

NEWS RELEASE

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**TO: KMAS, KRXV, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN**

RE: Commissioner Jerry Lingle

It is with deep regret that we announce Commissioner Jerry Lingle passed away unexpectedly in his home on Friday, August 19th. The cause of death is undetermined and further toxicological and tissue studies will be conducted by the pathologist. The results will be available in approximately 6-8 weeks.

Commissioner Lingle's passing is a great loss for his family and our community. His record of service, his caring, and his friendship will not be forgotten.

Commissioner Lingle was elected to office in January 2011 as an Independent. Later in the month the remaining Commissioners will develop a process for replacement.

Commissioner Lingle's family is arranging the memorial service and details will be announced when confirmed.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to his family.

Lynda Ring Erickson
Chair