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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019**

**Legislative Hearing Room, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA 98250**

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

Council Chair Stephens 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.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 8, 2019 as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the Consent Agenda of January 15, 2019:**

**Financial Items:** The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of **December 30, 2018:**

- Warrant #209514 – 209524 Public Works claims in the amount of \$32,054.86
- Warrant #209542 – 209589 County claims in the amount of \$122,256.74  
Plus use tax in the amount of \$1,776.52 for total expenditures of \$124,033.26
- Warrant #209590 County claims in the amount of \$1,422.31  
Plus use tax in the amount of -\$5.51 for total expenditures of \$1,416.80
- Warrant #209591 – 209605 County claims in the amount of \$97,455.60
- Public Works EFT in the amount of \$80,919.48

**ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Recognition:**

The Council recognized Community Development Office Manager Lisa DesJardins, for ten years of service.

Auditor Milene Henley recognized Administrative Specialist Jo George upon retirement after fifteen years of service.

Health & Community Service Director Mark Tompkins recognized Senior Services Manager, Wendy Stephens upon retirement after fourteen years of service. Mr. Tompkins also recognized Financial Manager Shelly Easterday upon retirement after almost four years of service.

**Citizens Access:** The following citizens addressed the Council: none

51 **09:20 AM ACTION:** Council Advisory and Committee Assignments

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53 After discussion, Council members accepted the following committee assignments:

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55 Mr. Stephens:

- 56 • Accountability Oversight Committee
- 57 • Agricultural Tax Advisory Committee
- 58 • Ecosystem Coordinating Board
- 59 • Lopez Village Planning and Review Committee
- 60 • Marine Resources Committee
- 61 • Northsound Mental Health Association
- 62 • Northwest Regional Council
- 63 • Parks and Recreation
- 64 • Salmon Recovery Council
- 65 • Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Legislative Steering Committee

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67 Council Chair Committees (Stephens):

- 68 • Budget
- 69 • Canvass Board
- 70 • Finance Committee
- 71 • Historical Preservation Award Grants
- 72 • Islands Trust Council
- 73 • Law and Justice Council
- 74 • Law Library
- 75 • Public Facilities Financing Assistance Program (PFFAP) Review Committee

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77 Mr. Hughes:

- 78 • Deer Harbor Planning & Review Committee
- 79 • Eastsound Design Review Subcommittee
- 80 • Eastsound Planning and Review Committee
- 81 • Economic Development Council
- 82 • Ferry Advisory Committee
- 83 • Human Services Advisory Board
- 84 • Lodging Tax Advisory Board
- 85 • Northwest Regional Council
- 86 • Northwest Workforce Council
- 87 • Opportunity Council
- 88 • Orcas Chamber of Commerce
- 89 • SJI's Visitors Bureau
- 90 • Solid Waste Advisory Committee
- 91 • Veterans Advisory Board

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93 Mr. Watson:

- 94 • Accountable Communities of Health
- 95 • Agricultural Resources Committee
- 96 • Building Advisory Committee
- 97 • Clean Water Advisory Committee

- 98 • Fair Board
- 99 • Fire District Commissioners Meeting
- 100 • Friday Harbor Chamber of Commerce
- 101 • Housing Advisory Committee
- 102 • Land Bank
- 103 • Northwest Agriculture Business Center
- 104 • Noxious Weed Control Board
- 105 • Open Space Advisory Team
- 106 • Orcas Power & Light Cooperative Utility Coordination
- 107 • Town of Friday Harbor

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109 **09:40 AM DISCUSSION:** Marijuana Issues – Erika Shook, Director Community  
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112 Ms. Shook presented an Update on local land use issues and regulations as they pertain to  
113 marijuana production.

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115 **10:15 AM DISCUSSION:** Representative Rick Larsen’s Federal Legislative Priorities  
116 and Updates – Laura Gelwicks, Community Liaison for Representative Rick  
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119 Ms. Gelwicks outlined Congressman Larsen’s legislative priorities. Council presented San  
120 Juan County’s 2019 legislative priorities.

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122 **11:00 AM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**

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124 **Mr. Thomas:** Reported on the County’s efforts to help with trash pick up at the National  
125 Historical Parks during federal government shutdown.

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127 **Mr. Watson:** Submitted his name for consideration as next treasurer of the Accountable  
128 Communities of Health (ACH).

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130 **Mr. Hughes:** Attending Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) and Economic Development Council  
131 (EDC) meetings during the coming week.

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133 **Mr. Stephens:** Attended Northsound Behavioral Health Organization meeting last week;  
134 attending the Washington State Association of Counties Legislative Steering Committee  
135 meeting on January 16.

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137 **Future Agenda Review:** Council reviewed upcoming agendas.

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139 **11:35 AM DISCUSSION:** 40<sup>th</sup> District Senate Vacancy – Randall Gaylord, Prosecuting  
140 Attorney

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142 Mr. Gaylord provided legal advice regarding filling the recent State Senate vacancy. After  
143 discussion, the Council took the following action:

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145 **MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Watson that the San Juan County Council**  
146 **authorize Council Vice Chair Hughes to work with Whatcom and Skagit Counties to set**  
147 **a process for replacing the 40<sup>th</sup> District Senator. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**  
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149 **11:59 PM ADJOURN**

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151 Chair Stephens adjourned the meeting.  
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**COUNTY COUNCIL  
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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159 **These Minutes were approved and signed on February 12, 2019. The original document is retained in the**  
160 **Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.**  
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