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RE: MASON COUNTY BANKING SERVICES CONTRACT AWARD

The Mason County Treasurer, Elisabeth (Lisa) Frazier, is pleased to announce that she has awarded Columbia Bank with the contract for banking services for Mason County, beginning January 2016.

On September 30, 2015, Bank of America Merrill Lynch notified the Mason County Treasurer that they were cancelling their banking services contract with Mason County as of March 31, 2016.

On November 12, 2015, the Mason County Treasurer issued a Request for Proposals for Banking Services to banking institutions with branches located in Mason County. Proposals were due on December 23, 2015.

The Mason County Treasurer and the departments and taxing districts that are supported by the County Treasurer have a large conversion project ahead of them. However, I have confidence in both conversion teams at the Treasurer's Office and at Columbia Bank and expect that the conversion process should flow smoothly.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Mason County Treasurer at (Shelton) 360-427-9670, Ext. 475, (Belfair) 360-275-4467, Ext. 475, (Elma) 360-482-5269, Ext. 475.

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