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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 25, 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 Administrative Specialist Nadine Varsovia (present in hearing room).

**Approval of Agenda:** An Executive Session was added to discuss pending litigation.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf to approve the San Juan County Council Tuesday, May 18, 2021 meeting minutes as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Public Comments (via videoconference):** Miles Becker, Alexandra Gayek, and Donna Laslo provided comments to the Council.

**9:17 AM DISCUSSION:** Briefing on 2021 Docket – Sophia Cassam, Planner

Ms. Cassam presented the Briefing and answered Council’s questions.

**9:55 – 10:05 AM BREAK**

**10:05 AM DISCUSSION:** An overview of what other government organizations are doing or considering – Denice Kulseth, Management Analyst

Ms. Kulseth presented the overview and answered Council’s questions.

**10:37 AM DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 9:15 AM – An Ordinance of the County Council of San Juan County Adopting Amendments to the Personnel Policy Manual – James Wolf, HR Manager

Mr. Wolf gave a brief overview of the content, requested to hold a public hearing, and answered Council’s questions.

**MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf To approve the public hearing on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 for adopting amendments to the Personnel Policy Manual. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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**10:43 AM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**

**Ms. Minney:** Discussed her attendance the Orcas Landing Marine Interpretive Area and Mural Installation reveal. Mentioned WSAC meeting. Discussed WSF virtual public meeting and encouraged people to attend. Discussed receiving her second vaccination dose.

**Ms. Wolf:** Discussed her Invitation to accompany congressman Larsen on a visit to Orcas Island on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, but noted she was unable to attend.

**Mr. Stephens:** Discussed his attendance at the Orcas Landing Marine Interpretive Area and Mural Installation reveal. Discussed that he will be attending the Salmon Recovery Council Quarterly Meeting. Mentioned that the Spokane District Manager of the BLM will be on Lopez and that they will meet at Agate Beach to discuss ongoing projects. Noted a community listening meeting on the evening of May 25<sup>th</sup> put on by the Accountable Communities of Health that he hoped to attend.

**Mr. Thomas:** Discussed his attendance the Orcas Landing Marine Interpretive Area and Mural Installation reveal. Discussed that the County is now signed up to receive recovery funding in the amount of \$3.14 million through the Treasury Portal. Discussed Argyle Sidewalk Project being a great example of use of the Complete Streets funding the County received. Mentioned that FLIP (Friends of Lopez Island Pool) received more funding from the capital budget. Mentioned the Sheriff Guild negotiations to be completed by June 24<sup>th</sup>. Discussed looking at a few new financial systems with the County Auditor, IT, and James Wolf.

**10:57 AM ADJOURN**

Chair Stephens adjourned the meeting.

**11:00 - 11:12 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

At 9:05 AM, Council Chair Stephens announced that the Council would be holding an executive session to discuss potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Present: Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Human Resource and Risk Manager James Wolf, and Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain

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**COUNTY COUNCIL  
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

These Minutes were approved and signed on June 8, 2021. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, MMC Council Clerk.