

MASON COUNTY LEOFF DISABILITY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MASON COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
August 4, 2015

Members Present: Mike Longan – Firefighter Representative; Nick Patterson – Law Enforcement Representative - Chair; Sylvia Florez-Milsom – Member at Large; Randy Neatherlin – Mason County Commissioner; Mike Olsen – City of Shelton Commissioner; Diane Zoren, Secretary

Chairperson Nick Patterson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Olsen/Longan moved and seconded to approve the July 7 meeting minutes as circulated. Motion carried.

New Business:

Executive Session - Review of Bills

The Board met in Executive Session for approximately 2 minutes to review the bills.

Longan/Neatherlin moved and seconded to pay the bills as submitted. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Costco Membership

The Board discussed reimbursing the Costco membership fee if a member purchases their hearing aids at Costco (the minimum membership fee).

Cmmr. Olsen does not support paying the Costco membership fee because he doesn't see it as a medical expense and he believes it sends the wrong message to those who do not have the LEOFF 1 benefits.

Arguments for paying the membership fee are that it allows a significant savings to the jurisdiction that has to pay for the hearing aids; the LEOFF Board encourages members to use Costco; the RCW allows the payment of insurance premium so the Costco membership fee could be viewed as an "insurance premium".

The consensus was that the fee would be paid only for one year when the hearing aids are purchased at Costco.

Longan/Neatherlin moved and seconded to allow the reimbursement of the minimum Costco membership fee when hearing aids are purchased at Costco effective August 4, 2015. Motion carried – 4- aye; 1 - nay.

The Board then requested Diane to ask the Prosecuting Attorney's office to review this.

Neatherlin/Olsen moved and seconded to delay the implementation of the reimbursement of the Costco membership fee until the Prosecuting Attorney's office has reviewed. Motion carried.

Calendar:

Next LEOFF meeting will be September 1, 2015

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Zoren
LEOFF Board Secretary

Approved:

Nick Patterson
Chair