

MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

Legislative Hearing Room, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA

09:02 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council Chair Stephens called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Present: Council Members Jamie Stephens, Bob Jarman and Rick Hughes; County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel and interested members of the public.

Citizens Access: The following citizens submitted comments: Karen Palmer, Deborah Hopkins-Hobbs, Laura Saccio.

Proclamation: Council proclaimed September as Supporting Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

09:15 AM DISCUSSION: Increase Full-Time Employee [FTE] for Crime Victim Advocate – Randall Gaylord, Prosecuting Attorney

Mr. Gaylord presented a proposal for the Increase and answered Council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens that the Prosecutor Attorney's Office Crime Victim Services Program be authorized to increase the time of one victim advocate from .60 FTE to 1.0 FTE to be effective immediately and that the Resolution regarding the FTEs be amended accordingly for 2016. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

09:33 AM DISCUSSION: Washington State University Extension Service Staff Positions – Brook Brouwer, Director, WSU San Juan County Extension

Dr. Brouwer presented the status of the Staff Positions and answered Council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jarman to support the amending of the current Memo of Agreement [MOA] with Washington State University [WSU] as requested in order to proceed with refilling the positions as proposed and authorizing the County Manager to negotiate the contract. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

09:47 AM DISCUSSION: Consider a Request for Proposals to Provide Additional Funding for Chambers of Commerce with Available Lodging Tax Promotional Grant Funds – Rick Hughes, Council Vice Chair

Mr. Hughes presented an update on the Proposals and answered Council's questions.

10:00 AM ACTION: Consider Request by the Agricultural Resources Committee to

Revise the Scope of Services under the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Award – Rick Hughes, Council Vice Chair

Mr. Hughes asked for Council's consensus regarding re-allocation of funds originally apportioned among four ARC planned events. LTAC supported the re-allocation among three events as one event was cancelled; Council agreed.

10:03 AM **DISCUSSION:** Second 2016 Budget Amendment Ordinance Revisions – Kim Herrenkohl, Deputy Auditor

Ms. Herrenkohl presented the Revisions and answered Council's questions.

10:10 AM **ACTION:** Acceptance of Trail Easement Donation Gladstein Property (San Juan Island) – Lincoln Bormann, Director Land Bank

Mr. Bormann presented the Donation and answered Council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action.

MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jarman to approve a Resolution to Accept a Trail Easement for the Gladstein property on San Juan Island as presented. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

10:15 AM **DISCUSSION:** 2017 Legislative Priorities – Council

Council directed the Clerk to add priorities developed with State Representative Kristine Lytton to the existing priorities for continued discussion at the Monday, September 19 meeting.

10:30 AM **DISCUSSION & UPDATES:** Council, County Manager & Departments

Mr. Jarman: Reported on Governor Inslee's September 3 visit to San Juan County; reported on recent Affordable Housing Workgroup meeting; attended both a Noxious Weed Board and a Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting and discussed concerns with hazardous waste pick-up in the Islands. Mr. Jarman presented an aviation chart of Lopez Island showing populated areas and the school to be submitted to the Whidbey Naval Air Station for their information along with a letter. Council agreed to provide tours of the San Juan Islands to new flight groups arriving at the base to familiarize Naval personnel with the layout of San Juan County.

Mr. Hughes: Reported on recent meeting with the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee; attended two Ferry Advisory Committee meeting, one in Anacortes regarding schedules, which may lead to increased services; attended a Storm Water Committee meeting; made a presentation regarding direct flights from Friday Harbor to Sidney to the Farmhouse Gang;

Mr. Stephens: Discussed the Council's presentation to the Islands Trust Council in Sidney, BC on September 13.

Mr. Thomas: Met with the Capital committee last week; met with representatives of the Lopez Community Land Trust and will meet with OPAL (Of People and Land) Community Land Trust next week to better understand the housing challenges on the various islands; attended a permit software demonstration last week – recommendations for a preferred vendor will be submitted to council at a later date; met with representatives of Orcas Recycling Services

regarding the proposed “Exchange” re-use site; State Auditor exit interview is at the end of the day as well as a bid opening for the Hunter Bay Dock project; citizens salary commission meets on September 13; County staff will attend a workshop on Recruiting, Interviewing and Hiring provided by the Washington Counties Risk Pool on Thursday, September 15.

10:50 AM ADJOURN

Chair Stephens adjourned the meeting.

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These Minutes were approved and signed on September 27, 2016. The original document is retained in the Council’s permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.