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2 **MEETING MINUTES**

3 **SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**  
4 **COUNTY COUNCIL**  
5 **TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020**

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7 **VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**  
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9 **Legislative Hearing Room, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA**

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11 **09:00 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE**  
12 **COAST SALISH ACKNOWLEDGMENT**  
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14 *“Let us acknowledge we reside on the ancestral lands and waters of the Coast Salish people,*  
15 *who have taken care of these Islands since time immemorial.”*  
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17 Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 09:01 AM. Present: Council Members  
18 Jamie Stephens (via videoconference), Bill Watson (via videoconference), and Rick Hughes  
19 (present); County Manager Mike Thomas (via videoconference), and Clerk to the Council  
20 Ingrid Gabriel (present).  
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22 **Approval of Minutes:**

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24 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the San Juan County**  
25 **Council Tuesday, July 7, 2020 meeting minutes as written. ALL AYES; MOTION**  
26 **CARRIED.**  
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28 **Approval of Consent Agenda:**

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30 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the Consent Agenda of**  
31 **Tuesday, Jul 14, 2020:**  
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33 **Financial Items:**

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35 The Auditor’s office requests approval or payroll expenditures and associated benefit  
36 expenditures for the pay period ending June 23 ,2020:  
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38 PAYROLL GROSS: \$2,039,007.30  
39 EMPLOYER BENEFITS: 610,533.33  
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41 The Treasurer’s office requests approval for the checks issued for the month of June 2020.  
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43 **ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED**  
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45 **Approval of Agenda:** Chair Hughes added an Executive Session regarding Real Property  
46 Acquisition or Lease pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(c). Later in the meeting, Chair Hughes  
47 added an Executive Session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public  
48 employment or to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110  
49 (1)(g).  
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51 **Public Access (via videoconference or email):** Kathryn Blaine, Evan Perollaz, Mehgan  
52 Harold, Jennifer Horn, Christopher Evans, Mr. Nelson, Peter Lane, Sarah Farish,

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54 **PUBLIC HEARINGS: Public Testimony Accepted**

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56 **09:15 AM** To Adopt an Ordinance Regarding Amending Official County Road Speed Limit  
57 Map District 1 (continued from July 7)– Colin Huntemer, County Engineer  
58 **Present:** Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Ingrid  
59 Gabriel

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61 Chair Hughes opened the continued public hearing to adopt the Ordinance. Mr. Huntemer  
62 presented the Ordinance and answered Council’s questions.

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64 Chair Hughes opened public testimony. The following individual offered testimony: none.

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66 Chair Hughes closed public testimony with the right to reopen. After discussion, the Council  
67 took the following action:

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69 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to adopt an Ordinance Regarding**  
70 **Amending Official County Road Speed Limit Map District 1 as presented. ALL AYES;**  
71 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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73 **09:19 AM** To Adopt a Limited Tax General Obligation Bond Ordinance (continued from July  
74 7) – Rhonda Pederson, Treasurer, Mike Thomas, County Manager  
75 **Present:** Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Ingrid  
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78 Chair Hughes opened the continued public hearing to adopt the Ordinance. Mr. Thomas  
79 presented the Ordinance and answered Council’s questions.

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81 Chair Hughes opened public testimony. The following individual offered testimony: none.

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83 After discussion, the Council took the following action:

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85 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to continue the public hearing to**  
86 **Adopt a Limited Tax General Obligation Bond Ordinance to July 21 at 9:15 AM in Friday**  
87 **Harbor and on SKYPE. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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89 **09:23 AM ACTION:** Approval of a Resolution Authoring a Statement of Work with CODAN  
90 Communications and Service Level Agreements with Rock Island  
91 Communications – Mike Thomas, County Manager; Dave Halloran, Assistant  
92 Director Emergency Management

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94 Action postponed until Tuesday, July 21.

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98 **09:24 AM DISCUSSION:** COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update – Mark Tompkins, Director  
99 Health & Community Services; Dr. Frank James, County Health Officer

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101 Mr. Tompkins reported on the following:

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- 103 • Rates of infection, data regarding transmission, and risk assessment (statewide and
- 104 locally);
- 105 • Case investigation and status of testing;
- 106 • Additions to the nursing staff;
- 107 • Meals on Wheels delivery;
- 108 • Safe practices and support for local business owners' policy;
- 109 • Status of County application to move forward to Phase 3 opening has been paused.
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112 Dr. James reported on the following:

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- 114 • Recent local COVID19 infections and testing status;
- 115 • Safe practices entering businesses;
- 116 • Local compliance with safe practices;
- 117 • Status of application for Phase 3 reopening

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119 Council agreed to hold a Special Session after the Wednesday, July 15 Board of Health  
120 Meeting. The purpose of the Special Council Meeting will be to consider the recommendations  
121 from the Board of Health and Health Officer Regarding the Status of San Juan County's  
122 Application to Move from Phase 2 to Phase 3 of the Safe Start Washington Plan.

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124 **10:50 AM DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Approve a Resolution Accepting Easements for the  
125 Fisherman Bay Road Shoulder Widening Project - Shannon Wilbur, Senior  
126 Engineer

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

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131 **MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve a Resolution Accepting**  
132 **Easements for the Fisherman Bay Road Shoulder Widening Project and allowing the**  
133 **County Manager to accept. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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135 **DEPARTMENTAL 2020-2021 BUDGET REVISIONS (continued from July 13)**

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137 **10:58 AM Public Works**

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139 County Engineer Colin Huntmer presented the proposed Public Works Budget revisions and  
140 answered Council's questions.

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142 **11:13 AM Sheriff / Jail / Dispatch**

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144 Sheriff Ron Krebs presented the proposed Sheriff, Jail and Dispatch budget revisions and  
145 answered Council's questions.

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147 **11:30 AM Environmental Resources**

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149 Environmental Resources Manager Kendra Smith presented the proposed Environmental  
150 Resources budget revisions and answered Council's questions.

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152 **11:50 AM Auditor / Elections / General Government**

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154 Auditor Milene Henley presented the proposed Auditor, Elections and General Government  
155 budget revisions and answered Council's questions.

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157 **12:28 PM ACTION:** Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Spending  
158 Continued – Mike Thomas, County Manager

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160 After discussed, the Council took the following action:

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162 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to add the Prosecuting Attorney's**  
163 **expense to the previously approved departmental request for CARES funding [\$3,822].**  
164 **ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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166 **12:31 PM RECESS**

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168 **01:30 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES**

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170 **Mr. Watson:** Reported that he will attend a Land Bank meeting Friday,

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172 **Mr. Stephens:** Will attend Puget Sound Partnership meeting on Thursday to discuss a future  
173 alternative analysis to model a different approach to Puget Sound Recovery; will meet on  
174 Thursday with the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) budget WSAC meeting  
175 on Thursday; spoke with Representative Larsen regarding Great Outdoors Act, Navy noise  
176 monitoring, and passage of the Heroes Act.

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178 **Mr. Hughes:** Spoke with Representative Larsen regarding transportation, as well as ferry  
179 service; will meet with the National Association of Counties (NaCo) transportation committee  
180 on Thursday.

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182 **Ms. Gabriel (Clerk):** Advisory Appointments & Reappointments

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184 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to appoint Jeff Cole to the**  
185 **Agricultural Resources Committee. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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187 **01:45 PM CLOSED SESSION & EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

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189 Chair Hughes announced that the Council would be holding the following Executive and  
190 Closed Sessions estimated to last approximately 50 minutes in total followed by adjournment.

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193 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant  
194 to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

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196 Present (via videoconference): Council, Prosecuting Attorney Randall Gaylord, and County  
197 Manager Mike Thomas.

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199 **CLOSED SESSION:** To discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW  
200 42.30.140(4)(b)

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

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205 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or  
206 to review the performance of a public employee. pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)

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

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211 The sessions ended at 2:35 PM for a total executive/closed session time of 50 minutes.

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213 **No action was taken.**

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215 **02:35 PM ADJOURNED**

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219 **COUNTY COUNCIL**  
220 **SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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222 **These Minutes were approved and signed on July 21, 2020. The original document is retained in the**  
223 **Council’s permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.**

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