

**MEETING MINUTES  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, July 15, 2014**

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

**09:09 AM CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Flag Salute**

**New Employee Introductions:** Erwin Swetnam, Solid Waste Program Administrator, and Greg Hamilton, IT Workflow Programmer

Frank Mulcahy introduced Erwin Swetnam to Council. Mr. Swetnam was welcomed by Council. Stan Matthews introduced Greg Hamilton to Council. Mr. Hamilton was welcomed by Council.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOVED by Mr. Jarman, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the minutes of June 30, 2014 as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Mr. Jarman, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the minutes of July 1, 2014 as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Mr. Jarman, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the minutes of July 7, 2014. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Review and Approve Consent Agenda:**

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Jarman to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, July 15, 2014:**

A. Resolution(s):

Resolution Updating Signatories for Islanders' Bank Accounts.

B. Budget Items:

The Auditor's office requests approval of payroll expenditures and associated benefit expenditures for the pay period ending 6/23/214. PAYROLL GROSS:

\$ 1,178,026.60; EMPLOYER BENEFITS: \$ 649,017.09 (Final 2014 H.S.A/VEBA Employer contributions)

The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of June 23, 2014:

- Warrant #142357 - Veteran's Assistance claims in the amount of \$110.02

- Warrant #142488 – 142582 County claims in the amount of \$129,406.59 plus use tax in the amount of \$124.83 for total expenditures of \$129,531.42
- Warrant #142583 – 142611 Public Works claims in the amount of \$45,254.15

The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of June 30, 2014:

- Warrant #142718 – 142724 Veteran's Assistance claims in the amount of \$1,701.00
- Warrant #142760 – 142845 County claims in the amount of \$101,315.06
- Warrant #142846 – 142860 Public Works claims in the amount of \$52,644.47

**ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF CORRESPONDENCE:** Council Letter to CenturyLink, Council Letter to Bureau of Land Management

**Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Jarman to approve the letter to CenturyLink with change agreed to. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Jarman to approve the letter to be written to Bureau of Land Management with the direction provided by Council yesterday. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Recognition:** none

**Citizens Access:** The following citizens submitted comments: Deborah Nolan

**09:27 AM PUBLIC HEARING(S):**

To Adopt an Ordinance Amending San Juan Code 2.25.030 – Building Advisory Council Membership – Mike Thomas, County Manager

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):**

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

Chair Hughes opened the public hearing to adopt an Ordinance Amending San Juan Code 2.25.030 – Building Advisory Council Membership. Mr. Thomas presented the Ordinance and answered Council's questions. Chair Hughes opened public testimony. The following citizens offered testimony: Jack Cory. Chair Hughes closed public testimony with the right to reopen. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

**Moved by Mr. Jarman, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve an ordinance regarding the Building Advisory Council and amending San Juan County Code, Section 2.25.030 ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**09:37 AM DISCUSSION:** Critical Area Ordinance (CAO) Technical Correction – Linda Kuller, Senior Planner and Amy Vira, Deputy PA

Ms. Kuller explained the suggested corrections and communications with the Growth Management Hearings Board and she and Ms. Vira answered Council's questions. Following discussion, the Council took the following action:

**Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Jarman to direct staff to draft an ordinance to make the technical correction, striking the highlighted sentence in San Juan County Code 18.30.150.D.1, Site-Specific Buffer Sizing Procedure and to begin the legislative process with the Planning Commission to make the technical correction on the Critical Areas Ordinance 2-2014. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**9:44 AM DISCUSSION:** Budget Proviso Response & New Construction Update – Charles Zalmanek, Assessor

Mr. Zalmanek summarized the documents he had provided to Council and answered Council's questions.

**10:25 AM ACTION:** To Approve a Resolution Approving Interlocal Agreements Between San Juan County and Jefferson, Snohomish, King, Mason and Kitsap Counties Toward Establishment of Derelict Vessel Prevention Programs and to Authorize County Manager to Sign Such Agreements – Mike Thomas, County Manager, Sam Gibboney, Director of Community Planning

Ms. Gibboney and Mr. Thomas presented the resolution and answered Council's questions. Following discussion, the Council took the following action:

**Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Jarman to approve Interlocal Agreements between San Juan County and Jefferson, Snohomish, King, Mason and Kitsap Counties toward establishment of Derelict Vessel Prevention Programs in said counties and to authorize the County Manager to sign such agreements. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**10:30 AM ACTION:** To Approve a Resolution Supporting the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Fiscal Sustainability Initiative – Rick Hughes, Council Chair

Mr. Hughes introduced the resolution and answered Council's questions. Following discussion, the Council took the following action:

**Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Jarman to approve a joint resolution supporting the Washington State Association of Counties' Fiscal Sustainability Initiative. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**10:34 AM ACTION:** To Approve the Purchase of a Sheriff's Boat, Replacing the Current Lopez Boat – Rob Nou, Sheriff

Sheriff Nou highlighted the grants that will be funding all but \$35,000 of the expense of the boat and answered Council's questions. He indicated that his budget would fund the remaining cost.

**Moved by Mr. Jarman, seconded by Mr. Stephens to authorize Sheriff Nou to contract with William Munson Boats of Burlington, WA for the vessel specified: a 26 foot mono hull landing craft powered by twin Yamaha 200 horsepower 4 stroke outboard engines, at a cost of \$229,166, for delivery on Lopez Island and that the expenditure of \$35,000 from the Sheriff's budget be reflected in the upcoming budget amendment. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**10:47 AM DISCUSSION:** Possible Speed Limit Reduction on Roche Harbor Road just outside of Town and Country trailer park in Friday Harbor – Bob Jarman, Council Vice Chair

Mr. Jarman introduced the proposed speed limit change and answered Council's questions.

**Moved by Mr. Jarman, seconded by Mr. Stephens to direct Public Works to work with the Town of Friday Harbor to change the speed limit to 25 mph at the City limits headed south on Roche Harbor Road and move the 35 mph northbound to the city limit by Teddy Lane. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**10:54 AM DISCUSSION:** Short Term and Vacation Rentals – Rick Hughes, Council Chair

Mr. Hughes introduced for Council's consideration at a later date, his concern that some vacation rentals are not collecting or paying lodging tax and sales tax for their operations. Mr. Thomas will look into the subject and make a recommendation to Council at their next meeting.

**11:00 AM COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY MANAGER & CLERK UPDATES & DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Mr. Stephens: Knows of a potential applicant for the Building Advisory Council who is a Lopez resident.

Mr. Hughes: Asked Council to set the Council meeting for Waldron on August 5, 2014.

Mr. Jarman: Shared that the Building Advisory Council is considering two applicants.

Mr. Thomas (County Manager): none

Ms. Kollet (Staff Assistant): Advisory Committee Appointments/Reappointments

- Request from VAB to adjust the term dates for two members

**Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Jarman to extend the term dates for Veterans Advisory Board members Jack Cory and Ted Whitley to expire on December 31, 2016 per VAB's request. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**11:08 AM RECESS**

**12:15 PM DISCUSSION: Initiative 502 – (marijuana legalization) – Council**

Mr. Hughes read aloud language proposed by Mr. Jarman concerning a possible moratorium on certain greenhouses. Council discussed the concept of adopting a moratorium as well as adopting regulations pertaining to Initiative 502. It also considered language to send to the Planning Commission for their study of potential impacts of greenhouses. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

**Moved by Mr. Jarman, seconded by Mr. Stephens to direct staff to prepare a letter for the purpose of the establishment, siting, permitting, licensing or operation of greenhouses. The County Council believes that an ordinance should be enacted to allow the Planning Commission to study potential impacts of exempt greenhouses and recommend to the County Council a regulatory scheme that protects the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens. Of particular interest to the County are impacts associated with access, trip generation, illumination, height and bulk of temporary or permanent structures, and storm water resulting from the use and construction of greenhouses. VOTE: 2-1-0 (Hughes opposed); MOTION CARRIED.**

**12:39 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**