

MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, January 5, 2015

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

09:05 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Present: Council Members Bob Jarman, Rick Hughes and Jamie Stephens; County Manager Mike Thomas, Assistant to the Council Susan Kollet and interested members of the public.

Citizens Access: The following citizens submitted comments: none

9:07 AM DISCUSSION: Parks & Fair Administration Office Project – Dona Wuthnow, Director Parks & Fair; Bob and Lois Wardell, Wardell Architects

Ms. Wuthnow and Mr. Wardell presented an update of the Parks and Fair Administration office project and answered Council's questions. Mr. Wardell explained his perception of why the bids for the project came in much higher than had been estimated. He indicated that the project has no expensive components that can be cut. It is a bare bones project that simply meets the needs of Parks & Fair to do their work. Mr. Wardell does not feel that going out to bid would save any significant dollars. Ms. Wuthnow cited the time factor of going out to bid a second time.

MOVED by Mr. Jarman, seconded by Mr. Stephens to accept Wellman & Zuck's proposal, with the increased dollar amount to come from REET funding, for construction of San Juan County Parks and Fairground administration office. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

9:40 AM ACTION: NPS Cattle Point Road Realignment Project Construction Match Dollars to be paid to FHWA– Rachel Dietzman, County Engineer; Shannon Wilbur, Sr. Project Engineer

Ms. Dietzman and Ms. Wilbur presented the Cattle Point Road Project Construction Match and answered Council's questions.

MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Jarman for approval of the NPS Cattle Point Road Realignment Project and Modified Match Agreement and Funds Transfer for Federal Lands Access Program, to be paid to the Federal Highways Administration. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Dietzman notified Council of an Orcas road project open house, to be held on January 14th from 5pm – 7pm. She extended to Council a walk-thru earlier in the day. Council plans to arrive at 12:30 pm for the walk-thru. Council asked if there are documents prepared for the open house that describe the four options. Council asked if they can receive and review the documents in advance. Ms. Wilbur stated they would have documents ready for review on Monday, January 12. Ms. Dietzman asked if they can present the documents to Council containing the four options at their meeting next week. Council indicated they can add it as a

discussion item on Tuesday, January 13 but added that they would like to see the document in advance of Tuesday's meeting.

10:05 AM DISCUSSION & UPDATES: Council, County Manager & Departments

Mr. Jarman: No report; looking forward to the new year.

Mr. Stephens: Met over the holidays with the head of the Recreation Conservation Office and discussed some of the County's projects. Mr. Stephens is hopeful that the Odlin Park project is on the State's list of projects to be funded. Mr. Stephens shared that he has a conflict with the date scheduled for the Council retreat on January 23rd as he plans to attend Legislative Steering Committee meetings in Olympia. After discussion, the Council retreat was rescheduled to January 20th.

Mr. Hughes: Requested that a calendar for meetings in Olympia be established since Council and County Manager anticipate increased participation this year. In this way, each will be apprised of the other's plans and can avoid duplication and may be able to arrange hotel stays in advance. Mr. Hughes met with the head of the Motor Boat Lobbying Association in Seattle and discussed issues of mutual interest. He met with Representative Weson from Skagit County on several issues. Mr. Hughes will attend Skagit's meeting tomorrow to observe their meeting concerning an I-502 moratorium. Mr. Hughes met with a Lummi Island ferry advisory representative regarding their plan to purchase the Hiyu, a former WA State ferry. They wondered if San Juan County had any interest in partnering. Mr. Hughes notified members that he had hoped to send copies of San Juan County's Transportation Element to Lynn Peterson, Lynne Griffith, Mr. Deardorf and Mr. Carpaccio of the Washington State Ferries to better inform them about San Juan County. Members supported that action.

Mr. Thomas: Requested a Closed Session following the meeting. He reported his plans to hold interviews with applicants for the Public Works Director vacancy. Mr. Thomas shared with Council that there will be a department head and managers' retreat on January 15 and 16. He asked if the Council Chair can come at the beginning of the meeting or the end to address staff. Mr. Thomas informed Council of an upcoming Boating Course for County staff who utilize County boats.

10:30 AM CLOSED SESSION: To discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (4)(b)

Present: Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Council Assistant Susan Kollet

At 10:30 AM, Council Chair Hughes announced that the Council would be holding a closed session estimated to last 30 minutes.

At 11:00 AM, Council Assistant Susan Kollet modified the printed notice to indicate the Closed Session would go a bit longer. The session ended at 11:25 AM.

No action was taken.

Ms. Kollet stepped out of the hearing room and announced that the closed session had ended.

11:26 AM ADJOURN

Mr. Hughes called the meeting back into regular session and then adjourned the meeting.

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These Minutes were approved and signed on January 13, 2015. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk.