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**MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023**

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

Council Chair Wolf called the meeting to order at 09:00 AM. Present: Council Members Cindy Wolf, Jane Fuller and Christine Minney; County Manager Mike Thomas, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

Approval of Agenda: No revisions.

Approval of Minutes 10/10/2023, 3/27/2023 and 4/18/2023:

MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Ms. Minney to approve the following San Juan County Council meeting minutes as written: 1/10/2023, 3/27/2023 and 4/18/2023. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED. Ms. Wolf submitted slight revisions to Ms. Rogers, Clerk, to explicate what the E.D.C. was and Commerce to make sure that that was clear on the 3/27/2023 Draft Minutes.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Ms. Minney to approve the San Juan County Council, May 2, 2023 Consent Agenda as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Financial Items:

The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of April 17, 2023:

- Warrant 265665-265753 County claims in the amount of \$196,533.93
- o Plus use tax in the amount of \$283.72 for a total expenditure of \$196,817.65
- Warrant 265763-265778 County claims in the amount of \$52,075.21
- o Plus use tax in the amount of \$59.35 for a total expenditure of \$52,134.56
- EFT March US Bank Credit Card County claims in the amount of \$34,542.40
- o Plus use tax in the amount of \$60.97 for a total expenditure of \$34,603.37

Total Expenditures: \$ 283,555.58

The Auditor's office requests approval of payroll expenditures and associated benefit expenditures for the pay period ending 04/21/2023.

PAYROLL GROSS: \$ 1,694,418.92

45 EMPLOYER BENEFITS: \$ 638,149.37

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47 **Miscellaneous Items:**

48 To approve a Resolution Appointing a Hearing Examiner and Authorizing a Consultant
49 Agreement for Hearing Examiner Services.

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51 **09:06 AM Recognition:** Certificate of Good Practice to San Juan County for the year 2022,
52 by resolution of the County Road Administration Board was presented by Council to the
53 County Engineer, Colin Huntmer and Public Works staff; Debbie Boyer, Robin Alsdurf, Jean
54 Boyd and Mackenzie Sims.

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56 **Recognize a new employee:** Mackenzie Sims, Public Works Project Manager,

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58 **Approval of Correspondence:**

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60 **United Way – A request of Council was approved,** for Ms. Fuller to serve as
61 representative from San Juan County Council, on the local FEMA/EFSP Board.

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63 **UW Public Health Initiative – A letter of support from San Juan County Council to the**
64 **University of Washington was approved** regarding a Population Health Initiative Grant
65 Program, for a study to evaluate impacts of military noise on human health study.

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67 **09:28 AM Public Access Time:** Paul Hart, Tina Whitman – Friends of the San Juans
68 Science Director and Sandy Bishop (via videoconference) addressed comments
69 to the Council.

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71 **09:41 AM Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization.** Sam
72 Whitridge – San Juan County Marine Program Coordinator and Lucas Hart –
73 Director of Northwest Straits Commission gave a presentation and answered
74 Council’s questions. A draft letter requesting the County’s support was discussed
75 and reviewed.

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77 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Ms. Minney to approve the letter of support from**
78 **San Juan County Council. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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80 **10:14 AM Second Budget Amendment to the 2023 Budget, 2nd Touch,** Molly Foote-
81 Budget Analyst gave a presentation and answered Council’s questions.

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83 **10:50 BREAK**

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85 **11:00 AM 2023 First Quarter Financial Review.** Molly Foote- Budget Analyst gave a
86 presentation and answered Council’s questions.

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88 **11:16 AM PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) water system contamination**
89 **update,** Kyle Dodd – San Juan County Environmental Health Manager and Derek
90 Pell with the State of Washington Department of Health (via videoconference) gave
91 Council a briefing on the Hannah Heights - San Juan Island, well contamination
92 and answered their questions.

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94 **11:47 AM Department of Community Development permitting overview.** David Williams –
95 Director of the Department of Community Development gave a presentation and
96 answered Council’s questions.
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98 **12:50 PM RECESS**
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100 **01:45 PM - 04:15 PM**
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102 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) Chair Wolf called an Executive
103 Session to Evaluate the Performance of a Public Employee,
104 **CLOSED SESSION:** Pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) Chair Wolf called a Closed Session to
105 discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining, and
106 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) Chair Wolf called an Executive
107 Session to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation.
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109 In attendance were Council Members Cindy Wolf, Jane Fuller and Christine Minney; County
110 Manager Mike Thomas, Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
111 Jonathan Cain and Human Resources Director Angie Baird.
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113 Chair Wolf estimated the Executive and Closed sessions to begin at 1:45 PM to go until 3:45
114 PM. The session was continued to 4:15 PM. Chair Wolf continued the session at 4:15 PM.
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116 In accordance with RCW 42.30.100, the May 2nd, 2023, Council Regular Session has been
117 continued to Friday, May 5th, 2023, at 9:00 AM.
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121 **Continuation of the Tuesday, May 2, 2023 meeting.**
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123 **FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023**
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125 **09:00 AM** Council Chair Wolf announced the continuation of the May 2, 2023 meeting on May
126 5, 2023 at 09:00 AM. Present: Council Members Cindy Wolf, Jane Fuller and Christine Minney
127 (via videoconference); County Manager Mike Thomas (via videoconference), and Nadine
128 Varsovia – Executive Administrative Coordinator, to cover for Clerk to the Council Sally
129 Rogers.
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131 **09:03-12:15**
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134 discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining,
135 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) Chair Wolf called an Executive
136 Session to Evaluate the Performance of a Public Employee,
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138 Chair Wolf stated the Executive and Closed sessions are to begin at 09:03 AM and to go until
139 10:45 AM.
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141 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Chair Wolf continued the Executive Session to Evaluate the
142 Performance of a Public Employee, Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) to 11:20 AM,

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144 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) Chair Wolf called an Executive
145 Session to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation to begin at 10:46 to go until
146 11:20 AM.

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148 The sessions were continued to 12:15 PM. Chair Wolf closed the session at 12:15 PM.

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150 **Moved by Ms. Minney to confirm the County Manager’s plan as presented, seconded by Ms.**
151 **Fuller to approve the County Manager’s Plan as presented. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED**
152 **UNANIMOUSLY.**

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154 **12:15 AM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**

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156 **Council Updates:**

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158 **Ms. Minney:** Attended the following: Board of Health meeting, Orcas Landing site visit, Land
159 Bank meeting with tribal panel members present, upcoming Shaw Island Meeting on Tuesday,
160 WSAC Conference in Moses Lake.

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162 **Ms. Fuller:** Preparation with staff for the May 9th Shaw Island meeting. Big thank your to
163 Brandon Cadwell and Parks/Fair staff for the Tour De Lopez and their working with the Lopez
164 Island Chamber a successful event. Attended the following: Executive Meeting of the North
165 Sound Transportation Alliance, Lopez Housing Board Meeting, orientation with Travis Dutton
166 of SWISS and local Board of Health two day training. Participated in updates and planning for
167 the upcoming Washington State Department of Transportation June 21st meeting to be held in
168 Council chambers, the Town of Friday Harbor is invited. Is planning to attend the May 15th
169 meeting with Colin Huntmer and Mike Thomas with the neighbors of the MacKay Harbor area
170 regarding the new Public Works location. Have met with constituents of the last few weeks
171 regarding challenges working with DCD. Canoe Journey (House of Tears Group) is coming to
172 Lopez Island on May 21st

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174 **Ms. Wolf:** Shared information regarding SWISS’s Executive Committee; scope wof work for
175 their Strategic Plan and that Travis Dutton or another member of the executive committee may
176 be invited to speak to the Department of Transportation’s meeting to be held in San Juan
177 County Council Chambers. Attended the following: Board of Health’s meeting regarding
178 opioid epidemic and the effect of opioids on youth and funds expenditures, April 26th meeting
179 on Orcas Island called by the Citizens Alliance regarding DCD permitting and followed up with
180 citizens from the meeting, met with Mike Thomas and the outgoing director of the Washington
181 State University Extension Office, Brooke Brower, met with the Veterans Advisory Board.
182 Shared information from WSAC regarding the Blake decision in the legislature, Eastsound
183 Planning Review Committee regarding the Eastsound Subarea Plan. Final meeting discussion
184 and planning for the upcoming meeting at the San Juan Island Grange on May 18th,
185 Ecosystems Coordination Board of the Puget Sound Partnership

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187 MS. Wolf had a conversation with Representative Debra Lekanoff for assistance with further
188 contact to legislators with oversight responsibility for the State of Washington Departments of

189 Health and Department of Ecology and the Governor’s Office regarding the PFAS well
190 contamination.

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192 **County Manager Update:** Mr. Mike Thomas gave the following updates: The Seattle Times is
193 in contact with the Environmental Health Department and is going to do an article regarding
194 PFAS related to San Juan County, ongoing negotiations with the union, road for chipseal
195 upcoming locations and schedules can be seen on the website, a reminder that the Argyle Lots
196 discussion about the lease needs to be on the May 16th agenda. Training for the new software
197 for Council Meetings over the next few weeks. There have been a lot of departmental issues.

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199 **Clerk Update, by Nadine Varsovia – Executive Administrative Coordinator:** Ms. Varsovia
200 updated the Council about the Board of Equalization hearings and administrative work. Mr.
201 Thomas requested Ms. Varsovia update the Council on the new Intern Program.

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203 **Advisory Board Committee Appointments/Reappointments:**

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 - Re-appoint Nancy DeVaux to the Housing Advisory Committee.

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207 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Ms. Minney to re-appoint Nancy DeVaux to the Housing**
208 **Advisory Committee. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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 - Re-appoint Steph Coffey to the Agricultural Resources Committee

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212 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Ms. Minney to re-appoint Steph Coffey to Agricultural**
213 **Resources Committee the ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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 - Appoint Steve Springer to the Veteran’s Advisory Board

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217 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Ms. Minney to appoint Steve Springer to the Veterans**
218 **Advisory Board. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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220 **12:50 PM ADJOURN** Chair Wolf adjourned the meeting.

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223 **COUNTY COUNCIL**
224 **SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Christine Minney, District 1

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Cindy Wolf, District 2

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Jane Fuller, District 3

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ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

By: _____ 5/16/2023
Sally Rogers Date:

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on May 16, 2023.