programming in lieu of detention. There are no matching fund requirements for this grant. Sept 21 opiate use in Mason County.
  - 8.2 Approval of Warrants:

Claims Clearing Fund	Warrant #'s 8011081-8041298	\$883,688.26
Direct Deposit Fund	Warrant #'s 32795-33193	\$620,881.20
Salary Clearing Fund	Warrant #'s 7002019-7002058	\$899,086,30
For a total of.....		\$2,403,655.76
Claims Clearing YTD Total		\$ 18,257,688.37
Direct Deposit YTD Total		\$ 6,872,064.29
Salary Clearing YTD Total		\$ 7,337,331.33

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8.3 Approval to set a public hearing for July 19, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. to take public comment on placing a ballot proposition on the 2016 general election ballot to form a Mason County Metropolitan Park District.

**Cmmr. Neatherlin/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve action items 8.1 and 8.2 and remove item 8.3 for a separate vote. Motion carried unanimously. N-aye; S-aye; J-aye.**

Item 8.3 Approval to set a public hearing for July 19, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. to take public comment on placing a ballot proposition on the 2016 general election ballot to form a Mason County Metropolitan Park District.

Cmmr. Sheldon said he has concerns about this and would like more time for more discussion. He thinks this is too early and will not be voting to have this hearing.

Cmmr. Neatherlin said this is only to set a hearing. If the public decides they want a parks district it will be their choice.

Cmmr. Jeffreys would love to hear from the public and a hearing is a way to do that.

Testimony:

Jacob Rufer asked questions about territorial extent of this proposal.

Steve Andrews said to give public time to review this, he hopes the Board will consider having this at an evening and daytime meeting.

**Cmmr. Neatherlin/Jeffreys moved and seconded to set a public hearing for July 19, 2016 take public comment on placing a ballot proposition on the 2016 general election ballot to form a Mason County Metropolitan Park District and to extend the comment period to an evening meeting if the public chooses. Motion Carried. N-aye; S-NAY; J-aye**

Cmmr. Sheldon said this is one of the most rushed jobs he's seen in all the Commission meetings he has attended.

The Board spoke about this item and shared information.

9. 9:30 a.m. Public Hearings and Items Set for a Certain Time –

9.1 Public Hearing to consider adopting an ordinance adding a chapter to County Code Chapter 14, relating to the sale and discharge of fireworks.

Dave Windom explained this item and the proposed changes.

Jeremy Hicks said he works for North Mason Fire District. He explained the details of the proposed ordinance. He said this ordinance mirrors state law and the only addition is the emergency clause. He stated they cannot restrict fireworks on tribal land.

Public Testimony:

Jack Huggins said he is concerned for the people and organizations that have planned ahead and then fireworks are banned and then they have lost money.

Steve Andrews said he understands because he does Oysterfest and he knows it's a risk. He said they will still have fireworks unless it's an emergency situation and deemed unsafe.

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Jack Bassbinder said people do fireworks before July 4<sup>th</sup> and continue after.

Karen Gower commented on this proposed ordinance. She said Bans don't work. She thinks some of the wording in the ordinance needs to be changed.

Testimony Closed

The Board had a discussion.

Tim Whitehead answered questions from the board regarding "wording"

**Cmmr. Sheldon/Neatherlin moved and seconded to adopt an Ordinance adding a chapter to County Code Chapter 14, relating to the sale and discharge of fireworks and omitting the words "or prohibiting" in Section 14.19.050. Motion carried unanimously. N-aye; S-aye; J-aye**

10. Boards Reports and Calendar – The Commissioners reported on meetings attended the past week and announced their upcoming weekly meetings.
11. Other Business-David Windom
12. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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Terri Jeffreys, Chair

  
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Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

  
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Randy Neatherlin, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk of the Board