

MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017

09:02 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 09:02 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.

The Council thanked the Public Works Facilities crew for their hard work in quickly clearing the recent snowfall from roads and sidewalks.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the minutes of Monday, January 23, 2017 as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the minutes of Monday, January 24, 2017 as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the minutes of Monday, January 30, 2017 as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 31, 2017 as amended. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, February 7, 2017:

A. Budget Items:

The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of **January 16, 2017:**

- 2016 Warrant #180235 – 180236 County LTAC claims in the amount of \$15,292.30
- 2016 Warrant #180237 County Facilities claims in the amount of \$125.00
- 2016 Warrant #180484 County LTAC claims in the amount of \$635.00
- 2016 Warrant 180482 – 180483 County claims in the amount of \$28,921.61
- 2017 Warrant #180436 – 180481 County claims in the amount of \$45,065.91
Plus use tax in the amount of \$35.69 for total expenditures of \$45,101.60
- 2017 Warrant #180393 – 180414 Public Works claims in the amount of \$29,446.50
- 2017 Parks EFT claims in the amount of \$240.23

The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of **January 23, 2017:**

- Warrant #180549 – 180557 Veteran Assistance claims in the amount of \$2,029.22
- Warrant #180582 County Employment Security claims in the amount of \$12,175.44
- Warrant #180583 – 180601 Public Works claims in the amount of \$86,120.95
- Warrant #180602 – 180684 County claims in the amount of \$86,344.04
Plus use tax in the amount of \$168.90 for total expenditures of \$86,512.90

The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of **January 30, 2017:**

- Warrant #180706 – 180710 Veteran Assistance claims in the amount of \$1,805.30
- Warrant #180750 Veteran Assistance claims in the amount of \$50.00
- Warrant #180759 – 180844 County claims in the amount of \$113,170.80
- Warrant #180845 – 180873 Public Works claims in the amount of \$83,379.53

The Auditor's office requests approval of payroll expenditures and associated benefit expenditures for the pay period ending **January 24, 2017:**

Payroll Gross:	\$1,263,457.98
Employer Benefits.	484,766.81

ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Correspondence:

Council discussed a proposed letter to Orcas Power & Light Cooperative/Rock Island Communications and CenturyLink and directed the Clerk to make revisions.

MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the February 7, 2017 letter documenting the OPALCO and CenturyLink actions relative to our meeting on January 30 as modified. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Citizens Access: The following citizens offered comments: Michael Durland.

09:25 AM ACTION: Resolution Adopting a Confidentiality of Protected Health Information Policy – Mark Tompkins, Director Health & Community Services

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

MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve a Resolution Adopting a Confidentiality of Protected Health Information Policy. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

09:35 AM ACTION: To set a Public Hearing to Establish the Road Location for County Road Number 202 Orcas Hill Road from Approximate Milepost 0.0 to approximate Milepost 0.2 Orcas Island on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Eastsound Fire Station, 45 Lavender Lane, Orcas Island – Brian Vincent, Director Public Works

Mr. Vincent presented the Road Establishment and answered Council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

MOVED by Mr. Watson, second by Mr. Stephens to set a Public Hearing to Establish the Road Location for County Road Number 202 Orcas Hill Road from Approximate Milepost 0.0 to Approximate Milepost 0.2 Orcas Island on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Eastsound Fire Station, 45 Lavender Lane, Orcas Island. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

09:45 AM DISCUSSION: 4th Quarter Review – Milene Henley, Auditor; Mike Thomas, County Manager

Ms. Henley and Mr. Thomas presented the Review 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)** – Randall Gaylord, Prosecuting Attorney
Present: Council, Prosecuting Attorney Randall Gaylord, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira; County Manager Mike Thomas and Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel.

At 10:40 AM, Council Chair Hughes announced that the Council would be holding an executive session beginning at 11:00 AM to discuss current and pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) estimated to last 20 minutes.

At 11:20, Ms. Gabriel stepped out of the hearing room and announced that the session would continue for an additional 20 minutes. The session ended at 11:40 AM for a total time of 40 minutes.

Ms. Gabriel stepped out of the hearing room and announced that the executive session had ended. Mr. Hughes called the meeting back into regular session and the Council took the following action:

MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to authorize County Manager Mike Thomas to sign documents necessary to resolve litigation with Chris Laws. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

11:45 AM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES

Agenda Placeholders List: Mr. Stephens added the Visitor’s Bureau Contract; Mr. Watson added Derelict Vessel prevention.

Mr. Stephens added the Council’s response to the Naval Air Station Whidbey Environmental Impact Statement to Correspondence on the February 14th Council meeting agenda.

Mr. Watson: Attended a Town of Friday Harbor Council meeting and provided a County update to them; attended the January 31 MacKaye Harbor Road open house on Lopez; attended a Noxious Weed Board meeting; reported on the emergency response exercise held at the school over the weekend; will attend Agricultural Summit on Orcas Island beginning February 10.

Mr. Stephens: Distributed an update of the current legislative bills being considered; attended Marine Resources Committee meeting last week; Public Records Bills are scheduled for Public Hearing in the State house of Representatives on Friday, February 10; gave testimony on hydraulic project permits to Department of Fish & Wildlife and testified on the oil transportation safety bill in front of the Senate.

Mr. Hughes: May participate in Arts Day in Olympia on February 8; attended Executive Committee meeting of the Farmhouse Gang on February 3, and may attend a March 3 Farmhouse Gang meeting regrading creating passenger-only ferry taxing districts; met with Commissioner of Public Lands Hillary Franz regarding Trustfund Transfer of Lopez Hill and Odlin South; will invite Amy Scarton, the new director of Washington State Ferries to visit San Juan County and discussed potential effects of the reduced WSF budget; met with Representative Strom Peterson regarding the prescription drug take-back program and Senator Hans Zeiger about land-trust exemptions from property tax.

Mr. Thomas (County Manager): Provided on update on the loss of the Community Development Block Grant for the OPAL Community Land Trust and going forward; sent a letter to the Washington Department of Transportation regarding the lease agreement on the Orcas Park-and-Ride; completing the agreement regarding The Exchange on Orcas Island.

12:46 PM ADJOURN

Chair Hughes adjourned the meeting.

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SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

These Minutes were approved and signed on February 14, 2017. The original document is retained in the Council’s permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.