

MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

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

09:07 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 09:07 AM. Present: Council Members Bob Jarman, Rick Hughes and Jamie Stephens; County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel and interested members of the public.

Citizens Access: The following citizens submitted comments: none

09:08 AM DISCUSSION & UPDATES: Council, County Manager & Departments

Mr. Jarman: Reported that CenturyLink is testing redundancy systems this week; suggested getting an update from the planning department on the number of pending building permits; reported that Sheriff's Dispatch will move to the fire station temporarily while the new telephone system in the dispatch office is being installed; Council members will be attending storm water open houses on San Juan Island (September 15), Orcas (September 17) and Lopez (September 18).

Mr. Stephens: Attended Marine and Rail Oil Transport meetings last week; reported that Puget Sound Partnership has put together strategic initiatives for 2015-2017, but the Council's top priorities - oil spill prevention and response - were taken out. Mr. Stephens has written a letter requesting to have the priorities relisted; traveling to Decatur Island with Mr. Thomas to inspect roads.

Mr. Hughes: Plans to travel to Stuart Island to look at the roads; met with Deer Harbor Planning & Review Committee last week; reported that the Washington Department of Transportation State Budget included reductions in ferry service, Mr. Hughes contacted other ferry-served communities to write a letter(s) to WDOT explaining the necessity of ferry service to the San Juan Islands; applied for a State level Board of Health position; met with Skagit Board County Commissioner Chair Ron Wesen on Thursday to discuss infrastructure issues; Mr. Wesen suggested an annual or bi-annual meeting of the northwest counties (Island, Skagit, San Juan and Whatcom) to discuss shared issues; State Park Director regarding mooring buoys and potential hydropower system at Moran; met with Senator Patty Murray's new legislative aide who would like to meet with Council; spoke to Senator Murray's aide about the jet noise from Whidbey Island Naval Air Station; reported that the County will take over maintenance responsibilities of the Orcas Senior Services Center building and split costs according to percent of ownership (the County owns 49% of the building).

Mr. Thomas: Reported that a Request for Qualifications has gone out for the fire marshal; will submit to Council a staff report answering questions on Initiative 502 (marijuana); meeting with the Washington Department of Transportation regarding Orcas Landing additional parking; reported that WDOT is considering leasing the County's Orcas Landing building for office space; thanked Public Works staff for working diligently as the job announcement for a new Public Works Director moves forward.

10:30 AM PUBLIC HEARING: To Consider Expenditures of Rural Sales and Use Tax Out of the Public Facilities Improvement Fund – Milene Henley, Auditor

Chair Hughes opened the public hearing to approve expenditures. Ms. Henley described the purpose of the Fund and answered Council's questions. Chair Hughes opened public testimony. The following citizens offered testimony: none.

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 approve the expenditure not to exceed \$2500 for the Patos Island restroom to be taken out of the Public Facilities Improvement Fund. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

10:40 AM PRESENTATION: Local Wood Products – Kirk Hanson, Director - Northwest Certified Forestry Northwest Natural Resource Group

Mr. Hanson gave a presentation on promoting local wood products and answered Council's questions.

11:25 AM DISCUSSION: Stormwater Overview and Planning Update – Ed Hale, Utilities Manager; Erin Nelson, Principal, Alta Terra; John Lenth, Water Practice Director, Herrera

Ms. Nelson, Mr. Lenth and Mr. Hall presented the Update and answered Council's questions.

12:30 PM RECESS

01:50 PM DISCUSSION: 2015 Budget Book Narrative Update – Council

Council edited and added work plan items to the 2015 Budget Book narrative.

02:15 PM ADJOURN

Mr. Hughes adjourned the meeting.

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These Minutes were approved and signed on September 30, 2014. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk.