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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020**

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

**09:50 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE**

Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 9:50 AM. Present: Council Members Jamie Stephens (via videoconference), Bill Watson (via videoconference) and Rick Hughes; County Manager Mike Thomas (via videoconference); and Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel.

**Approval of Agenda:** Chair Hughes added a general budget discussion to the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the San Juan County Council Tuesday, April 7, 2020 meeting minutes as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, April 14, 2020:**

Resolution Authorizing a Thirty-Six Month Intrafund Loan from the San Juan County Housing REET Account (Fund 1961.03) to the San Juan County Affordable & Supportive Housing Account (Fund 1961.04) in the amount of \$60,000.

**ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED**

**Approval of Correspondence:**

**MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve a thank you letter in support of Puget Sound Recovery. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Recognition** (via videoconference): Council and County Engineer Colin Huntmer recognized Public Works Director Russ Harvey upon his retirement after over 39 years of service to San Juan County; Mr. Harvey recognized Public Works Crew Chief Tim Arnold upon his retirement after 34 years of service to San Juan County.

**Public Access:** The following individuals addressed the Council via email – none.

**10:07 AM DISCUSSION:** COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update – Mark Tompkins, Director Health & Community Services; Kyle Dodd, Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Incident Commander

50 Mr. Tompkins and Mr. Dodd (via videoconference) discussed the status of the EOC, current  
51 COVID-19 (coronavirus) statistics and closures. The report continued by giving the status of  
52 both outreach and operational efforts.

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54 County Health Officer Dr. Frank James provided (via videoconference) an update on  
55 coronavirus testing/ test availability and answered Council's questions.

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57 Mr. Watson discussed public service messaging, media channels and funding for the purpose  
58 of discouraging visitors from coming to San Juan County at this time.

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60 **MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson for approval of letter prepared by Mr.**  
61 **Watson and Mr. Thomas concerning loosening the restrictions on construction in San**  
62 **Juan County sent out by any Council member representing all Council Members. ALL**  
63 **AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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65 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens for approval of copy for a public**  
66 **service announcement for San Juan County relative to non-essential travel. ALL AYES;**  
67 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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69 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve up to \$40,000 for a radio**  
70 **media buy through the Visitors Bureau for our public service announcement. ALL**  
71 **AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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73 **11:23 AM DISCUSSION:** Approval of Application for Salmon Recovery Funding – Lincoln  
74 Bormann, Director Land Bank

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76 Mr. Bormann presented the Application and answered Council's questions. After discussion,  
77 the Council took the following action:

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79 **MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve a Resolution Authorizing**  
80 **San Juan County Land Bank Applications for Funding Assistance for Three Salmon**  
81 **Recovery Projects from the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) as Provided in**  
82 **Chapter 77.85 RCW, Salmon Recovery. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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84 **01:30 PM DISCUSSION:** Introduction to First 2020 Budget Amendment – Milene Henley,  
85 Auditor

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87 Ms. Henley presented the Amendment and answered Council's questions.

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89 **02:13 PM DISCUSSION:** Enforcement of Prohibition on Transient Rentals per Order of SJC  
90 Health Officer – Sheriff Krebs, Council

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92 Sheriff Krebs discussed the status of Enforcement measures and answered Council's  
93 questions.

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95 **02:23 PM DISCUSSION:** Home Fund Awards, Conditions and Timing – Ryan Page,  
96 Housing Program Coordinator; Mark Tompkins, Director Health & Community  
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98 Mr. Tompkins and Mr. Page presented issues regarding the Awards and answered Council's  
99 questions.

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101 **02:40 PM DISCUSSION:** Limited Closure of Parks Bathroom Facilities – Mark Tompkins,  
102 Interim Director Parks & Fair

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104 Mr. Tompkins presented issues regarding the Closure and answered Council's questions.  
105 After discussion, the Council took the following action:

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107 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the closure of limited**  
108 **restroom facilities at County parks per staff recommendations. ALL AYES; MOTION**  
109 **CARRIED.**

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111 **02:48 PM DISCUSSION:** Economic Development Council's request for temporary staffing  
112 support - Victoria Compton, Executive Director EDC

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114 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve up to \$25,000 to support**  
115 **a half-time recovery coordinator position for six months for the Economic Development**  
116 **Council. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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118 **03:00 PM DISCUSSION:** Budget Impact Expectations – Council

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120 Council discussed potential impacts to the County's 2020-2021 budgets.

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122 **03:15 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**

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124 **Mr. Watson:** Reported on recent actions of the Accountable Communities of Health and  
125 regional five-county COVID-19 weekly conference; participated in Northsound Behavioral  
126 Health Board meeting this week.

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128 **Mr. Stephens:** Reported on participation in 40<sup>th</sup> Legislature meetings and "Lopez Recovers"  
129 on Lopez Island to help coordinate COVID-19 response

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131 **Mr. Hughes:** Reported on participation in a sheltering committee to address  
132 homelessness for islanders; provided a ferry services update;

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134 **Mr. Thomas:** Reported on status of COVID-19 response activities.

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136 **03:30 PM CLOSED SESSION & EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

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138 At 03:30 PM, Chair Hughes announced that the Council would be holding an Executive  
139 Session to review the performance of a public employee and a Closed Session to discuss  
140 matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) estimated to last  
141 approximately 40 minutes in total followed by adjournment.

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143 Present (via videoconference): Council, Human Resource Manager James Wolf and County  
144 Manager Mike Thomas.

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146 The sessions ended at 4:00 PM for a total executive session time of 30 minutes.

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148 **No Action was Taken**

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150 **04:00 PM ADJOURN**

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152 Chair Hughes adjourned the meeting.

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158 **These Minutes were approved and signed on April 21, 2020. The original document is retained in the**  
159 **Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.**

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