

MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, July 14, 2014

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

09:02 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 09:02 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.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE: Dave Dunaway, Behavioral Health Specialist

Human Services Manager Barbara LaBrash introduced new staffer, Dave Dunaway, to Council who, in turn, was welcomed by Council.

DISCUSSION & UPDATES: Council, County Manager & Departments

Mr. Hughes: Shared that FEMA will be flying the coast today and needs to ask property owners if they can come onto their property. Mr. Hughes will be out of county from 7/21 thru 7/28; attended a Finance Committee meeting with Auditor and Treasurer last week; met with Orcas Island Community Foundation to discuss some long term ideas to develop some multi-use facilities; visited, with Mark Tompkins, the Orcas senior center. Mr. Hughes has requested a listing of all County assets and feels that they need to address maintenance of the infrastructure as part of budget process. Public Works did a great job at the Deer Harbor Planning Review Committee to review the Deer Harbor bridge project. Staff did a great job soliciting public interest.

Mr. Stephens: Lopez Village Planning Committee met last Friday and they made a lot of progress; ferry director search continues through August 31. Mr. Stephens indicated GIS is summarizing the results of the first jet data of Growler reports and he would like to send it to Captain Nortier. Additionally, he would like to notify Captain Nortier that Council would look forward to a meeting in the fall. He will put something together for tomorrow to present to Council. Mr. Stephens will attend a Board of Health Meeting on Wednesday, an MRC meeting this week and LIO on Friday.

Mr. Jarman: Attended a Stormwater meeting last week; awaits staff report to address budget appropriations for next year; attended the open house sponsored by Lautenbach last week. Mr. Jarman has a conflict on Thursday when he planned to attend the Town of Friday Harbor meeting and asked Mr. Hughes to attend on his behalf. They will be discussing a speed limit decrease on Roche Harbor Road just outside of the Town and Country trailer park. Council will place that on the agenda for tomorrow. Mr. Jarman also asked if Mr. Hughes can sit in for him at the Building Advisory Council meeting Thursday. Mr. Jarman visited a site on Mt. Dallas concerning a possible broadband cell tower and visited with constituents, Mr. and Mrs. Honeywell on an issue.

Mr. Thomas: no report

10:15 AM DISCUSSION: Initiative 502 (marijuana legalization) – Council

Council opened up for public access in response to a large audience in attendance.

Citizens Access: The following citizens submitted comments: Deborah Nolan, David Rice, Jenny Rice, Gay Wilmerding, Sandy Strehlou, Kelly Snow, Bob Freeoff, John Sesby, Steve Ulvi, Margie Doyle, Sharon Kivisto, Jack Corey, Francine Shaw, Dan Burton, Nick Power, Sean Scott.

10:27 AM DISCUSSION: Agricultural Resources Committee (ARC) re: Initiative-502 (marijuana legalization) – Peggy Bill, ARC Executive Director

Discussed a memo ARC authored with a subset of the members of the Agricultural Resources Committee since ARC does not formally meet in the summer months. They looked broadly at I-502 implementation and posed a series of questions and then responded to them. Ms. Bill answered Council's questions.

Following Peggy Bill's presentation, Prosecuting Attorney Randall Gaylord addressed the Council. He referenced a recent House Bill 6505 approved by the State that was addressed earlier by Council. He clarified that the House Bill is a law about taxation and in essence, states that marijuana will not receive tax breaks that agricultural crops currently enjoy. Council may utilize this distinction between marijuana and agriculture for other purposes but need not use it to direct other regulations. Mr. Gaylord addressed the issue of security and the potential for a criminal element. Mr. Gaylord answered Council's questions.

11:30 AM DISCUSSION: 2015 Budget Calendar – Milene Henley, Auditor

Ms. Henley described the budget process, shared the changes to the budget team, reviewed the 2015 Budget Calendar and answered Council's questions. Although the process is beginning a bit later than in prior years, the benefit will be that department heads will have a full six months' data available to them as they formulate their budget requests. Ms. Henley asked the Council to consider the budget book, the portions they feel most helpful and if there are sections they do not use. She asked for feedback as to their desire for a printed book as it takes time and some expense to produce that.

11:47 AM DISCUSSION: Levy Renewal Resolution – Mike Thomas, County Manager and Milene Henley, Auditor

Mr. Thomas carried forward the discussion from last week's preliminary discussion concerning a possible levy renewal. He thanked Milene Henley and Charles Zalmanek for assisting him with expressing the numbers to help clarify his presentation. Mr. Thomas and Ms. Henley answered Council's questions.

12:11 PM DISCUSSION: Purchase of Replacement Boat for Lopez – Rob Nou, Sheriff and Dave Halloran, Assistant Director, Emergency Management

Sheriff Nou shared the current condition of the Lopez public safety boat. He addressed the grants from which a large portion of the funding for the requested boat would come, along with monies in his budget. Sheriff Nou presented the three lowest bids received from vendors and recommends Munson Boats' proposal, expressing the numerous strengths of their proposal. Sheriff Nou answered Council's questions.

12:35 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION: To discuss current and pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – Randall Gaylord, Prosecuting Attorney and Amy Vira, Deputy PA

At 12:35 AM, Council Chair Hughes announced that the Council would be holding an executive session to discuss current and pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) estimated to last 45 minutes.

Present: Council, County Manager Mike Thomas and Staff Assistant to the Council Susan Kollet.

At 1:20 PM, Susan Kollet stepped out of the hearing room to indicate executive session is likely to take an additional 20 minutes. The session ended at 1:39 PM for a total executive session time of 64 minutes.

No Action was taken.

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

1:40 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION: To discuss the evaluation of the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)

At 1:40 PM, Council Chair Hughes announced that the Council would be holding an executive session to discuss the evaluation of the performance of a public employee, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) estimated to last 30 minutes.

Present: Council, County Manager Mike Thomas and Staff Assistant to the Council Susan Kollet.

The session ended at 1:53 PM for a total executive session time of 13 minutes.

No Action was taken.

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

1:54 PM DISCUSSION: Cooperating Agency Report – Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Jamie Stephens, Council Member

Mr. Stephens expressed his feeling that the cooperating agency associated with the BLM is a good group for San Juan County to be represented on. The tribes have made a commitment to participate in this. As the county government, we have one seat for representation; shall we ask to have two? Mr. Stephens shared that we may wish to have several staff members share a second seat, depending on the topic at any given time in order to tap into their expertise; he answered Council's questions.

02:02 PM ADJOURN

Mr. Hughes adjourned the meeting.

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These Minutes were approved and signed on August 5, 2014. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk