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2 **MEETING MINUTES**

3 **SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**
4 **COUNTY COUNCIL**
5 **TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021**
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7 **Legislative Hearing Room, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA**

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9 **09:00 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE**

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11 Council Vice Chair Minney called the meeting to order at 09:00 AM. Present: Council
12 Members Jamie Stephens (via videoconference), Christine Minney and Cindy Wolf; County
13 Manager Mike Thomas and Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel (all present in hearing room).
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15 **Approval of Agenda:** no revisions.

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17 **Approval of Minutes:**

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19 **MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Wolf to approve the San Juan County**
20 **Council Tuesday, July 12, and July 13, 2021 meeting minutes as written. ALL AYES;**
21 **MOTION CARRIED.**
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23 **Approval of Consent Agenda:**

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25 **MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Wolf to approve the Consent Agenda of**
26 **Tuesday, July 20, 2021:**
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28 **Financial Items:**

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30 The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of July 5,
31 2021:
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- 33 • Warrant #242636-242649 Facilities & Parks claims in the amount of \$27,009.41
- 34 • EFT #190712211 Treasurer claims in the amount of \$1,000.00
- 35 • EFT #190712212 IT claims in the amount of \$1,966.25
- 36 • EFT #190712213 IT claims in the amount of \$220.00
- 37 • Warrant #272704-242773 County claims in the amount of \$341,246.49

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39 **Miscellaneous Items:**

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41 Designated Forest Land Application Fee Resolution 2021
42 Farm Ag Application Fee Resolution
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44 **ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED**

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46 **Public Comments (via videoconference):** Steve Ulvi and Mark Herrenkohl provided
47 comments to the Council.
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09:17 AM PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Vice Chair Minney recessed the Council meeting and convened the Governing Board of the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District:

1. To Consider a Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District Governing Board Resolution Regarding Disposal Rates – Larry Bailey, Chair LSWDD Managing Board

2. To Consider a Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District Governing Board Resolution Providing for the Submission to the Voters of Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District a Proposition Authorizing the Imposition of a One Year Property Tax Levy – Larry Bailey, Chair LSWDD Managing Board

Present: Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel

Vice Chair Minney opened the public hearing to approve the Resolutions. Mr. Bailey presented the Resolutions and answered Council’s questions.

Ms. Minney opened public testimony. The following individuals offered testimony: Bill Woldron, Jane Fuller.

Ms. Minney closed public testimony with the right to reopen. After discussion, the Board took the following actions:

MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Wolf to approve the Resolution that increases disposal rates for the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve a Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District Governing Board Resolution Providing for the Submission to the Voters of Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District a Proposition Authorizing the Imposition of a One Year Property Tax Levy. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Vice Chair Minney adjourned the Governing Board of the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District meeting and reconvened the Council meeting.

09:31 AM DISCUSSION/ACTION: Forward Charter Review Commission’s Proposals to the Auditor – Council

Commission Vice Chair Olivia Roseberry presented the Proposals and answered Council’s questions. Commissioners Anne Marie Shanks, and Jane Fuller provided additional information.

During the discussion of the Climate Commission proposition, Ms. Wolf noted that having someone sit on the commission based solely on their Tribal enrollment was not the same as having a Tribal voice on the commission. The County Council exists in a government to government relationship to the Treaty Tribes, so we would properly need to invite the Treaty

98 Tribes to each send a representative authorized by their leadership, and it is questionable
99 whether they would find it appropriate to sit on an advisory board to our Council.

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101 Prosecuting Attorney Randall Gaylord also addressed the Proposals and answered Council's
102 questions. Commissioner Tom Starr presented the minority report.

103 After discussion, the Council took the following actions:

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105 **1. MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Wolf that the Council deliver to the**
106 **Auditor the amendment concerning the Climate and Environment Commission for**
107 **the November 2021 Ballot. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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- 109 **2. MOVED by Ms. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Stephens to deliver to the Auditor the**
110 **second proposition on the subject of Initiatives and Referendums for the**
111 **November 2021 Ballot. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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- 113 **3. MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Wolf to deliver to the Auditor the**
114 **Introduction to the Charter, the Acknowledgement, the Preamble and Declaration**
115 **of Community Values for the November 2021 Ballot. ALL AYES; MOTION**
116 **CARRIED.**
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- 118 **4. MOVED by Ms. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Stephens to deliver to the Auditor**
119 **proposition four concerning Non-Discrimination in the Exercise of County**
120 **Powers and Performances of its Duties to be placed on the November 2021 Ballot.**
121 **ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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- 123 **5. MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Wolf to deliver to the Auditor the**
124 **proposition concerning term limits for Council Members to be placed on the**
125 **November 2021 Ballot. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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- 127 **6. MOVED by Ms. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Stephens to forward the sixth proposition**
128 **regarding Justice, Equity and Inclusion Commission to the Auditor for the**
129 **November 2021 Ballot. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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131 **10:45 AM DISCUSSION:** Bakerview Road, Lopez Island, Speed Petition Request
132 – Colin Huntemer, Director Public Works
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134 Mr. Huntemer presented the Request and answered Council's questions. The Council did not
135 take action.
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137 **11:15 AM ACTION:** Schedule public hearings to hear testimony on a Resolution granting
138 a utility easement over portions of TPN 351044001000 on San Juan Island for
139 the Beaverton Valley Operations Center **and** a Resolution granting a utility
140 easement over portions of TPN 351332001000 on San Juan Island for the San
141 Juan Island Fairgrounds for Tuesday, August 10 at 9:15 AM – Colin Huntemer,
142 Director Public Works
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144 After discussion, the Council took the following action:
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146 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Stephens to schedule public hearings to hear**
147 **testimony on a Resolution granting a utility easement over portions of TPN**
148 **351044001000 on San Juan Island for the Beaverton Valley Operations Center and a**
149 **Resolution granting a utility easement over portions of TPN 351332001000 on San Juan**
150 **Island for the San Juan Island Fairgrounds for Tuesday, August 10 at 9:15 AM. ALL**
151 **AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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153 **11:17 AM DISCUSSION:** Recognizing June 19 as a County Holiday – James Wolf, Human
154 Resource Manager

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156 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Stephens to make Juneteenth (June 19) an**
157 **additional paid holiday for the County. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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159 **11:30 AM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**

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161 **Mr. Stephens:** Attended a budget meeting with the Washington State Association of Counties
162 (WSAC) Executive Committee.

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164 **Ms. Wolf:** Attended a Human Services Advisory Board (HSAB) meeting and WSAC meeting.
165 Met with a concerned group of residents regarding vacation rentals.

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167 **Ms. Minney:** Attended a WSAC meeting; will attend a Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
168 (JEDI) training with the Land Bank.

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170 **Mr. Thomas:** Reported on replacement Public Works boat.

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172 **Ms. Gabriel:** Advisory Committee Appointments/Reappointments

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174 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Stephens to reappoint Stephen Shubert to the**
175 **Northwest Regional Council Northwest Senior Services Board as our San Juan County**
176 **volunteer member. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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178 **11:45 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential
179 litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – Jon Cain, Deputy Prosecuting
180 Attorney

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182 Vice Chair Minney announced that the Council would be holding an executive session to
183 discuss current and pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) estimated to last 30
184 minutes.

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186 **Present:** Council, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain, Human Resource
187 Manager James Wolf, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira, Director Public Works Colin
188 Huntmer, Senior Project Engineer Shannon Wilbur and County Manager Mike Thomas,

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190 The session ended at 12:45 for a total executive session time of 60 minutes.

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192 Ms. Gabriel stepped out of the hearing room and announced that the executive session had
193 ended. Ms. Minney adjourned the executive session and reconvened the regular meeting.

194 **MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Wolf to authorize the Prosecuting Attorney**
195 **to file a lawsuit enforcing settlement terms on the vessel Lillian B. ALL AYES; MOTION**
196 **CARRIED.**

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198 **12:55 PM Budget Workshop:**

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200 Council, Mr. Thomas, Auditor Milene Henley and Deputy Auditor Natasha Warmenhoven
201 discussed the following:

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203 1. Budget
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 - 205 a. Budget 101 presentation
 - 206 b. Revenue:
 - 207 i. 2021 sales tax performance (tracking spreadsheet)
 - 208 ii. Sales tax modeling for 2022-3
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 - 210 c. Expenditures:
 - 211 i. Cost of Living Adjustment projections
 - 212 ii. Staffing requests
 - 213 iii. Other things that might add significant cost to the budget?
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 - 215 d. Review Current Expense fund review
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- 217 2. Capital Committee recommendation (spreadsheet)
- 218 a. Solar projects and grant opportunity
 - 219 b. Review proposed ARPA funded projects
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- 221 3. American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds
- 222 a. \$3.41m allocation; \$1.7m received
 - 223 b. Ideas, process
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- 225 4. Discussion Points:
- 226 a. Financial software replacement
 - 227 b. Building optimization plan & funding
 - 228 c. Communications – funding countywide program
 - 229 d. Affordable housing sales tax initiative – good idea, timing
 - 230 e. Town partnerships – rent relief, mental health counseling, daycare facility and costs
 - 231 f. Other
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233 **03:42 PM ADJOURN**

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235 Vice Chair Minney adjourned the meeting.

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238 **COUNTY COUNCIL**
239 **SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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241 **These Minutes were approved and signed on August 10, 2021. The original document is retained in the**
242 **Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, MMC Council Clerk**