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## **CANDIDATES FORUM:** COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES TALK IMPACT FEES AND RENAISSANCE FAIRE

By Dedrick Allan 10/07/2008

The six candidates running for Mason County Commission this August talked about the two hot issues facing the County: school impact fees and the Washington Renaissance Faire. During Tuesday night's Primary Election Candidates' Forum, the two running for Mason County Commissioner District One and the four running for Mason County Commissioner District Two let the audience of more than 130 people know where they stood. The incumbents both called the current proposal for a school impact fee too complicated while the challengers were for some sort of fee structure.

Democrat Tim Sheldon is the incumbent for Commissioner District

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Sheldon has three challengers including Republican Deborah Reis:

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Democrat Roslynne Reed is another challenger:

And the fourth candidate is Independent Frank Benavente:

Democrat Lynda Ring Erickson is the incumbent for Commissioner District One:

Her challenger is Democrat Rick Ryan:



The Renaissance Faire had a similar tone with the challengers in favor, incumbent Lynda Ring Erickson saying she will base her decision on the facts of the permit process, and incumbent Tim Sheldon openly opposed.

Tim Sheldon's comments on the Renaissance Faire:

Deborah Reis:



Roslynne Reed:



Frank Benavente:



Lynda Ring Erickson:





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Democrat Rick Ryan:



A decision on the permitting of the Washington Renaissance Faire is expected on Tuesday. Friday, we will hear from the candidates for 35th District State Representative.

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