

MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, August 25, 2014

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

09:08 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 09:08 AM. Present: Council Members Bob Jarman, Rick Hughes and Jamie Stephens (Mr. Stephens arrived at 10:00 AM); County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel and interested members of the public.

Citizens Access: The following citizens submitted comments: Sean Scott

09:20 AM DISCUSSION & UPDATES WITH COUNCIL, COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENTS

Mr. Jarman: Will respond via letters to Washington Liquor Board regarding marijuana cultivation licensing process and to CenturyLink in answer to their July 2nd letter; praised Ferry Advisory Committee Chairman Jim Corenman's quick response in attending Ferry Community Partnership meeting on short notice in Bremerton; reported that the Department of Ecology is looking for representatives for the Marine and Oil Rail Transportation Study sponsored by the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) - Mr. Stephens plans to attend the meeting on September 9th and 10th; attended the San Juan Prevention Coalition meeting; reported on attending the Council meeting on Waldron and the residents desire to designate Waldron as a "drone-free zone" – in response, Mr. Hughes would like to bring a resolution forward saying that the County will not spend public funds on drones or drone technology; commented on the savings realized by the County by having the Information Services staff install the new phone system rather than hiring an outside contractor.

Mr. Stephens: Attended the Ecosystem Coordinating Board; will be away from the County next week; called Secretary of Transportation regarding candidates for Washington State Ferries vacancies.

Mr. Thomas: Reported that the new County phone system is being installed; working with budget team on preliminary budgets and is focusing on labor negotiations; discussed leasing the property at Orcas landing with Washington Department of Transportation to provide additional parking; attended Washington City & County Managers meeting last week.

Mr. Hughes: Discussed hiring a fire marshal for inspections of businesses that are due to the Ratings Bureau by December 31; noted that in the wake of the recent Napa earthquake, the County needs to work with Brendan Cowan and Emergency Response in developing a coordinated first response team that includes law enforcement.

09:47 AM PRESENTATION: Washington Counties Risk Pool Update – Vyrle Hill, Executive Director; David Goldsmith, Specialty Services Representative

Mr. Hill and Mr. Goldsmith presented an annual Update and answered Council's questions.

10:48 AM DISCUSSION: Public Works Update – Frank Mulcahy, Director Public

Works; Rachel Dietzman, County Engineer

Ms. Dietzman and Mr. Mulcahy presented the Update and answered Council's questions.

11:19 AM **DISCUSSION:** Briefing on 6-Year Transportation Plan (TIP) – Rachel Dietzman, County Engineer

Ms. Dietzman presented the Plan and answered Council's questions.

11:39 AM **DISCUSSION:** Letter re: Access to Madrona Point – Council; Lincoln Bormann, Director Land Bank

Mr. Bormann addressed the potential of the Land Bank acting as stewards of Madrona Point on Orcas Island. Mr. Hughes will draft a letter to the Lummi Nation and bring it forward for Mr. Bormann and Council.

11:44 AM **ACTION:** To Consider a Resolution Approving Council's 2015 Legislative Priorities – Council

MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Jarman to approve the 2015 Legislative Priorities as set forth in Exhibit A, and that the Council hereby reserves the right to take action on additional legislative issues to identify, rank and re-rank the legislative priorities and respond to legislation by others. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

11:47 AM **ADJOURN**

Mr. Hughes adjourned the meeting of the County Council.

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These Minutes were approved and signed on September 9, 2014. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk.