

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2014**

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

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

Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 9:09 AM. Present: Council Members Bob Jarman, Rick Hughes and Jamie Stephens; County Manager Mike Thomas, Auditor Milene Henley, Parks & Fair Director Dona Wuthnow, District Court Administrator Mellissa Derksema and Staff Assistant to the Council Susan Kollet.

**9:10 AM      DISCUSSION:** Regarding an Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington, Setting the Property Tax Levy for Current Expense for 2015 (2<sup>nd</sup> touch) – Mike Thomas, County Manager

Mr. Thomas advised the Council that he will revise the Ordinance to increase the clarity and readability. He answered Council's questions. Ms. Henley shared that since the Levy Lid Lift was approved by voters in the recent election, this item need not be addressed as the public has already voted to approve the tax levy for 2015 current expenses.

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Jarman to cancel the Public Hearing for setting the property tax levy for current expense for 2015. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**9:19 AM      DISCUSSION:** Regarding an Ordinance of San Juan County Washington, Setting the Property Tax Levy for Land Conservation Futures for 2015 (2<sup>nd</sup> touch) - Mike Thomas, County Manager

Mr. Thomas indicated that for this Ordinance as well, he intends to revise the wording to have the document read better as the current wording is less than clear. Mr. Thomas answered Council's questions.

**9:23 AM      DISCUSSION:** Regarding an Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington **Adopting an Annual Budget** for the Year 2015 (2<sup>nd</sup> Touch) – Milene Henley, Auditor; Mike Thomas, County Manager

The Council and the Auditor discussed the details of the 2015 Budget including allocations, revenue, expenditures, funding requests and budget assumptions. Ms. Henley shared projections for three years, through 2017, that result in a deficit considering revenue vs. expenditures.

**10:42 AM      DISCUSSION:** Regarding a Resolution of San Juan County, Washington, Approving the 2015 **Annual Capital Budget and the Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan** (2<sup>nd</sup> touch) – Mike Thomas, County Manager

Mr. Thomas shared that he is working on a few Public Work's issues that impact the Six-Year CIP, specifically the Pear Point Road project status and answered Council's questions.

**10:55 AM RECESS**

**11:14 AM CLOSED SESSION:** To discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) – Mike Thomas, County Manager

At 11:14 AM, Council Chair Hughes announced that the Council would be holding a closed session estimated to last 30 minutes.

Present: Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Auditor Milene Henley, Parks and Fair Director Dona Wuthnow and Staff Assistant to Council Susan Kollet.

The session ended at 11:41 PM for a total closed session time of 27 minutes.

**No action was taken.**

**11:42 AM DISCUSSION & UPDATES:** Council, County Manager

Mr. Jarman: Attended a utilities meeting. OPALCO expressed their feeling that the permit process in certain areas has been slow. Mr. Jarman will be attending a meeting with other County Commissioners on Fiscal Sustainability and he identified some issues of concern he plans to share, specifically vessel traffic, airplane noise, oil spill concerns.

Mr. Stephens: Will be attending the WSAC annual meeting next week along with the other Council members. Mr. Stephens discussed benefits of data collection in order to best share with the WA Ferries the economic impacts of Sidney BC ferry run since cuts are being considered and to emphasize the number of hours between ferries in the current vs. proposed schedule which would have cuts in service. Mr. Stephens shared further that the U.S. Navy has scheduled an additional meeting for EIS for the growler to be held on Lopez.

Mr. Hughes: Will attend a Ferry Executive Committee Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> in Seattle. Mr. Hughes also addressed long term sustainable Park funding.

Mr. Thomas: Will attend WSAC meeting next week. Mr. Thomas indicated that he met with OPALCO concerning the permit process.

**12:03 PM ADJOURN**

Mr. Hughes adjourned the meeting.

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**These Minutes were approved and signed on November 25, 2014. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk.**