

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY June 26, 2017**

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

**09:17 AM    CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE**

Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 9:17 AM. Present: Council Members Rick Hughes and Bill Watson (Stephens excused), County Manager Mike Thomas, Council Assistant Susan Kollet and interested members of the public.

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

**Approval of Correspondence:**

**MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the letters to Senator Cantwell, Senator Murray and Representative Larsen re: Samish Tribal support. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the letter of support for the Northwest Natural Resource Group grant application. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the MacKaye Harbor Report Transmittal letter. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**09:23 AM    PUBLIC HEARING:** To Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of the Orcas Island Ferry Landing to the State of Washington – Colin Huntemer, County Engineer

Chair Hughes opened the public hearing to approve the resolution. Mr. Huntemer summarized the materials and answered Council's questions.

Chair Hughes opened public testimony. The following citizens offered testimony: none

Chair Hughes closed public testimony with the right to reopen. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

**MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the resolution authorizing the transfer of the Orcas Island Ferry Landing to the State of Washington. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**09:27 AM DISCUSSION:** Annual Docket Review – Erika Shook, Director Community Development

Ms. Shook provided an explanation of the docket process mandated by the State, which allows any interested person to request amendments to the San Juan County Comprehensive Plan and answered Council's questions. Ms. Shook suggested that the Council review the public docket requests along with input from Department of Community Development staff as to a schedule and priority for considering the docket requests. A public hearing is required and will be the next step in the process. Following discussion, the Council took the following action:

**MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hughes to set a Public Hearing for August 8, 2017 at 9:15 AM for the annual docket review and completion for 2016-2017. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**09:46 AM DISCUSSION:** State Budget Impact Update (continued from June 19) – Mike Thomas, County Manager

Mr. Thomas shared that very little information concerning the State budget has been forthcoming. He summarized some of the programs that will be impacted if the State does not pass a budget by June 30th. The Council may hold a special meeting on Friday, June 30, 2017 at 9:00 AM should the State fail to pass a budget by then and if the County Manager has need for Council action as a result of that.

**09:55 AM DISCUSSION:** Approval of Request for Proposals Document for Destination Marketing Organization – Council

Mr. Hughes reviewed the document containing proposed revisions by Mr. Watson with Council. Mr. Hughes will work on revising the document based on these discussions and will bring it back to Council for action at their July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. At that time, Mr. Stephens will be present and can share his input.

**COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES**

**Mr. Hughes:** Attended an Opportunity Council meeting in Oak Harbor last week, along with Mr. Tompkins, Director of Health & Community Services. The Opportunity Council discussed the affordable housing development on San Juan Island that faces privatization. Because the discussion concerned a San Juan County entity, both he and Mr. Tompkins had to recuse themselves from voting. The Opportunity Council sees the housing as important to support. There is a window of time where a non-profit can bid and hopefully retain the units as affordable housing.

**Mr. Watson:** Attended the North Sound Accountable Communities of Health meeting on Thursday and Friday of last week. Mr. Watson asked if the agenda item on

Personnel Policies currently scheduled for action on July 11<sup>th</sup> can be moved to July 10<sup>th</sup> as he will not be in attendance on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Thomas (County Manager):** Met with Public Works' staff last week. They are working with a consultant do an operations master plan. They are looking at the system as a whole; county buildings and facilities and where they are located or might be located. Had some great discussion and anticipate completion in September of this year. Had the first full bargaining session with the Sheriff's Guild on Friday of last week. It was a good session. On Friday of this week, the County's health care broker will present to the County's unions concerning the state of healthcare.

**10:55 AM          ADJOURN**

Chair Hughes adjourned the meeting.

\*\*\*\*\*

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**These Minutes were approved and signed on July 12, 2017. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.**