

MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014

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 09:05 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.

DISCUSSION & UPDATES: Council, County Manager & Departments

Mr. Hughes: Announced that on June 9th at Brickworks, from 4 – 6pm, a “meet and greet” has been arranged with County Council and Town of Friday Harbor for the 3 Washington State Ferry Assistant Secretary finalists; attended a WSF long term planning meeting and nominated Jim Corenman to represent SJC on a new long term planning committee. Requested consensus from Council members who agreed; ferry ridership is up; will attend a fall scheduling meeting for WSF in Anacortes; reported a long back up that caused 100 walk-on passengers to miss their ferry and that, in turn, effected whale watch boats in Friday Harbor. Mr. Hughes requested information from staff about Noxious Weed budget; thanked Public Works for very efficient chip sealing in Eastsound and for their coordination with Town of FH on chip sealing in Friday Harbor. Shared that the Council will host an official Council meeting for Mrs. Gaylord’s 4th grade class from Orcas on Thursday, June 5; County looking at a 5 acre parcel near the Orcas ferry landing that may help ease traffic in the area. Mr. Hughes asked about the vacant position on the Planning Commission. Mr. Stephens noted it is a Lopez slot and he is working toward soliciting interest; commented on utilizing local businesses in support of the local economy and perhaps establishing a threshold of additional costs the County would be willing to spend to support local merchants’ businesses. Mr. Thomas stated that he supports such an idea and would be happy to draw up a resolution. Mr. Hughes asked to add to a future discussion Accessory Dwelling Units; expressed to BLM personnel the need for an interlocal agreement between our Sheriff’s dept. and Bureau of Land Management for BLM lands.

Mr. Stephens: Reported on status of ferry reservation system and planning; attended the Islands’ Energy Fair; attended a combination meeting of the Ecosystem Coordinating Board and Puget Sound Partnership where they discussed Skagit’s success in packaging projects to better elicit buy-in by a spectrum of people. They are researching incentivizing for shoreline property owners to avoid bulkheads and linking the property owners to technical assistance. Representatives Lytton and Morris will be visiting the Islands and hope to discuss Capital Projects with Council. Mr. Stephens suggests requesting money for campus planning, Stormwater projects in Lopez and Eastsound and other ideas. Mr. Hughes asked that construction of a second terminal in Friday Harbor be added to the list as well. Mr. Stephens attended the National Monument workshop; proposes that the County should be a part of the coordinating committee; attended the North West Straits monthly meeting where it was

announced that the San Juan Marine Resources Committee will be hosting an annual meeting in October, which will discuss vessel traffic.

Mr. Jarman: Will attend upcoming meeting with Town of Friday Harbor. Will check with Public Works to see how the handing over of the keys to Lautenbach for the San Juan Island solid waste facility went; introduced need to look at the Building Advisory Committee membership as it is currently too difficult to fill positions; reported on a problem case for a resident working with the Planning Department on a land use matter; asked the Council how they wish to receive their meeting documents and agenda in order to avoid confusion, but allowing Council sufficient time to read the materials.

Mr. Thomas: Has been meeting with Sam Gibboney and the Agricultural Resources Committee (ARC) on topics arising from the Critical Areas Ordinance and will be meeting with ARC over the summer. Discussed status of voluntary stewardship program and suggests that they address capital funding for Voluntary Stewardship Program with our legislators. Seeking to fill the County IT position and the Environmental Health Manager.

09:52 AM DISCUSSION: Initiative 502 on Marijuana Update – Rick Hughes, Council Chair
Mr. Hughes presented an update. Sheriff Nou introduced a letter by a resident, which brought a variety of issues to light, including emergency response issues, increased electric power use, runoff. Mr. Hughes opened for Citizens' Access

Citizens' Access: The following citizens submitted comments: Sheriff Rob Nou, Tom Nolan, Deborah Nolan, County Coalition Coordinator Cynthia Stark-Wickman, Shawn Scott

10:49 AM DISCUSSION: Levy Renewal Proposal – Mike Thomas, County Manager – Item tabled until the June 3rd meeting.

10:50 AM DISCUSSION: Golf Estates Speed Limit Reduction Request – Rachel Dietzman, County Engineer
Ms. Dietzman summarized her analysis and answered Council's questions.

Moved by Mr. Jarman, seconded by Mr. Stephens to lower and post the speed limit to 20 mph on Golf Estates Road. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIES.

11:03 AM DISCUSSION: Salmon Recovery Project List – Jamie Stephens, Council Member

Mr. Stephens shared a list of possible projects that would fall under Acquisition and Recovery Funding for Council's information.

11:05 AM ADJOURN

Mr. Hughes adjourned the meeting.

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These Minutes were approved and signed on June 17, 2014. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk.