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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020**

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

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

Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 09:00 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 Minutes:**

**MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the San Juan County Council Tuesday, April 21, 2020 meeting minutes as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the San Juan County Council Thursday, April 23, 2020 meeting minutes as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, April 21, 2020:**

**Financial Items:**

The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of April 13, 2020:

- Warrant #228252 County claims in the amount of \$18,000.00
- EFT #190417201 County claim in the amount of \$82.36
- EFT #190420201 County claim in the amount of \$201,789.74
- Warrant #228253-228361 County claims in the amount of \$184,962.60  
Plus use tax in the amount of \$172.52 for a total expenditure of \$185,135.12
- Warrant #228362 Vet Assist claims in the amount of \$500.00
- Warrant #228436-228449 ER&R claims in the amount of \$6,795.16

**ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED**

**Approval of Correspondence:** Census letter to Representative Rick Larsen's office, and Resolution in Support of 2020 Census.

**MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve and authorize the publishing of the Census letter from Representative Rick Larsen's office including our [the Council's] three names. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

51 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve a Resolution in Support**  
52 **of the 2020 Census and Encouraging Participation Therein by all County Residents.**  
53 **ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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55 **Public Access:** Sadie Bailey, Peter Hanke.

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57 **09:21 AM DISCUSSION:** COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update & Issues regarding Re-opening  
58 the County pursuant to Gov. Inslee’s proclamations post May 4 – Council, Dr.  
59 Frank James, SJC Health Officer. Mark Tompkins, Director Health and  
60 Community Services; Kyle Dodd, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Incident  
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63 Mr. Tompkins (via videoconference) and Mr. Dodd (via videoconference) discussed the status  
64 of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), current COVID-19 (coronavirus) statistics and  
65 closures. The report continued by giving the status of both outreach and operational efforts.

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67 Dr. James provided (via videoconference) an update on the presence of the coronavirus in  
68 San Juan County. Additionally, he provided input regarding sustained closures and capacity to  
69 protect people. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

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71 **MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson barring any direction from the**  
72 **Governor that we extend our recommendation to the San Juan County Board of Health**  
73 **and the Health Officer regarding the transient lodging ban through May 30. ALL AYES;**  
74 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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76 **11:04 AM DISCUSSION:** Budget Impact Expectations – Council

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78 Council and Mr. Thomas discussed potential impacts to the County’s 2020-2021 budgets.

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80 **12:05 PM RECESS**

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82 **01:15 PM DISCUSSION:** Proposed financing of Capital Projects - Mike Thomas, County  
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85 Mr. Thomas presented the financing status of the Radio Communications and Beaverton  
86 Valley Public Works projects, and answered Council’s questions.

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88 **01:35 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**

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90 **Mr. Stephens:** Reported that the first Town Square Meeting was sponsored at the Lopez  
91 Library.

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93 **Mr. Hughes:** Reported that ferry service is currently on a winter schedule until an  
94 undetermined time in June.

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99 **01:15 PM CLOSED SESSION & EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

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101 Chair Hughes announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session to review  
102 the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) and a Closed  
103 Session to discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW  
104 42.30.140(4)(b) estimated to last approximately 50 minutes in total followed by adjournment.

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

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109 The sessions ended at 02:15 PM for a total executive session time of 30 minutes.

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111 **No action was taken.**

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113 **02:20 PM ADJOURN**

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115 Chair Hughes called the meeting back into regular session and adjourned the meeting.

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118 **COUNTY COUNCIL**  
119 **SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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122 **These Minutes were approved and signed on May 5, 2020. The original document is retained in the**  
123 **Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.**

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