

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017**

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

**09:00 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE**

Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 09:00 AM. Present: Council Members Jamie Stephens, Bill Watson and Rick Hughes, County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel and interested members of the public.

**Swearing-In of Newly Elected Council Members - Judge Stewart Andrew**

Judge Andrew gave the Oath of Office to Council Member Rick Hughes and Council Member Bill Watson.

**Election of Council Chair and Vice Chair** – Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk; Rick Hughes, Council Vice Chair

Ms. Gabriel conducted the election of the Council Chair; Mr. Hughes conducted the election of the Council Vice Chair. The Council took the following actions:

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens to nominate Rick Hughes for Chair (no second required). ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens to nominate Bill Watson for Vice Chair (no second required). ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED**

**New Employee Introduction:** Auditor Milene Henley introduced Grants Administrator Tara Anderson.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the minutes of Tuesday, December 13, 2016 as written. VOTE: 2:0:1 (Watson abstained); MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, January 10, 2017:**

**A. Budget Items:**

The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of **December 12, 2016:**

- Public Works November EFT claims in the amount of \$61.29
- Lawson Ridge Development EFT claims in the amount of \$500,000.00
- Warrant #178595 Veteran Assist claims in the amount of \$200.00
- Warrant #178832 – 178954 County claims in the amount of \$210,652.04  
Plus use tax in the amount of \$540.11 for total expenditures of \$211,192.15
- Warrant #178955 – 178958 Public Works CC claims in the amount of \$1,788.24
- Warrant #178959 – 178990 Public Works claims in the amount of \$93,876.62

The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of **December 19, 2016:**

- Parks EFT claims in the amount of \$94.55
- Warrant #179127 – 179140 Veteran Assistance claims in the amount of \$5,819.62
- Warrant #179141 – 179199 County claims in the amount of \$80,313.42  
Plus use tax in the amount of \$82.35 for total expenditures of \$80,395.77
- Warrant #179200 – 179234 Public Works claims in the amount of \$253,929.17

The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of **December 26, 2016:**

- Warrant #179299 Veteran Assistance claims in the amount of \$900.00
- Warrant #179335 – 179337 Veteran Assistance claims in the amount of \$1,246.00
- Warrant #179434 – 179500 County claims in the amount of \$109,577.92  
Plus use tax in the amount of \$22.00 for total expenditures of \$109,599.92
- Warrant #179501 – 179510 Public Works claims in the amount of \$9,012.61

The Auditor's office requests approval of payroll expenditures and associated benefit expenditures for the pay period ending **December 29, 2016:**

PAYROLL GROSS;           \$ 1,253,577.74  
EMPLOYER BENEFITS:   \$   601,800.84

**Miscellaneous:** Deer Harbor Bridge Reimbursement Voucher Approval

**ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED**

**Approval of Correspondence:**

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the correspondence regarding the by Lopez Community Pool and the overnight docking of the ferry. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Citizens Access:** The following citizens offered comments: Penelope Haskew, Joel Mietzner, Gerry Lawler, Francine Shaw, Debbie Fincher, Stephanie Prima, Chris Wilson, Elizabeth von Dassow, Susan Williamson, Ron Hansen, Janet Thomas, Susan Dehlendorf.

**09:45 AM DISCUSSION:** Reaffirmation of Existing Policies Protecting Immigrants' Access to Police Protection and Public Services – Jamie Stephens, Council Member; Sheriff Ron Krebs; Randall Gaylord, Prosecuting Attorney

Mr. Gaylord and Sheriff Krebs stated that while immigration status is relevant to their departments, neither department intend to disrupt the community regarding undocumented immigrants. The Council and Prosecuting Attorney will write a press release stating the County's position.

**09:57 PM DISCUSSION:** Proposed Lopez Medical Special Purpose District (1<sup>st</sup> touch) – Lauren Stephens, Board Member, Catherine Washburn Association; Christa Campbell, Catherine Washburn Association Board Member; Randall Gaylord, Prosecuting Attorney

Ms. Campbell and Ms. Stephens presented the Proposal and answered Council's questions. Mr. Gaylord discussed the legal procedures required to for the proposed District.

**10:37 AM DISCUSSION:** Potential Land Bank Acquisition of the Clure Property, Lopez Island – Lincoln Bormann, Director Land Bank

Mr. Bormann presented the proposed Acquisition and answered Council's questions.

**11:00 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation **pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)**  
**Present:** Council, Prosecuting Attorney Randall Gaylord, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain; County Manager Mike Thomas and Council Clerk Ingrid Gabriel

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At 11:00 AM, Council Chair Hughes 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 20 minutes.

The session ended at 11:20 AM for a total session time of 20 minutes.

**No Action was taken.**

Ms. Gabriel stepped out of the conference room and announced that the executive session had ended.

**11:22 AM PUBLIC COMMENT RE: CLURE PROPERTY ACQUISITION:**

The following citizens offered public comment: Richard Ward, Judy Osmundson; Alwyn Jones, Clarissa Mish; Kirm Taylor, Lexi Taylor, Asha Lela, Chris Greacen, Debbie Young, Bruce Dunlop, Nancy Searls, Lauren Stephens, Larry Bailey, George McCain, Diane Dyer, Tracey Cottingham, Murray Trelease, Christine Kerlin, Adrienne Adams, Meg Paxson.

**12:44 PM DISCUSSION:** Response to the San Juan Islands Task Force /Ferry Advisory Committee Discussion – Jim Corenman, FAC Chair

Mr. Corenman presented the Response and answered Council's questions.

**01:15 PM RECESS**

**02:40 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES**

**Calendar Discussion:**

The Council discussed the 2017 meeting calendar and the focus for the upcoming January 10 Council Retreat.

**Ms. Gabriel (Clerk to the Council):** Advisory Committee Appointments/ Reappointments:

**MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to reappoint Ralph Gutschmidt to the Building Advisory Council. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Watson to reappoint Lance Evans to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, acknowledging that Mr. Evans has exceeded the term limit, though there are no other applicants for the position. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Watson to appoint Laura Saccio to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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**MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to appoint Paul Andersson to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee from Orcas Island. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Mr. Watson:** Attended the Noxious Weed Board meeting last Friday; noted that the Annual Agricultural Summit is being held at Camp Orkila on Orcas Island, February 10-12; requested agenda time to become more familiar with issues regarding both Consignment Treasures and a whale protection zone; reported that a constituent has been contacted by the Assessor's office concerning his timber management plan needing to be brought into compliance.

**Mr. Stephens:** Attended last week's Marine Resources Committee meeting; attending Accountability Oversight Committee On January 11; attending via by conference call, a meeting with Senator Patty Murray's office regarding the Board of Health's letter concerning firearm safety on January 12.

**Mr. Hughes:** Met with the Eastound Planning and Review Committee last week.

**3:12 PM     ADJOURN**

Chair Hughes adjourned the meeting.

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**These Minutes were approved and signed on January 24, 2017. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.**