

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, June 17, 2014**

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

**09:00 AM**    CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 09:00 AM. Present: Council Members Bob Jarman, Rick Hughes and Jamie Stephens; County Manager Mike Thomas, Council Staff Assistant Susan Kollet and interested members of the public.

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New Employee Introductions: none

Mr. Thomas requested the addition to the agenda of Item #15, Discussion of Dispatch Improvement Project as well as a short Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

**MOVED by Mr. Jarman, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the minutes of June 2, 2014 as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Jarman to approve the minutes of June 3, 2014 as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

Review and Approve Consent Agenda:

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Jarman to approve the Consent Agenda for Tuesday, June 17, 2014:**

**A. Resolution(s):**

**Resolution Closing the Auditor's Petty Cash Account**

**Doran Current Use Open Space Application**

**B. Budget Items:**

**The Auditor's office requests approval for the interfund transfers for the month of May 2014.**

**The Auditor's office requests approval of payroll expenditures and associated benefit expenditures for the pay period ending 5-23-2014:**

- **Payroll Gross \$1,172,597.54; Benefits \$393,927.35**

**The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of May 26, 2014:**

- **Warrant #141329 – 141356 Public Works claims in the amount of \$129,840.59**
- **Warrant #141442 – 141494 County claims in the amount of \$33,378.11, plus use tax in the amount of \$14.67 for total expenditures of \$33,392.11**

**The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of June 2, 2014:**

- **Warrant #141495 – 141496 Veteran's assistance in the amount of \$550.00**
- **Warrant #141497 Veteran's assistance in the amount of \$250.00**
- **Warrant #141535 – 141536 Veteran's assistance claim in the amount of \$220.04**
- **Warrant #141537 – 141601 County claims in the amount of \$51,415.60 plus use tax in the amount of \$15.31 for total expenditures of \$51,430.91**
- **Warrant #141602 – 141632 Public Works claims in the amount of \$196,549.26**

**ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Citizens Access:** The following citizens submitted comments: Dan Leidecker, Brent Snow, Michael Durland

**09:24 AM PUBLIC HEARING:**

To Adopt an Ordinance Regarding Solid Waste Disposal in San Juan County; Amending San Juan County Code Section 8.12.010(A) and (B) –Mike Thomas, County Manager

**Present:** Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Council Staff Assistant Susan Kollet

Chair Hughes opened the public hearing to adopt an Ordinance Regarding Solid Waste Disposal in San Juan County, Amending San Juan County Code Section 8.12.010 (A) and (B). Mr. Thomas presented the Ordinance and answered Council's questions. Chair Hughes opened public testimony. The following citizens offered testimony: Dan Leidecker, Brent Snow. Mr. Leidecker sought clarification of the language that requires disposal at a permitted solid waste handling facility. Council clarified that it need not be a County site, but must be permitted for that purpose. Chair Hughes closed public testimony with the right to reopen. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

**Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Jarman to amend a, b and c of section E, item 3 on page 3, to include the street address of each facility. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Moved by Mr. Jarman, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the staff version of the Ordinance Regarding Solid Waste Disposal in San Juan County; Amending San Juan County Code Section 8.12.010(A) and (B) as amended. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**09:54 AM DISCUSSION:** Levy Renewal Resolution – Mike Thomas, County Manager

Mr. Thomas explained the concept of renewing the levy that is due to expire at the end of 2015 and answered Council's questions. The Council discussed whether to take the levy renewal to the public and if so, for how many years and at what rate.

**10:27 AM DISCUSSION:** Drug and Alcohol Strategic Plan – Barbara LaBrash, Human Services Manager

Ms. LaBrash introduced the Strategic Plan, addressed some of the funding issues affecting the program and answered Council's questions.

**10:52 AM DISCUSSION:** Public Benefit Rating System and the Application of All Open Space Designation Properties – Jamie Stephens, Council Member

Mr. Stephens explained the Public Benefit Rating System, the distinctions of the three programs for current use taxation under RCW 84.34, and answered Council's questions.

**11:03 AM ACTION:** Resolution re: Summer Road Closures – Mike Thomas, County Manager

Mr. Thomas presented the Resolution and answered Council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

**Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Jarman to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Temporary Closure of Portions of County Roads in Eastsound on Orcas Island for Various Community Events and Bayshore County Road on Lopez Island for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Celebration. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**11:05 AM ACTION:** Resolution re: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Policy - Mike Thomas, County Manager

Mr. Thomas presented the policy, in the form of a Resolution, created in consult with Sheriff Nou and answered Council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

**Moved by Mr. Jarman, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the Resolution Adopting a Policy Regarding How San Juan County Will Honor Immigration Hold Requests from the United States Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**11:09 AM ACTION:** Resolution re: Golf Estates Road Speed Reduction - Frank Mulcahy, Director Public Works; Guard Sundstrom, County Engineer

Mr. Mulcahy summarized the Resolution and answered Council's questions. Following discussion, the Council took the following action:

**Moved by Mr. Jarman, seconded by Mr. Stephens to Revise the Maximum Lawful Speed Limit for Golf Estates Road, Number 179; from Milepost 0.00 to Milepost 0.15 from 25 MPH to 20 MPH. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**11:15 AM RECESS**

**01:32 PM DISCUSSION:** Proposed Ordinance re: Building Advisory Committee (BAC) Membership Change (1<sup>st</sup> touch) - Mike Thomas, County Manager

Mr. Thomas advised the Council of the circumstances that gave rise to the proposed revision to the current Ordinance; specifically that the current language very narrowly prescribes the membership positions. This has led to difficulties in filling membership vacancies and in attaining a quorum.

Mr. Hughes asked that a copy of the proposed ordinance be shared with the Chair of the Building Advisory Committee for his input.

**Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Jarman to set a date of July 15, 2014, at 9:15 AM for a Public Hearing concerning an Ordinance Regarding Building Advisory Council and Amending San Juan County Code Section 2.25.030. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**01:37 PM ACTION:** Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Recommendation – Rick Hughes, Council Chair

Mr. Hughes provided a summary of Lodging Tax Advisory Committee's reconsideration of the Lopez Island Conservation Corp's LTAC request. The Committee voted unanimously to support the allocation of the \$6,000 in reserve money to the Lopez Island Conservation Corp.

**Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Jarman to approve LTAC's amended budget recommendations for 2014-2015. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**01:43 PM ACTION:** 2013 Historical Grant Award Extension Request from Orcas Island Historical Museum – Rick Hughes, Council Chair

Mr. Hughes introduced the request from the Orcas Island Historical Museum and answered Council's questions. Following discussion, the Council took the following action:

**Moved by Mr. Jarman, seconded by Mr. Stephens to allow the allocated award monies to Orcas Island Historical Museum to be extended to 2014. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**01:45 PM ACTION:** Proposed Resolution and Agreement for State Administration of County Enhanced 911 Excise Taxes - Mike Thomas, County Manager

Mr. Thomas explained the proposed resolution and agreement and shared some background concerning the funding mechanism provided by RCW 82.14B and answered Council's questions. Following discussion, the Council took the following action:

**Moved by Mr. Jarman, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve a Resolution Regarding a Contract with Washington State Department of Revenue for the Collection and Administration of Enhanced 911 Excise Taxes. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**02:00 PM ACTION:** Dispatch Improvement Project – Stan Matthews, Information Services Manager; Rob Nou, Sheriff

Mr. Matthews presented, via PowerPoint, a summary of the current San Juan County 911 Dispatch System, introduced costs associated with upgrading the County emergency and civilian communication systems, and answered Council's questions.

Following discussion, the Council took the following action:

**Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Jarman to approve allocating \$140,000 for the upgrade to the E911 System with the funding details to be worked out between the Auditor, the County Manager, Council Chair and the Sheriff. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**02:54 PM COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY MANAGER & CLERK UPDATES & DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Mr. Stephens: WSAC legislative committee meeting is seeking legislative steering members; Mr. Stephens is interested in continuing in that role.

Ms. Kollet (Council Staff Assistant): presented recommended advisory committee appointments and reappointments. After discussion, the Council took the following actions:

**Moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens to appoint Ted Granum to Veterans Advisory Board. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens to appoint Anne Marie Shanks to Deer Harbor Plan Review Committee. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Moved by Mr. Jarman, seconded by Mr. Stephens to appoint Stephen Wehrly to Solid Waste Advisory Committee. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Jarman to reappoint Kathleen Dolsen and Thomas Temple to Marine Resources Committee. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens to reappoint Georgia Baciú to NW Senior Services Committee. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens to reappoint Jeffrey Struthers, Cy Field and William Sherer to Park and Rec Commission. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Moved by Mr. Jarman, seconded by Mr. Stephens to appoint Jonathan Zerby to Civil Service Commission. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To discuss the evaluation of the performance of a public employee—  
Mike Thomas, County Manager

At 3:05 PM, Council Chair Hughes announced that the Council would be holding an executive session to discuss the evaluation of an employee’s performance in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 1G, estimated to last 20 minutes and no action will be taken.

**Present:** Council, County Manager Mike Thomas.

Mr. Hughes stepped out of the hearing room and announced that the executive session had ended. Mr. Hughes called the meeting back into regular session and then adjourned the meeting.

**03:34 PM      ADJOURN**

Mr. Hughes adjourned the meeting.

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**These Minutes were approved and signed on July 1, 2014. The original document is retained in the Council’s permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk.**