

MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018

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

09:01 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council Chair Watson called the meeting to order at 09:01 AM. Present: Council Members Jamie Stephens, Rick Hughes and Bill Watson; County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel and interested members of the public.

New Employee Introduction: Information Technology Manager Tony Harrell introduced Dan Root, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Program Coordinator

Citizens Access: the following citizens provided comment - none

09:05 AM ACTION: Approve Clay Smith Appointment to the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District (LSWDD) Managing Board – Governing Board

Chair Watson recessed the San Juan County Council meeting and convened the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District Governing Board. After discussion, the Board took the following action:

MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the appointment of Clay Smith to the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District Managing Board. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Watson adjourned the LSWDD Governing Board and reconvened the SJC Council meeting.

09:07 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 Amy Vira, Attorneys Daniel Mensher and David Ko (Law Offices of Keller-Rohrback, L.L.P.), County Manager Mike Thomas and Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel,

At 09:07 AM, Council Chair Watson announced that the Council would be holding an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) estimated to last 60 minutes.

At 10:07, Ms. Gabriel stepped out of the hearing room and announced that the session would continue for an additional 20 minutes. The session ended at 10:25 for a total time of 78 minutes.

No Action taken.

Ms. Gabriel stepped out of the hearing room and announced that the executive session had ended. Mr. Watson reconvened the regular session.

10:32 AM DISCUSSION: Visitor Survey Update – Dona Wuthnow, Parks & Fair Director; Lincoln Bormann, Director Land Bank; Kendra Smith, Environmental Resources Manager; Elexis Fredy, Superintendent of SJI National Historical Park; Chris Guidotti, San Juan Islands Area Manager, WA State Parks; Paul McFarland, Natural Areas Manager, NW Region, Washington Department of Natural Resources; Matt Clausen, Interim Executive Director of SJC Conservation District; Jennifer Brown-Scott, USFW SJIs Refuge Manager

Participants and Council discussed various aspects of the Survey in a roundtable format.

01:00 AM DISCUSSION: Sea-Level Rise Policy Questions stemming from MacKaye Harbor Road Feasibility Study – Bill Watson, Council Chair; Russ Harvey, Director Public Works, Shannon Wilbur, Project Engineer, Erika Shook, Director Community Development, Amy Vira, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney; Kendra Smith, Environmental Resources Manager; Brendan Cowan, Emergency Management Director

Participants and Council discussed various aspects of the feasibility study in a roundtable format.

02:50 AM DISCUSSION/ACTION: To Consider a Resolution Amending Appendix A to the San Juan County Economic Development Plan – Debbie Emery, Administrative Coordinator

Ms. Emery presented the Resolution and answered Council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve a Resolution Amending Appendix A to the San Juan County Economic Development Plan. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

02:54 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES

Mr. Hughes: Discussed potential road vacation on Orcas Island; reported that the Washington State Department of Transportation held a meeting on San Juan Island and asked for Council's suggestions for long-range ferry service planning by the May 24th deadline.

Mr. Watson: The June 4th Council retreat is rescheduled for Monday, July 9th.

Mr. Stephens: Reported that he, along with Mr. Hughes and Mr. Thomas, attended the Department of Natural Resources Board public hearing last week during which Lopez Hill was deeded to San Juan County; attended first meeting of the Governor's Orca Task Force on which he will serve. Feedback on the vacation rental ordinances from Lopez residents is positive, however, comments indicate that residents want the County to enforce the ordinance.

The Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Board of Directors and Legislative Steering Committee is meeting at Rosario Resort beginning on Wednesday, May 9.

Mr. Thomas (County Manager): Attended a Washington Counties Administrator Group meeting last week.

03:22 PM ADJOURN

Chair Watson adjourned the meeting.

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These Minutes were approved and signed on May 22, 2018. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.