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**MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023**

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

09:20 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council Chair Wolf called the meeting to order at 09:20 AM. Present: Council Members Cindy Wolf, Jane Fuller, Christine Minney, County Manager Mike Thomas, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

Approval of Agenda: Council added discussion regarding correspondence to the Town of Friday Harbor. Council discussed to postpone or move the item to Council updates on the agenda regarding policy for Council Member inclusion in interviews with potential employees.

Public Comments: Linda Southwell provided comments to the Council.

Approval of Correspondence: Council approved the letter to the Town of Friday Harbor. Ms. Fuller updated Council regarding the letter to the Governor from the Council and Town of Friday Harbor addressing ferry disruptions.

09:40 AM 2024-2025 Biennial Department Budget Presentation Hearing

1. **Prosecutor's Office:** Amy Vira – Prosecuting Attorney and Tamara Greene – Assistant to the Prosecuting Attorney.

Ms. Vira and Ms. Greene presented the Prosecuting Attorney Office's 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget and answered the Council's questions.

10:15 AM PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1. Continue to receive testimony and continued deliberations to adopt an Ordinance Regarding 2023 Annual Docket Site-Specific Re-Designation Requests 23-0003, 23-0004, and 23-0005, Amending the San Juan County Comprehensive Plan Official Maps. Colin Maycock – DCD Planner and Norm Gollub – interim Director of DCD (via video conference).

Chair Wolf opened the public hearing to adopt the ordinances.

Chair Wolf recognized Ms. Fuller to lead the testimony from Kirman Taylor a representative of the Lopez Island School District.

Present: Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

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Mr. Kirman was recognized by Council to present the request 23-0005 as amended for the Lopez Island School District and answered the Council's questions. After discussion the Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt an Ordinance to amend the San Juan County Comprehensive Plan Official Maps as proposed by 2023 Annual Docket Request # 23-0004, that the Council accept the Planning Commission recommendation to only amend the southern parcel for Request #23-0005 and that the County Council take no action on 2023 Annual Docket Request # 23-0003. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Wolf closed the hearing 2023 Annual Docket Site-Specific Re-Designation Requests Amending the San Juan County Comprehensive Plan Official Maps.

2. To Receive Testimony for the County's 2024 Revenue Sources for the Current Expense. Natasha Warmenhoven - Auditor.

Ms. Warmenhoven presented the 2024 Revenue Sources for the Current Expense fund to Council and answered their questions.

Chair Wolf opened public testimony. The following individuals offered testimony: none.

Chair Wolf closed the hearing.

10:45 AM Discussion/Action: 1st Touch, to Schedule a Public Hearing to Consider a Proposed Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington, Setting the San Juan County Third and Final Budget Amendment for 2023 for November 28, 2023. Molly Foote – Budget Analyst.

Ms. Foote presented the Third and Final Budget Amendment for 2023 report for a proposed ordinance to Council and answered their questions. After discussion the Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to schedule a public hearing to consider a proposed Ordinance Setting the San Juan County Third and Final Budget Amendment for 2023 for November 28, 2023 at 9:15 AM. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

11:25 AM Discussion/Action: 1st Touch, to Schedule a Public Hearing to Consider a Proposed Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington, Setting the San Juan County Biennial Budget for 2024-2025 for November 28, 2023. Molly Foote – Budget Analyst.

Ms. Foote presented a spreadsheet and information of the San Juan County Biennial Budget for 2024-2025 for a proposed ordinance to Council and answered their questions. After discussion the Council took the following action:

95 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to schedule a public hearing to consider**
96 **a proposed Ordinance Setting the San Juan County Biennial Budget for 2024-2025 for**
97 **November 28, 2023, at 9:15 AM. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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99 **12:00 PM** **Recess**

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101 **12:45 PM** **Discussion/Action:** 1st Touch, to Schedule a Public Hearing to Consider a
102 Proposed Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington, Setting the San Juan
103 County Capital Improvement Plan for 2024 and the Six Year Capital
104 Improvement plan for 2024-2029 for November 28, 2023. Natasha
105 Warmenhoven - Auditor and Heather Lee – Chief Deputy Auditor
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107 Ms. Warmenhoven presented the Capital Improvement Plan for 2024, Capital Improvement
108 Plan for 2025 and the Six Year Capital Improvement plan for 2024-2029 for a proposed
109 ordinance to Council and answered their questions. After discussion the Council took the
110 following action:

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112 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller, to schedule a public hearing to**
113 **consider a proposed Ordinance for the Capital Improvement Plan for 2024, Capital**
114 **Improvement Plan for 2025 and the Six Year Capital Improvement plan for 2024-2029**
115 **for November 28, 2023, at 9:15 AM. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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117 **1:30 PM** **Discussion:** Miller Hull Campus Plan Project Update. Greg Sawyer – Facilities
118 Director and Mike Thomas – County Manager.

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120 Mr. Thomas, Mr. Sawyer and Erin Wygant led the presentation and introduced Miller Hull's
121 consultants to Council and answered their questions. Additionally, the following staff gave
122 presentations to Council regarding their departments' office spaces: Linnea Anderson
123 (Superior Court/Juvenile Services), Judge Kathryn Loring (Superior Court), Kyle Dodd (Health
124 & Community Services), and Mike Harriston (Sheriff's Office).

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126 **2:55 PM** **Discussion:** Legislative Priorities and Lobbying Discussion, County Council.

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128 Council reviewed the 2023 Federal and State Legislative Priorities and discussed revisions
129 and removal to the 2023 Priorities list. After discussion to hire a lobbyist, Council took the
130 following action:

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132 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller that Council pursue a contract with**
133 **Gordon Thomas Honeywell for lobbyist services, from November 1st to December 31,**
134 **2024, and to delegate the responsibility and authority to sign the contract to the County**
135 **Manager. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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137 **3:55 PM** **Discussion:** Chair Wolf added the ferry landing parking conversation(s).

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139 Ms. Wolf and Ms. Fuller led the discussion of issues raised by the Ferry Advisory Committee
140 and community about vehicles abandoned and people living in their vehicles in the parking lot
141 at the Orcas and Lopez ferry landings and homelessness in the County. Council
142 recommended follow-up for the County Manager and County Staff.

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4:05 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:

Ms. Minney: Attended the following: Department of Revenue training, Board of Health Board meeting, Parks Board meeting, and Land Bank Commission meeting.

Upcoming: WSAC By-laws Committee meeting, and constituent meetings.

Ms. Fuller: Attended the following: Department of Revenue webinar training, Board of Health Board, Lopez Island School District Work Group meeting, Agricultural Resources Committee Retreat, and SWISS Subcommittee Regional Transportation meeting.

Upcoming: Growth Management Training in Olympia, EcoSystems Coordination Board meeting

Ms. Wolf: Attended the following: Clean Water Advisory Committee meeting, debriefed with Sam Whitridge for the presentation at the Transboundary Caucus Conference coming up, Federal Issues Committee for WSAC, NaCo Energy Environment Committee meeting,

Upcoming: EcoSystems Coordination Board meeting and Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meetings.

Advisory Committee Appointment: Jan Scilipoti appointment to Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC). Faith Van De Putte has resigned from the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Ms. Wolf, seconded by Ms. Fuller to appoint Jan Scilipoti to the LTAC and to accept resignation from Faith Van De Putte from the LTAC. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Thomas: Is working on the budget, attended the Executive Retreat for the Washington State Counties Risk Pool, meeting with staff and departments, and Northwest Clean Air Agency meeting.

4:25 PM EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) Chair Wolf called an Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation, **and** Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to Evaluate the Qualifications of an Applicant for Public Employment or to Review the Performance of a Public Employee.

Chair Wolf estimated the sessions to last one hour in total and followed by adjournment [Present: Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Human Resources Director Angie Baird, Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain.]

Chair Wolf estimated the Executive session to begin at 4:30 PM to go until 5:30 PM. The session ended at 5:30 PM. No action was taken.

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5:30 PM ADJOURN

**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Christine Minney
District 1

Cindy Wolf
District 2

Jane Fuller
District 3

ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

By: _____
Sally Rogers Date:

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council December 12, 2023.