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MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021

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

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, Christine Minney and Cindy Wolf (all via videoconference); County Manager Mike Thomas (via videoconference), and Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel.

Introductions: Council Members, Council Clerk Ingrid Gabriel, County Manager Mike Thomas and Information Services Manager Tony Harrell introduced themselves.

Retreat Overview: The January retreat is intended to accomplish several tasks necessary to establish structure and function, and to complete a high-level overview of issues and initiatives inherited by the new council.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

MOVED by Ms. Minney to nominate Mr. Stephens as Chair of the County Council. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Ms. Wolf to nominate Ms. Minney as Vice Chair of the San Juan County Council. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Review of 2021 Council Calendar Council: Council reviewed the proposed 2021 Council Meeting calendar.

Council Member Liaison Appointments to County Advisory Boards & Commissions:

Ms. Minney

- Agricultural Resources Committee;
- Agricultural Tax Advisory Committee;
- Fair Board;
- Land Bank;
- Parks and Recreation Committee;
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee;
- Ferry Advisory Committee;
- Open Space Advisory Team;
- San Juan Visitor’s Bureau;
- Orcas Power and Light Co-operation (OPALCO);

Ms. Wolf

- Human Services Advisory Board;
- Noxious Weed Control Board;

- 50 • Veterans Advisory Board;
- 51 • Clean Water Advisory Committee;
- 52 • Eastsound Planning and Review Committee;
- 53 • Eastsound Design Review Subcommittee;
- 54 • Deer Harbor Planning and Review Committee;
- 55 • Housing Advisory Committee;
- 56 • Building Advisory Committee;
- 57 • Northsound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization;
- 58 • Northwest Regional Council;
- 59 • Opportunity Council;
- 60 • Housing Advisory Committee

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62 Mr. Stephens

- 63 • Marine Resources Committee;
- 64 • Lodging Tax Advisory Board;
- 65 • Lopez Planning and Review Committee;
- 66 • Northwest Regional Council;
- 67 • Northwest Work Force Council;
- 68 • Accountable Communities of Health;
- 69 • Public Facilities Financing Assistance Programs;
- 70 • Ecosystem Coordinating Board;
- 71 • Accountability Oversight Committee;
- 72 • Salmon Recovery Council;
- 73 • Washington State Association of Counties (WASAC) Board and Steering Committee

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75 Points of Contact:

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77 Ms. Minney: Open Space Advisory Team, San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau, OPALCO Utility
78 Coordination Meeting, Friday Harbor Chamber of Commerce; Town of Friday Harbor Council;
79 San Juan Island Fire Commissioners

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81 Ms. Wolf: Orcas Chamber of Commerce

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83 Mr. Stephens: Islands Trust Council, Law and Justice Council; Law Library; Finance
84 Committee; Historical Preservation Award Grants

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86 **Discussion/Council Meetings:**

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88 Council discussed the structure and content of Monday and Tuesday meetings.

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90 **External Advocacy:**

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92 Council discussed the state legislative agenda including:

- 93 • Proposed 2021 legislative priorities changes;
- 94 • Commenting on proposed state bills;
- 95 • Interplay with WSAC legislative agenda;

- Other efforts – e.g. Washington State Ferry Studies, Governor’s proposed budget

Councilmember Areas of Interest Discussion:

Council discussed their individual areas of interest.

Communications:

Council reviewed best practices regarding internal and external communications including constituency outreach.

What the New Council Inherits or What the New Year Brings:

Council discussed the adopted 2021 Budget, staffing, succession planning and potential furloughs.

11:50 AM RECESS

12:50 PM Budget 2021

Council discussed the status of the budget including

- San Juan County Sales Tax Analysis
- Condition of Facilities;
- Impact of COVID-19;
- Priority Capital Projects

01:40 PM ADJOURN

Chair Stephens adjourned the meeting.

**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

These Minutes were approved and signed on January 12, 2021. The original document is retained in the Council’s permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.