

**SPECIAL MEETING - RETREAT MINUTES**  
**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017**

**Parks & Fair Conference Room, 849 Argyle Ave. Friday Harbor, WA**

**09:00 AM    CALL TO ORDER**

Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Present: Council Members Jamie Stephens, Rick Hughes and Bill Watson; County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel, Auditor Milene Henley, Public Works Director Brian Vincent, Parks & Fair Director Dona Wuthnow and interested members of the public.

**OPENING REMARKS:**

Council shared their objectives for the following year.

**COUNCIL INTERACTION:**

The Council and Mr. Thomas outlined issues regarding organizational hierarchy, the decision-making process, interaction with staff and community perception.

**10:20 AM        BREAK**

**10:40 AM**

Discussion continued.

**11:00 AM        COUNTY WIDE WORK PROGRAMS, GOALS & INITIATIVES:**

The Council discussed:

- Energizing the urban growth areas through capital projects and plan development and implementation;
- Undertaking a major comprehensive plan update;
- Continuing improvements to development review process and procedures to achieve consistency of service;
- Completing construction of major transportation projects and planning for future improvements;

**12:10 PM        WORKING LUNCH:**

The Council discussed Council Advisory Committees and inter-agency committee liaison assignment changes during lunch.

Mr. Watson will act as liaison to the following:

- Agricultural Resources Committee (ARC)
- Building Advisory Committee (BAC)
- Fair Board
- Housing Bank Commission
- Noxious Weed Control Board
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
- Stormwater Advisory Committee
- Town of Friday Harbor
- Fire Districts Commissioners Meeting
- Friday Harbor Chamber of Commerce
- Local Emergency Planning Commission
- Northwest Agriculture Business Center
- Orcas Power & Light Cooperative (OPALCO) Utility Coordination Meeting
- Open Space Advisory Team (OSAT)

Mr. Hughes will act as liaison to the following:

- Deer Harbor Planning and Review Committee (DHPRC)
- Eastsound Planning and Review Committee (EPRC)
- Eastsound Design Review Committee
- Ferry Advisory Committee
- Land Bank
- Lodging Tax Advisory Board (LTAC)
- Parks & Recreation Board
- Veterans Advisory Board (VAB)
- Water Resource Management Committee
- Economic Development Council
- Northwest Regional Council
- Northwest Regional Business Meeting
- Northwest Workforce Council
- Opportunity Council
- Orcas Chamber of Commerce
- PFFAP Review Committee
- San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau
- Finance Committee
- Historical Preservation Awards Grants
- Law & Justice Council and Law Library
- Canvass Board
- Disability Board

Mr. Stephens will act as liaison to the following:

- Agricultural Tax Advisory Committee
- Human Services Advisory Board
- Lopez Village Planning and Review Committee (LVPRC)
- Marine Resources Committee (MRC)

- Northsound Mental Health Association
- Northwest Regional Council
- Accountability Oversight Committee
- Budget committee
- Ecosystem Coordinating Board
- Islands Trust council
- Salmon Recovery Council
- Washington State Association of Counties Legislative Steering Committee

**12:50 PM**

Discussion continued:

- Maintaining commitment to administrative improvements;
- Improving the island community through partnership with external agencies and the private sector;
- Continuing to pursue financial strategies that maintain or improve the County's bond rating and financial position;
- Council projects and initiatives;
- The status of Council's list of projects from the 2016 Council retreat.

Health and Community Services Director Mark Tompkins joined the meeting at 1:20 to discuss affordable housing issues.

**01:45 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

**Present:** Council, Deputy Prosecutor Randall Gaylord, County Manager Mike Thomas and Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel.

At 1:45 PM, Chair Hughes announced an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) estimated to last 20 minutes.

The session ended at 2:20 PM for a total session time of 35 minutes.

**No Action Taken**

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

**02:20 PM BREAK**

**02:25 PM**

Discussion continued:

- Partnering with employees to achieve sustainable employee wages/benefits and establish a commitment to training;

- Completing master planning for County facilities and undertaking related capital projects;
- Achieving San Juan County Legislative Agenda and responding to emergent issues;

**03:10 PM ACTION:**

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson schedule a public hearing to approve a Resolution to place on the ballot a measure for the creation of a Public Hospital District on Lopez Island on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**03:15 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.**