

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016**

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

**09:05 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE**

Council Chair Stephens called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Present: Council Members Jamie Stephens, Bob Jarman and Rick Hughes; County Manager Mike Thomas, Council Assistant Susan Kollet and interested members of the public.

**Citizens Access:** The following citizens submitted comments: none

Mr. Stephens notified Council that agenda item #2 concerning an amendment to the Public Records Ordinance, is not ready and will be brought back at a later date.

**09:08 AM ACTION:** To Approve a Burn Permit Fee Resolution – Erika Shook, Director Community Development and Robert Low, Fire Marshal

Ms. Shook presented the Burn Permit Fee Resolution and answered Council's questions. The County only recently assumed responsibility over burn permits according to an inter-local agreement with Fire Marshall and fire departments. Therefore, the County needs to adopt a fee schedule. The fee represents a slight increase over the fee that had been in place. It had been many years since the last fee increase. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

**MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jarman to approve a resolution setting fees for services provided by the San Juan County Fire Marshal for Administration and Enforcement of Outdoor Burning Regulations. ALL AYES: Motion Carried.**

**9:20 AM DISCUSSION & UPDATES:** Council, County Manager & Departments

**Mr. Jarman** - Missed the utility meeting last week because he was ill.

Has conversed with Mt. Dallas residents over the weekend. Over a period of time, with subdivisions being developed, a series of easements have been granted. The residents have adopted an ad hoc homeowner's association and they have tried to manage the issue. A property owner has sued the ad hoc association since they are not an official organization based on the plat issues that have not been resolved. There was a House bill involving Representatives Morris and Lytton who were trying to address the problem with road easements at the top of the hill. Mr. Jarman intends to review the House bill to learn more about the issue and will inform the Council at that time.

**Mr. Hughes** – Asked Council their thoughts about Deer Harbor parking plan and an opportunity to connect a foot and vehicle trail or loop thru a recommendation that will be forthcoming from the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. Mr. Hughes shared that Waldron citizens have asked about an environmentally friendly solution to the barge landing; the metal grates are degrading. The road end in West Sound could serve as an access point to

Waldron. There is a pier and dock at West Sound Marina that could be helpful to Waldron in the winter.

Mr. Hughes attended a meeting on Monday of last week in King County where the King County Executive presented their budget. Mr. Stephens was also present. Last Wednesday, joined a tour with staff and local groups: Salmon Recovery, Land Bank, Preservation Trust, looking at current and potential projects for Salmon Recovery, including a discussion with the head of Long Live the Kings about what we can do with Glenwood Springs Hatchery on Orcas; that evening I left for a meeting the next day in Seattle of the WA Wildlife and Recreation Commission which is an organization that serves to lobby for monies toward the protection and use of public lands.

On Thursday, will participate in one of the last Long Live the Kings harvesting areas. He will take some pictures to share with Council.

Wants to thank the Sheriff's office for their quick response to the Kenmore Air incident.

**Mr. Stephens:** The Council held their Council meeting on Waldron Island last week to discuss items of interest to citizens of Waldron. Several staff members attended to address fire protection, emergency management, hazardous waste pickup. Mr. Stephens will be in a round table discussion tomorrow discussing mental health issues and drug abuse in the County. Will participate in interviews for two Marine Resource Committee members on Wednesday of this week.

Mr. Stephens shared that last Spring when he went to Washington DC representing WSAC, the bill that was being worked on, called Save our Sound Bill, which would elevate the Puget Sound to the same status as the Great Lakes and Chesapeake Bay which would provide not just funding but a planned budget that you can look forward to do your projects, has passed the House and is on its way to the Senate. That is good news. Has a meeting on Friday regarding the Lopez water system pertaining to Lopez Farm Cottages.

**Mr. Thomas** – will discuss the Deer Harbor parking with Public Works and will get a ball park cost as we are heading into the budget making process; he thanked Byron Rot for coordinating the interagency boat tour for Salmon Recovery.

Mr. Thomas thanked staff and the union 1849 for their help with the annual County employees barbecue. It included the first annual chili cook-off which was a great success;

He reported on the Exchange Building project. Attorney Jon Cain is working to revise the agreement between the County with ORS. Greg Sawyer is working on a bid proposal. He indicated "we hit water" at the site and that is good news.

Mr. Thomas conveyed that the County signed all closing documents for the County bond refunding effort. Will save about 1.28 million dollars for refunding the 2006 and 2009 bonds into a new issue. There is no new money involved.

Met with group of WSAC and Washington County Administrators group to work more effectively together in efforts to share local community concerns with our State legislators.

Working on the 2017 preliminary budget.

**9:47 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – Randall Gaylord, Prosecuting Attorney, Jon Cain, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Ron Krebs, Sheriff

At 9:47 AM, Council Chair Stephens announced that the Council would be holding an executive session to discuss current and pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) estimated to last 90 minutes. There will be no action and following the executive session the meeting will be adjourned.

Present: Council, Prosecuting Attorney Randall Gaylord, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain, Sheriff Ron Krebs, County Manager Mike Thomas and Council Assistant Susan Kollet.

**No Action was taken.**

**11:25 AM ADJOURN**

Chair Stephens adjourned the meeting.

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These Minutes were approved and signed on October 11, 2016. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.