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2 **MEETING MINUTES**

3 **SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**  
4 **COUNTY COUNCIL**  
5 **TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020**

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7 <b>Legislative Hearing Room, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA</b>
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9 **09:00 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE**

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11 Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 09:00 AM. Present: Council Members  
12 Jamie Stephens (via videoconference), Bill Watson, and Rick Hughes; County Manager Mike  
13 Thomas (via videoconference).

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15 **Approval of Minutes:**

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17 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the San Juan County**  
18 **Council Monday, May 19, 2020 meeting minutes as written. ALL AYES; MOTION**  
19 **CARRIED.**

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21 **Approval of Agenda:**

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23 Mr. Stephens announced that Mr. Hughes has been appointed by the Washington State  
24 Association of Counties (WSAC) to the Legislative Joint Transportation Committee. The  
25 Committee's purpose is to implement long-range planning for all modes of transportation.

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27 **Public Access (via videoconference or letter/email):** Victoria Compton (Economic  
28 Development Council), Hilary Canty, Lerner Limbach, Erica Lyons, Kevin Ranker.

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30 **09:20 AM DISCUSSION:** COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Response & Emergency Operations  
31 Center (EOC) Update – Dr. Frank James, County Health Officer; Kyle Dodd,  
32 EOC Incident Commander; Mark Tompkins, Director Health & Community  
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35 Mr. Tompkins (via videoconference) and Mr. Dodd (via videoconference) discussed the status  
36 of the EOC, current COVID-19 (coronavirus) statistics and closures. The report continued by  
37 giving the status of both outreach and operational efforts. Mr. Dodd acknowledged that San  
38 Juan County has been approved for a variance to continue to Phase 2 regarding reopening  
39 businesses and modifying physical distancing measures.

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41 Dr. James provided (via videoconference) an update on the presence of the coronavirus in  
42 San Juan County, encouraged the use of masks in public and answered Council's questions  
43 regarding sustained closures. Dr. James also outlined the protocol for re-opening the County  
44 to business and visitors.

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46 **09:55 AM DISCUSSION:** Department Requests to Fill Vacant Positions – Mike Thomas,  
47 County Manager

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49 Council and Mr. Thomas discussed the financial implications of filling vacant staff positions.

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51 **10:17 AM DISCUSSION:** 2020 Proposed Fair Budget – Jennifer Allen, Fairgrounds &  
52 Events Manager

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54 Ms. Allen presented the proposed Budget and answered Council’s questions. Council  
55 approved the proposed 2020 Fair Budget by consensus.

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57 **10:35 AM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**

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59 **Mr. Hughes:** Provided information on decrease in ferry ridership.

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61 **Mr. Thomas:** Updated Council on upcoming Community Development Block Grants allocated  
62 to counties; working through financing options for radio communication improvements and the  
63 Beaverton Valley Public Works project.

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65 **11:00 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION & CLOSED SESSION**

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67 At 11:00 AM, Chair Hughes announced that the Council would be holding an Executive  
68 Session to consider the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase pursuant to RCW  
69 42.30.110 (1)(c) and a Closed Session to discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining  
70 pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) estimated to last approximately 60 minutes in total followed  
71 by the noon recess.

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73 **Present (via videoconference):** Council, Human Resource Manager James Wolf, County  
74 Manager Mike Thomas, Land Bank Director Lincoln Bormann,

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76 The sessions ended at 12:00 PM for a total executive and closed session time of 60 minutes.

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78 **No action was taken.**

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80 **12:00 PM RECESS**

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82 **01:00 PM**

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84 Mr. Hughes reconvened the regular session.

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86 **01:05 PM DISCUSSION:** COVID19 Budget Impact – Council; Milene Henley, Auditor

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88 Ms. Henley reported on the Impact and answered Council’s questions. After discussion, the  
89 Council took the following action:

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91 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens that the Council directs Staff – Mr.**  
92 **Thomas and Mr. Wolf - to put together a furlough program of one day a month for the**  
93 **next 12 months starting June of 2020 for all County staff excluding the Sheriff’s**  
94 **department, and all negotiated contract discussions that have to occur to do that, as**  
95 **well as then issue a letter of invitation from the Council to the Electeds to voluntarily**  
96 **sign up for that program as well. The County Council will have seven furlough days this**  
97 **year, and the next Council will review the issue. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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99 **03:00 PM ADJOURN**

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101 Mr. Hughes adjourned the meeting.

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**These Minutes were approved and signed on June 2, 2020. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.**

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